

A Celebration of Christian Worship

May 10, 2009

Prelude Pattie Mishler

Gathering Time

Welcome

Candle Lighting in Memory of Teresa Flickinger

Scripture Litany Psalm 63:1-4 [on back page of announcements]

Hymns #59 “Sing praise to God who reigns”

#72 “When all thy mercies”

Opening Prayer SS #132

Children’s Time Peace & Justice

Parent-Child Dedication

Beth Lehman and Matt Waidelich bringing Levi Beibei

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn SJ#29 “You are all we have”

Offering

***Doxology** #118 “Praise God, from whom”

God’s Word

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Sermon “Ambassadors for Christ” Jim Brenneman

Responding to the Word

Hymn #395 “Here I am, Lord”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests, & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Hymn #425 “Come, come, ye saints”

Closing Prayer

Postlude

*Please stand, if able.

Pastor: Ryan Ahlgrim **Pastoral Intern:** Shannon Walker Dycus
Elders: Kevin Schloneger (chair), Donna Haines, Gloria Hood, Elvin Plank
Worship Leader: Angela Richer Shenk
Song Leader: Mary Oyer **Soloist:** Ashe Abebe
Ushers: Luanne Fast & Cindy Mast
Greeters: Heidi Boschmann Amstutz & Katarina Amstutz
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

May 17: Romans 12:3-8 “Spiritual Gifts: Prophecy”

May 24: Ephesians 4:11-16 “Spiritual Gifts: Sharing Faith”

May 31: Pentecost (with communion)

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES: There are classes for children age two through high school. Children’s names are posted on the doors. The JYF and MYF meet upstairs. The nursery is staffed during Sunday school (for children under two).

ADULT CLASSES:

Why Choosing a Mennonite College is a Choice of a Lifetime! is a special class for today led by Goshen College President Jim Brenneman. This meets in the sanctuary.

Call sealed with promise is a Bible study class taught by Katherine Cornelius. The author is Perry B. Yoder and deals with God’s call of a covenant community as reflected in the OT books of the law, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The series begins with God’s call to Moses—“Called Out of Egypt.” Class meets in the corner overflow classroom.

Current Issues The Peace & Justice Committee is coordinating a class which presents a series of speakers on a wide range of topics. Ken Mills with Iraq Veterans Against the War will be speaking today. For a complete schedule of speakers during the quarter, see the committee bulletin board or the church website. The class meets in the room opposite the kitchen.

A Path to a Healing Christian Faith. This class is reading and discussing Ryan Ahlgrim’s book about the Christian faith that he wrote last summer on sabbatical. The book is a “congregational theology”—a theology shaped by congregational experience. The input of the class will help to further shape the book, and the class will help participants put together their own authentic, healing theology. Led by Ryan Ahlgrim. Meets in the overflow room off the fellowship hall.

Financial Updates

Budget contributions on May 3:	\$ 6,769
Contributions YTD:	\$118,446
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$149,365
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 30,918)

Sunday morning attendance May 3: 203

TODAY—May 10, 2009

We welcome to our service today Jim Brenneman, President of Goshen College along with Trish Yoder also on the college staff. There is a display table in the fellowship hall with information on Goshen College.

Today and next Sunday, during the fellowship time, FMC is having its annual **Ministry Fair**. Our various church committees will have tables set up in the fellowship hall to display their ministries and invite people to sign up for their committees beginning in September. So check out the tables!

Spring Clothing Exchange: Today is the last day to “shop” and leave a donation in the box for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

PSALM 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Congregation: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**Congregation: So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

THIS WEEK

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is reopening their doors soon after some revamping of their program. They are having an open house of their day center at 1850 North Arsenal this Monday evening, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. and anyone in the congregation may visit and see the new day activity room.

Group Leaders Assembly (GLA) meets this Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. All small groups should be represented at the meeting.

Join **Indy Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** on Saturday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. for a conversation about community development in Indianapolis. Guest Chris Provence, Executive Director of Rebuilding the Wall, a faith-based organization serving a downtown neighborhood. Chris will speak about how MEDA was critical to RTW's development. Come hear his story and learn how faith influences his work. The meeting will be at JB Miller's. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair to sit outside (weather permitting).

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Lunch is next Sunday, May 17. This is the last day of the Children's Sunday school term and we are honoring our teachers! All teachers, assistants and people who have substituted this year are invited to a lunch provided by Children's Ed parents to be held after Sunday school.

