

A Celebration of Christian Worship
February 19, 2012

Prelude Priscilla B.

Welcome

Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

Call to worship #725

Hymn #376 "O God, thou faithful God"

Pastoral prayer #38 "The Lord is in his holy temple" Ryan Ahlgrim
Prayer response SS#42 "Our father, which art in heaven" Quartet

Offering
Doxology #118 "Praise God, from whom"

Children's time Rene Shilosio

Scripture Mark 9:2-9
Sermon "Coming Down from the Mountain" Becky Oberg

Hymn SJ#61 "How can we be silent"

Passing of the friendship register
Sharing of joys, introduction of guests, and sermon responses

Hymn SS#124 "My soul cries out"

Blessing
Postlude

Pastor: Ryan Ahlgrim
Associate Pastor: Rene Shilosio
Elders: Randy S. (chair), John H., JB M., Tricia S. Y.
Elder Apprentice: Sara P.
Worship Leader: Rene Shilosio **Song Leader:** Jana M.
Violinist: Marie S. **Tin whistle:** Melissa W.
Quartet: Rodney D., Michael S., Rhonda T., Emilie W.
Greeter: Marilyn & Ralph S. **Ushers:** Brenda & Jay H.
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation
Nursery staff: Anna S. & Trent W.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "The Meanings of the Cross"
February 26: The Symbolism of the Cross (with power point)
March 4: Humanity's sinfulness and violence
March 11: Jesus' obedience and trust in God

FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10:40 a.m. Beverages are served in the fellowship hall.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:
--There are classes for all children age two through grade five directed by Children's Ed. Class lists are posted on the doors.
--The JYF and MYF classrooms are upstairs.
ADULT CLASSES:
"The Naked Anabaptist" What does Anabaptism look like without any cultural add-ons? Todd G. will lead a class to discuss this book by Stuart Murray. Meets in the overflow classroom.
"God Establishes Faithful People" is the adult Bible study class taught by Marj R. H. This study includes Genesis, Exodus, Luke & Galatians. Meets in the "wisdom" room which is the last room on the right of the south hallway.
"Faith Foundations" class meets in the middle classroom off the fellowship hall. Ryan Ahlgrim is offering this for anyone who would like to learn more about Christian faith, Mennonite beliefs, and/or may have interest in becoming a member of FMC.
Adult choir resumes today during the Sunday school hour. Julie D. is the director; meets in the multi-purpose room. All singers welcome!

Weekly Bible study on 1 Corinthians by Ryan Ahlgrim every Monday on the church website at www.indymenno.org

Financial Update

Budget contributions on February 12:	\$ 8,390
YTD budget contributions for 2012:	50,094
Budget contributions needed per week	8,729
Budget needs YTD	61,103
Deficit/surplus YTD	(11,009)

FMC Sunday morning attendance for February 12: 223

**Living Christ's mission of reconciliation
through service,
with justice,
by God's grace.**

TODAY- February 19, 2012

THIS WEEK

Our annual joint Ash Wednesday Service will be this Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3628 East 38th Street. This service, which brings together four congregations, will spiritually prepare us for the season of Lent. Ryan Ahlgrim will preach, and the FMC choir, as well as other choirs, will sing.

How would the Christian faith be different if Jesus hadn't died on a cross? What if he had died accidentally, or of old age? Did Jesus have to die in order for our sins to be forgiven? **This Lent the sermon series will be "Meanings of the Cross."** Each Sunday will explore one of the possible meanings of the cross. The first Sunday in Lent, February 26, will begin the series with a visual presentation of the rich symbolism of different crosses in Christian history. Invite your friends to this special sermon series!

MYF visiting Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Christian Church on Sunday, February 26, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at FMC at 8:30 a.m.

Teachers' luncheon is next Sunday, February 26, at 12:15 p.m. for all teachers of children ages two through grade five in the multi-purpose room. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to Becky F. today. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Lenten Bible study every **Tuesday evening**, February 28--March 27 at First Mennonite. A light supper is provided at 6:00 p.m. and the study goes from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Four congregations will participate. The study will use a DVD discipleship series, "In the Dust of the Rabbi."

Next **soup supper** is Wednesday, February 29, at 6:00 p.m. Sign up at the kiosk to bring food items.

Church Council meets on Wednesday, February 29, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs should attend and bring a report of their committee's work.

Women, come for a **weekend retreat** here at FMC on Friday, March 2 & Saturday, March 3, for a time of rest, renewal and fellowship. Rene Shilosio will be sharing about "Decision Making and Spiritual Discernment." Retreat is Friday night 6:30-9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sign up on the kiosk, where you will find a detailed retreat brochure. (Brochures will also be sent out via email.)

