

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 22, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *from Zechariah*

*Response: "Return to me," says our God,
"and I will return to you."*

Prayer

***Hymns:** "We are people of God's peace" #407 HWB
"You are salt for the earth" #276 HWB

Old Testament reading: Zechariah 8:1-13

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time: Peace is....

Song: "Gonna lay down my burdens"

Sermon: "God remembers and we dream"

Story: Anna Gambucci

Hymn: "Let there be light, Lord God" #371 HWB

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Song: "Dona nobis pacem" #346 HWB

During our prayer time you are invited to write your dream of peace on the paper you received as you entered worship this a.m. You may bring it forward and place it in the empty basket.

Offering and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "The peace of the earth be with you" #77 STJ

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

Fellowship time – 10:45

TODAY: Zechariah's vision

Worship Leaders: Gambucci family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Organ:** David Mayou

Ushers: Mike Okerstrom & Rachel Geissinger

Nursery: Noah Skogerboe & Cindy Bjork

Fellowship: Darrell Martin & Cynthia Miller

NEXT SUNDAY: Queen Esther (Esther 2-7; 9:24-32)

Worship Leader: The Hendricks family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Gerald Schlabach & Clea Roth Gingerich

Fellowship: Kathleen Harder & Joan Wing

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Aug 15: Attendance: 97 Offering: \$981.00

\$2,500 is needed each Sunday to meet our budgeted ministry goals for 2010.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Greg Renstrom
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Aug 23-27

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed noon-5 p.m., Thurs 10-4; Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Church Meetings and Events

August 24 – Bible Study, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

August 25 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardsons

August 25 – Missions and Service, 7 p.m. Chapel

September 5 – Immigration Vigil, 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., Ramsey Co.
Detention Center

September 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

September 25 – All church fall retreat, 9-noon, Matthews Center & FMC

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

Zechariah 8:1-13

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

Save the date – September 25 – FMC All Church Fall ½-day Retreat

Based on congregational feedback earlier this spring, the Retreat Committee is designing a **Saturday morning retreat** with several optional afternoon activities on September 25. Our theme will be “Meeting New Neighbors...around the corner and around the world.” We’ll hear from a new immigrant who came to Minnesota as a refugee and from Aryn Baxter who has returned from two years in Africa. Special activities for children. We’ll meet at Matthews Center and FMC. Mark your calendar and watch for more information coming soon!

Announcements

As **Rebecca Johnson** gains strength we are moving to **one visit/assistant per day**. A sign-up sheet for **August 23-29** is on the fellowship area table. You may sign up for the day that works for you and then **contact Rebecca 612-267-5306 to arrange the time and find whether she will need food that day or simply light cleaning/laundry.**

We have also created a **visitation schedule for Terry Gerber**. Please consider signing up to visit her.

FMC South Minneapolis Potluck, Fridays, 6 p.m., SE corner of Powderhorn Park, corner of 15th Avenue and 35th Street. New participants welcome! Cancelled for rain.

Families Moving Forward, Friday Sept. 10 and Saturday Sept. 11. Most of the Friday slots are filled but we still **need volunteers on Saturday** to help with dinner (preparers, servers, cleanup) and evening activities for the children of homeless families in temporary shelter at Union Congregational UCC, 3100 Alabama Ave., St. Louis Park. See the sign-up sheets in the church fellowship area for more information. Pat Eliason is the contact.

It's time for MCC School Kits! The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from partner organizations around the world. The next time you're out running errands, pick up the supplies for an MCC School Kit! The complete list and instructions for making a school kit bag can be found at mcc.org/kits/school. **Please bring completed school kits by September 12.**

The **Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale** is scheduled for **November 13th**. While it is a ways off, it is not too early to donate items for the sale. In particular the "Services and Gift Certificates" group would like to secure donations for the live or silent auction. The possibilities for this are nearly limitless. **Please contact Thaine Dirks before September 1st if you have services to donate.**