

A Celebration of Christian Worship

May 24, 2009

Prelude

Mike Stauffer

Gathering Time

Welcome

Call to Worship SS#142

Hymns SJ#9 “Come, now is the time to worship”
#398 “I love to tell the story”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer

Shannon Walker Dycus

Hymn #538 “Lead me, Lord”

Offering

***Doxology** #119B “Praise God, from whom”

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Ephesians 4:11-15

Sermon “The Gift of Sharing Faith”

Ryan Ahlgrim

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response #226 “You are salt for the earth”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests, & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Hymn #478 “Sent forth by God’s blessing”

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: Art Umble
Ushers: Marla Kauffman & Warren Yoder
Greeters: Carmela & Kevin Rosner
Nursery: Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

May 31: Pentecost (with communion)

June 7: Shannon Walker Dycus and Jeni Hiett Umble

June 14: The Changing Face of Singleness

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES: There are no classes for children age two through grade five today. 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 the class will feature an open discussion. 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 17:

\$ 8,974

Contributions YTD:

\$134,984

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$165,961

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 30,976)

Sunday morning attendance May 17: 250

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 in instrument in the home to practice on. This would be a good starter piano for young students. The piano is 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

Note this deadline: If you have any personal items in any of the garage or the second floor of the church, make sure you claim and remove them by next Sunday, May 31. In the next two months the nursery will relocate, the upstairs will be totally emptied for the remodeling, and the garage will relocate.

Special thanks goes to the following people for getting the Children's Ed workroom emptied, and the cabinets moved: the Children's Ed committee for cleaning out workroom, Sunday school teachers for cleaning out their classrooms, Mel Swartzentruber, Gar Whitney, Jim Sauder, Allen Mast, Mary Sutter, and Luanne Fast for getting the cabinets installed in the new workroom space. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Nursery remodel is starting June 1: This is a major project with a deadline of June 22, so your help is needed. Please see Mel Swartzentruber for available times.

The current nursery will not be available on weekdays until it relocates at the end of June, but it 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.

TODAY—May 24, 2009

Today is the deadline for submitting your favorite activity to do in the Indianapolis area. 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. Please include a website or other way to get more information about your suggestion. Send these to Alison Schumacher.

THIS WEEK

Mary Sutter could use your help! The moving truck will be at her house this Monday (May 25). Please contact Mary if you can help loading up.

Soup supper is this Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up to bring food items. Rhonda Sherer is the coordinator.

Church Council meets this Wednesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend.

"Building a Better Future for the Children of Gaza" JoAnne Lingle will 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 62nd) this 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **Pentecost** and the Worship Committee invites you to wear **flame colors** for that service.

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.

Graduation open house for Hannah Geiser and Nathan Geiser at their home on Sunday, May 31, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please RSVP.

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!**

You are invited to an **open house** to help celebrate Andrew Mishler's graduation from Brownsburg High School on Saturday, June 6, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Mishler home in Brownsburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Strawberries and ice cream on the prairie! Warren Yoder and Marla Kauffman invite everyone to an ice cream social at their place on June 14. Come anytime after 3:00 p.m. We will begin serving strawberries and ice cream at 4:30 p.m. with a hymn sing to follow. Ice cream, strawberries and drinks will be provided. Please bring finger foods, table service, lawn chairs, lawn games, and your hymnal. Please RSVP to Warren Yoder.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please turn in your scrapbook page by Sunday, June 7. There is a collection folder at the display table.

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 by June 7.

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 (see bulletin printout for email). I will be happy to send it to you by email in pdf format.”

Our pictorial directory has had a second printing with a few corrections made. You will find a revised copy in your mailbox.

VBS craft donations needed. We are in need of 1-1/4 inch ribbon in blue, black, brown, amber, pink, green, orange, purple, red, yellow, white, turquoise and burgundy for one of our VBS crafts. We will need multiple rolls of each ribbon color. If you are able to donate any of these ribbons please put them on a bag labeled Rachel Friesen VBS in front of my mailbox. Questions? Contact Rachel.

Church Camp Reimbursement: Children's Ed parents, if you are planning on your child attending a Mennonite camp this summer and would like one of the children's ed scholarships (pays for a portion of camp registration), please let Rachel or Kenda know by June 7. On that day we will divide the budget by the number of requests so families can plan accordingly.

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.

**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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