Yearly Communion Schedule:

First Sunday in October (World Communion Sunday)

First Sunday in Advent

Christmas Eve

First Sunday in Lent

Maundy Thursday

Easter Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Third Sunday in August

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Mentor resourcing breakfast is Sunday, March 4, at 8:00-9:15 a.m. Breakfast provided by the Mentor-Mentee Committee.

Reducing the Risk Training on Sunday, March 4, during Sunday school in the blue room upstairs (to the right of the 3-5th grade classroom) for **ALL MYFers**. **This will take the place of Sunday School**. This yearly training will enable the MYF to do any childcare or help with VBS throughout the year.

MYF auctions and chili cook-off event is Saturday, March 10, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Don't forget to turn in your auction item sheets.

Parent Child Dedication on Sunday, March 11, with Derrick and Sara M. bringing Jasper D. and Hollins and Rachel S. bringing Reid M.

JYF bowling and "random acts of kindness" is Sunday, March 11, from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Children's Storytelling Seminar on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church in Kokomo. Participants will learn how to create engaging children's stories for worship or Sunday school settings through the effective use of presentation and storytelling techniques. Presenter John Bromels brings great energy and experience to his seminars and has presented at past MCUSA conventions. Cost is \$15 per person, but only \$10 per person with a group of five or more. For more details, see flier on Children's Ed bulletin board in fellowship hall. If planning to attend, contact Carmela R. or Becky F. as there may be enough interested to receive the group rate.

Guess Who's Coming to Lunch! Who are all those people in the photo directory? The Welcoming Committee invites you to find out! On Sunday, March 18, you can be part of a "guess who is coming to lunch" event. Simply sign up if you are willing to be a host house which means providing a crock pot of soup, or if you'd like to go to someone's house and take a salad, bread or dessert. You sign up and we'll do the work to match everyone up and tell you where to go for lunch. It's that simple - and a GREAT way to get to know other FMC families! Sign up today at the kiosk!! With questions, see Cindy M. or Kenda F.

Children's Art Exhibit Celebration! *Opening to the public on March 24th from noon-2:30 p.m. We want your art!* If you are 18 years old or younger, we would like to display your work in the *MennoArts* church gallery. Work must be ready to hang or in an album to display and be completed. Drawing, painting, chalk, fabric, clay or any other medium is all welcome for submission. Limit of three items per child due on or before March 9. Drop off work to the church office or contact Jeremy South for any questions at claymansouth@gmail.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A note from Ryan Ahlgrim: This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Lent is for symbolically spending time in the wilderness (40 days) with Jesus, preparing for Easter and Christian discipleship. And so this is **a time to emphasize spiritual disciplines in our lives**. I invite you to make a commitment to an extra time of scripture reading--daily or weekly or consider fasting from one meal per week, and use that time for silent meditation and prayer or consider an extra act of voluntary service. The point is to practice self-sacrifice and deepen your trust in God. Make this Lent a time of special spiritual preparation for becoming Jesus' disciples.

Lenten devotional guides are available for you to pick up today in the fellowship hall.

Pictorial directories are here! These have been distributed to church mailboxes. Please note that if you should need a replacement for your copy, it will cost \$5 to get a second one. --Welcoming Committee

Ushers and greeters are needed for the upcoming months. Sign up today at the kiosk. Welcoming Committee thanks you for your help.

Giving statements have been distributed to church mailboxes. Please let Robin Y. know if there is a problem with your statement.

Jason G., an inmate whom Ryan Ahlgrim has known for over ten years (both in and out of prison), will be released at the end of March. He would like to move to Indianapolis (and attend FMC), but needs a job and an inexpensive place to live. Jason has done roofing and home repair, and is hoping to take training for truck driving. He's a good-natured person trying to turn his life around, whose past alcohol abuse resulted in an altercation and imprisonment. For more information about him, or to offer any jobs or housing leads, contact Ryan.

Would you like to offer your talents to the fall festival this year? In an effort to make this a great annual event we are starting the planning stages for this year's festival. We are in need of someone to coordinate the flea market. It was a new and fun element to our festival! The how-to is already done for you. We are also looking for anyone who has a gift or talent to offer in the kids area. We want to offer a variety of kids activities. Interactive music, puppets, etc. are some areas that would be great to add this year. [Tentatively planned for October 6.] Please contact Jeremy at 514-8469 or email at claymansouth@gmail.com.