MYF Senior Celebration is Sunday, May 17, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at India Palace, 4213 Lafayette Road. Bring funny stories about our graduates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indy Artists Peace Project event on Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at Nora Library on health care reform. See flyers for complete details.

A few good men and women are needed to collect items for donation to Habitat for Humanity from the “Do-It-Best” convention at the convention center. This will be Tuesday, May 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m and Wednesday, May 20, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Mel Glick if you can help or have questions.

Next **soup supper** is Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. Sign up at the kiosk for bringing food items. Rhonda Sherer is the coordinator.

Next **Church Council** meeting is Wednesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend.

The Pastor-Elder Team recommends Vienna Wagner and Bekah Deaton for baptism, and Rene Hostetter for membership transfer, on Sunday, May 31. You are invited to bring gifts or cards for Vienna and Bekah to encourage their new Christian commitment.

The Geiser Harnish family would like to invite the congregation to Nathan and Hannah's **senior open house** on Sunday, May 31, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at their home.

Our church, along with several others in Indianapolis, have been involved in a series of inter-racial “**Sacred Conversations**” on race, politics, and the mission of the church. To cap off our experience, **all participating churches are invited to a racial reconciliation celebration** on May 31, 5:30 p.m. at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, 418 East 34th Street. There will be a short time of worship followed by group sharing, concluding with pizza, pop, and cookies at 6:45 p.m. **All are welcome!**

All-church potluck on Sunday, June 7, as part of VBS kick-off. All are welcome!

MYF growth night is Sunday, June 7, when JoAnne Lingle will share about Christian Peacemaker

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **keyboard fund is still needing \$600** to complete our obligations for the organ purchase. If you would like to make a donation, make a check to the church, but be sure to put keyboard fund on the memo line.

Various individuals have expressed interest in providing meals for Mary Ellen Kessler. There is a **sign-up sheet on the kiosk** where you may choose a day to do this. Mary Ellen would also love your company during the meal.

What's your favorite activity to do in Indianapolis (or nearby)? The Fellowship Committee is assembling a booklet of FMCers' recommendations of fun and creative things to do in Indy to share with Rene as she begins to explore her new home. Send your suggestions (please include a website or other way to get more information about your suggestion) to Alison Schumacher by Sunday, May 24.

Fellowship is putting together a scrapbook as a welcoming gift for Rene Hostetter's installation. All families and individuals are encouraged to put together one scrapbook page as a way to introduce themselves to Rene and welcome her. More information, some supplies, and examples are on part of the Fellowship Committee table of the Ministry Fair. Direct any questions to Andrea Grotenhuis.

The MYF thanks you very much for making this year's spaghetti dinner yet another success. A special thanks goes to those who helped us out by contributing spaghetti sauce. You all gave us \$1218, we spent \$116 to feed you, and now **we have \$1102 to split between two charities...** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the children's program in Costa Rica.

