

***A Celebration of Christian Worship***  
***May 17, 2009***

**Prelude** Priscilla Boschmann

***Gathering Time***

**Welcome**  
**Call to Worship #661**

**Hymns #8** “Brethren we have met to worship”  
#576 “If you but trust in God”

**Opening Prayer**

**Children’s Time** Children’s Ed

***Offering Ourselves to God***

**Pastoral Prayer** Shannon Walker Dycus  
**Hymn #348** “O Lord, hear my prayer”

**Offering**  
**\*Doxology #119A** “Praise God, from whom”

***Hearing God’s Word***

**Scripture** Romans 12:3-8  
**Sermon** “The Gift of Prophecy” Ryan Ahlgrim

***Responding to the Word***

**Hymn of Response #298** “Veni Sancte Spiritus”

**Passing the Friendship Register**  
**Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests, & Sermon Responses**  
**Announcements**

**Hymn #321** “Lift high the cross”  
**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:** Michael Z. Miller  
**Song Leader:** Mary Liechty **Soloist:** Julie Deaton  
**ASL Interpreter:** Linda Bellville  
**Ushers:** Becky & Mark Fontaine  
**Greeters:** Carmela & Kevin Rosner  
**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick  
**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

**UPCOMING SERVICES:**

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:**

**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. Today David Pilbrow with Peak Oil (energy conservation) will speak on “Can Democracy Survive Peak Oil?” 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 10:	\$ 7,564
Contributions YTD:	\$126,010
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$151,663
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 31,652)

**Sunday morning attendance May 10: 227**

**Free Diapason piano to an FMC family** - The Worship Committee would like to move out the church's small piano (with 64 keys vs. the normal 88) by giving it to a family attending our church with small children who are interested in taking piano lessons, but don't currently have an instrument in the home to practice on. This would be a good starter piano for young students. The piano is in good working order, but will need to be tuned after it is moved. It would be our hope that as children outgrow this piano that it be passed on to another church family with young children, but that will be up to the family that gets the piano. If you are interested in the piano, please speak to John Daniels or leave a note in his mailbox. This announcement will run through May 31 and assuming more than one family expresses interest, a drawing will be held to determine the recipient of the piano. The piano is in the fellowship hall for your viewing.

### BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

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.

Children's Ed workroom cabinets moving **this** week! Mel Swartzentruber needs your help! We need two or three people on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please let Mel Swartzentruber or Luanne Fast know today if you are available. There will be a morning shift (9:00-12:00) and an afternoon shift (1:00-5:00) on all three days.

The current nursery will not be available on 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.

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.

### TODAY—May 17, 2009

Today during the fellowship time, we are continuing the **Ministry Fair**. Our church committees 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!

**Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Lunch** is today. 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 today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at India Palace, 4213 Lafayette Road. Bring funny stories about our graduates.

### THIS WEEK

Indy Artists Peace Project roundtable, "**Health Care Reform in Indiana**" is Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Nora Library. An interactive panel discussion on the Health Care Reform movement, sharing ideas on how ordinary Hoosiers can help to fix Indiana's broken Health Care system. Panelists will include Julia Vaughn (Hoosiers For A Common Sense Health Plan), Allison Luthe (Central Indiana Jobs With Justice), and Beth Hayes (Indiana Green Party). There will also be petitions, free literature from local Health Care Reform organizations, and more.

**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.

An event at the Peace House (1421 Central Avenue): Nuclear Weapons: National Security Asset or Liability? Sean Meyer, from the Union of Concerned Scientists will speak on Tuesday, May 19, 6-8pm. This talk will focus on US nuclear weapons policy and the role nuclear weapons should play in our national security. The non-technical talk will discuss the renewed national discussion of the issue and policy debates in Congress. This event is free and open to the public, but please contact Kate Williams to RSVP.

**Men's morning meeting** is this Wednesday, May 20, at 8:00 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**"Building a Better Future for the Children of Gaza"** JoAnne Lingle be going on a Gaza delegation with Code Pink, a women's peace organization based in DC. Code Pink has taken delegations to Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel/Palestine, Pakistan and Afghanistan. In March, a 60-person Code Pink delegation traveled to Gaza on International Women's Day to pay tribute to mothers, daughters, sisters and wives delivering 1,000 gift baskets to the women who told stories of profound personal loss. On **May 28-June 5**, the delegation JoAnne is part of will travel at the invitation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and their focus will be on the **Children of Gaza**. Children make up more than half of Gaza's population. They struggle with extraordinarily high rates of malnutrition, homelessness and depression. The delegation will meet with UN program staff, humanitarian and development agencies, teachers, students, health workers and political analysts and participate in building a children's playground. We will purchase toys in Cairo to bring to the children.

**Mentor-mentee picnic** at Northwestway Park (5253 West 62<sup>nd</sup>) on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Hot dogs, buns and drinks will be provided. Male mentors please bring sweets; female mentors bring sides. Also bring blankets and lawn games.

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.

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 34<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**Mission Bank Moment on June 7!** Children—bring your mission banks for a special collection for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). If you can't find your bank, see Children's Ed Committee for a new one.

**Catch the Spirit!** 2009 Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 7, through Thursday, June 11. Sunday during SS hour, weeknights 6:15 -8:15 p.m. Enrollment sign ups for children age two through completing fifth grade should be sent by e-mail to Kenda Resler Friend, Rachel Friesen, or Meg

Wilson no later than May 31. Also, we still need adult, JYF and MYF help with recreation, crafts, childcare for staff and to be "floaters." Contact Rachel Friesen, Kenda Friend or Meg Wilson ASAP if you can help any or all of the nights.

**MYF Chat and Chew** with Rene Hostetter, on Sunday, June 7, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. We will take our food from the potluck and meet together in the MYF room.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**List of Spiritual Gifts** forms have been distributed to church mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider the gifts you would like to offer to the church for the 2009-2010 program year. It is hoped that each person will check several boxes. Place them in the box provided near the mailboxes.

**Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed:** To all those with a passion for teaching and for kids, sign up (by June 7) 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. Two adults needed each week. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Volunteers needed June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19 & 26. Contact Rachel Friesen, Meg Wilson or Kenda Friend with questions.

**A word from Jon Hoover in Lebanon:** "The most recent issue of our NEST journal, the *Theological Review*, reviews the Muslim document "The Common Word" addressed to Christians. If you would like to read the article that I contributed, please email me your request. I will be happy to send it to you by email in pdf format.

**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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