

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
January 14, 2018

***Gathering Song:** “O Breath of Life” #35 STJ

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 139:13-18)**

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

P: you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God.

L: My frame was not hidden from you,

P: when I was being made in secret,

L: intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God.

L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written

P: all the days that were formed for me,

L: when none of them yet existed.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God.

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

P: How vast is the sum of them!

L: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God.

***Hymn:** “The Church of Christ, in every age” #403 HWB

Children’s Gathering: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: ~ Ry Siggelkow

Hymn: “Spirit of God! descend” #502 HWB

Scripture reading: John 3:1-21

Sermon: “The Spirit blows like the wind”

Hymn: “God, whose purpose is to kindle” #135 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. (*cont. on next page*)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book **STJ:** Sing the Journey **Hesla:** River of Gladness
*Please stand if you are able

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. *AMEN*

Offering and Offertory
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***Sending hymn:** “If you believe and I believe” #32 STJ

***Benediction / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship Time-Basement fellowship hall

11:00: Christian education classes for all ages. Adults will continue a four-week series looking at Baptism and Communion from an Anabaptist perspective. Today we will focus on Believer’s Baptism, meeting in the sanctuary.

TODAY: Nicodemus

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Violin: Noah Sundseth

Nursery: Arlene Geissinger

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

Fellowship: Cleta Roth Gingerich, Donna Stucky

NEXT SUNDAY: Anabaptist History in Words and Songs

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Sandy Westby

Ushers: Dan Leisen

Nursery: Melissa Hochstetler

Fellowship: Miriam Augsburg, Heather Reinert

Jan 7: Attendance: 112 Offering – Local Budget: \$2,620

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: Jan. 15-19

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues Wed 10-2

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon-Thur 9:30-12:30, Fri afternoon

Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Kristin and Mike Sharp of Mennonite Mission Network serve as community hosts for Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for them and their two daughters as they engage the congregational vision of “living out God’s warm embrace” in an area with many homeless people.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

Jan 16 – NO Sunday Text Discussion

Jan 17 – Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m., Siggelkow home

Jan 20 – Worship Commission, 9 a.m., Chapel

Jan 25 – Men’s Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, S. Mpls.

Jan 28 – Membership Sunday/Annual Budget Meeting, 11 a.m.

Feb 4 – Usher Breakfast Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Feb 7 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

Feb 9-11 – Men’s Retreat – Ely, MN

John 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God within us,
For the word of God among us,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Considering church membership? On January 28th, 2018, we will welcome Karla Hovde and Jef Winterlin as they transfer their church membership to FMC. In February, we will begin a Membership Exploration class during the education hour, for persons who would like to learn more about Anabaptist/Mennonite faith and practice. –*Pastors and Deacons*

The 2017 Treasurer’s Report and 2018 Proposed Budget are available for viewing from our website at www.faithmennonite.org, in the Members section. This is in preparation for the Jan. 28th Annual Budget Meeting, to be held during the education hour.

From Ry Siggelkow All are welcome to my house for tea and cookies on Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 6:30 p.m. to **discuss the final chapters of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Discipleship** (chapters 8-13). Come for the cookies and stay for the lively theological conversation!

FMC attenders 70 years old and beyond are invited for coffee on Thursday, Jan. 18th at 10 a.m., in the FMC Fellowship Hall, for conversation exploring interest in more opportunities for interaction and relating with one another. - *Mary & Del Seitz, Clet & Orv Gingerich*

You are invited! Come enjoy a delightful winter musical escape. Neil’s (aka Rudy’s) woodwind quintet is giving their **free winter recital** on Sunday, Jan. 21st from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church (2323 Como Ave. W., Saint Paul 55108). It’s a fun, short, light program with familiar tunes. Come in from the cold for some great music! Call or email Debbie with any questions:

Housing Needed for BMC Volunteer - BMC (Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests) is very pleased that Naomi Gross, a recent graduate of Goshen College, will be our newest volunteer and Kaleidoscope Coordinator. We are in dire need of housing for Naomi so that she can move here and start her work. We are open to both short term and longer options; the only requirement is access to public transportation. Please contact Carol Wise at the BMC office, or the church office if you have space or recommendations. Thank you!