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

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

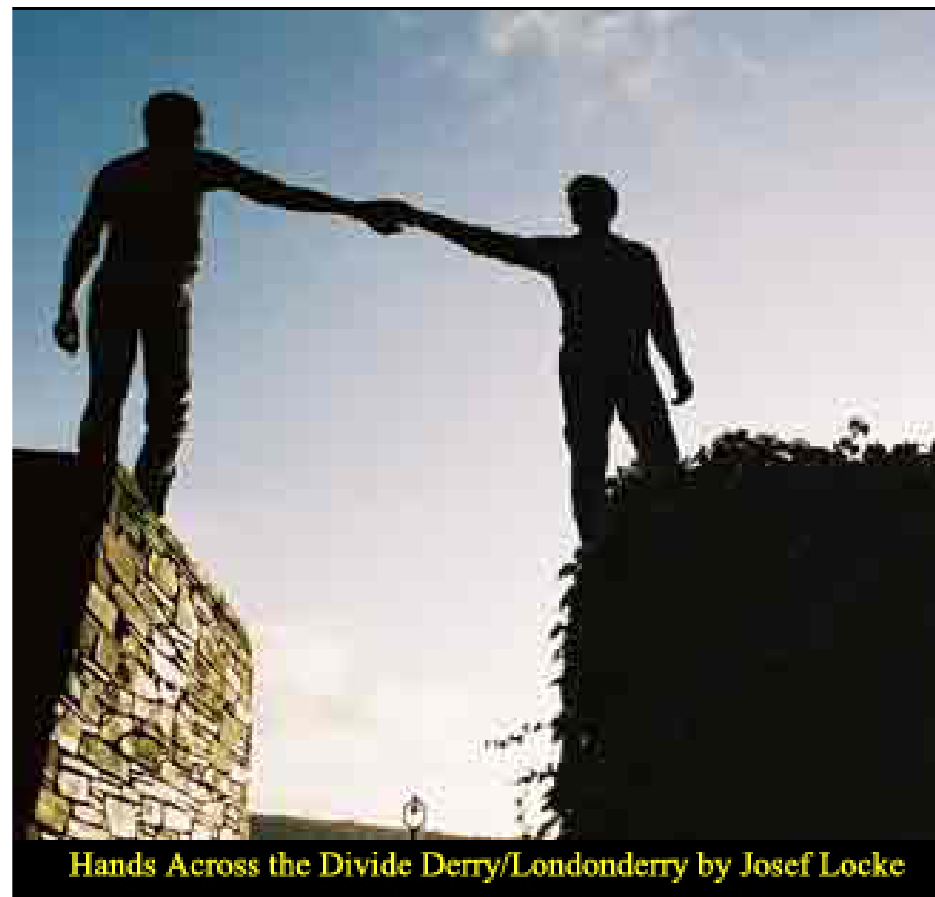
Second Sunday in August

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BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

WE HAVE OUR BUILDING PERMIT!!!! After many weeks of waiting, we finally have our building permit. Construction will be starting this upcoming week. Updates will be posted weekly in the bulletin and also progress can be monitored on the website: go to www.indymenno.org and click on publications and then FMC Expansion Program.

In the next two months the nursery will relocate, the upstairs will be totally emptied for the remodeling, and the garage will relocate. To achieve this, many items will need to be boxed up, recycled, or purged. If you have any personal items in any of these spaces, make sure you claim and remove them by May 31.

The current nursery will not be available on all weekdays until it relocates at the end of June. The current nursery will be available for use on the weekends. This will allow for the construction crew to prepare the room for its conversion into the overflow room and installation of the sprinkler system.

We have put a volunteer form in all church mailboxes to cover the jobs which we have offered to do ourselves. Please review this list of jobs and fill out a response and place in the collection container near the Building Expansion bulletin board.

Important reminder: As the church buildings and grounds will be under construction the entire property is considered a “construction site.” For safety reasons, please stay away from any construction equipment and work areas; parents, please make sure your children stay away from these areas.

Any questions or concerns during this construction process need to be addressed to either Dave Talbott or John Marquis.

CHILDREN’S ED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Bank Moment on June 7! Every Sunday school child should have a blue mission bank where he/she has been collecting change for our Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Mission project. Please bring your bank on Sunday, June 7, for a “collecting ceremony.” If you can’t find your bank, see Children’s Ed committee for a new one.

Catch the Spirit! Be a part of 2009 Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 7, through Thursday, June 11. Sunday is during SS hour, weeknights are 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Enrollment sign up forms for the little people in your life age two through completing fifth grade should be turned in immediately to Children’s Ed workroom door.

Also, we still need adult, JYF and MYF help with recreation, crafts, childcare for staff and to be “floaters.” Please contact Rachel Friesen, Kenda Friend or Meg Wilson as soon as possible if you can help any or all of the nights.

An **all-church potluck** will be part of the VBS kick-off beginning at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. After the lunch we will “**play catch**” in the front yard, so bring balls, Frisbees, etc. and join the fun!!

Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed: Our children’s Sunday school teachers have taught all year and certainly deserve a break, so we’re calling all those with a passion for kids and teaching to sign up to teach a multi-age class for just one Sunday. Curriculum is available, or you can do your own thing like sing songs, play Bible games, etc. We need two adults each week for this class which likely will have approximately ten children in it. A sign up sheet is on the kiosk, and volunteers are needed for June 14, 21, 28, as well as July 12, 19 and 26. There will NOT be Children’s Sunday school Memorial Day weekend (May 24) or July 4 weekend. Please sign up by June 7 so we can publish a schedule for the summer. Contact Rachel Friesen, Meg Wilson or Kenda Friend with questions.

A summer of excitement is just around the corner! If you haven't registered your child for **Amigo's summer camps** yet, you may want to do so soon, to ensure their spot! If you need a brochure, you can download one from Amigo's website at www.AmigoCentre.org. Remember, the church budget covers a portion of your child’s camp costs. Check in with Children’s Ed!

Children’s Music Ministry will not meet now until August. Notice will be given at the time of resuming.