

# *A Celebration of Christian Worship*

June 7, 2009

**Prelude**

Beth Goering

## *Gathering Time*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** SS#190

**Hymns** SJ#34 “Loving Spirit”

SJ#25 “When long before time”

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture** Acts 9:36-43

**Song** “Kum Ba Yah” v. 1 & ‘In this banquet’ stanza

**Scripture** Acts 16:11-15

**Song** “Kum Ba Yah” v. 1 & ‘Fill our mind’ stanza

## *Offering Ourselves to God*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rene Hostetter

**Song** “Kum Ba Yah” v. 2,3,4

**Bringing Our Offerings and Gifts of Food**

Sing SJ#18 “Over my head” as gifts are brought

Children, bring your mission banks up

## *Hearing God’s Word*

**Sermonic Dialogue** Shannon Walker Dycus & Jeni Hiett Umble

## *Responding to the Word*

**Hymn** #614 “In the bulb there is a flower”

**Passing the Friendship Register**

**Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests, & Sermon Responses  
Announcements**

**Hymn** #419 “Lead on, O cloud of Presence”

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Ryan Ahlgrim **Associate Pastor:** Rene Hostetter

**Pastoral Intern:** Shannon Walker Dycus

**Elders:** Kevin Schloneger (chair), Donna Haines, Gloria Hood, Elvin Plank

**Worship Leader:** Rodney Deaton

**Song Leader:** Emilie Walson **Soloist:** Erin Rodman

**Ensemble:** Rod Deaton, Andrea Grotenhuis, Robin Jones, Erin Rodman,  
Mike Stauffer, Art Umble, Emilie Walson, Lee Yoder

**Instrumentalists:** Mary Liechty & Art Umble

**Ushers:** Luanne Fast & Cindy Mast

**Greeters:** Joyce & Patty Kuntz

**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

## **UPCOMING SERVICES:**

June 14: The Changing Face of Singleness

June 21: Installation and licensing of Rene Hostetter

June 28: Summer Parable series begins

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

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:** The first session of Vacation Bible School will be held during the SS hour. 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. Class meets just for today in Ryan Ahlgrim’s office.

**Current Issues** The Peace & Justice Committee is coordinating a class which presents a series of speakers on a wide range of topics. Today Fran Quigley with Kenya Project will be speaking. For a complete schedule of speakers during the quarter, see the committee bulletin board or the church website. The class is meeting in the overflow today.

**A Path to a Healing Christian Faith.** This class will not meet today. 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 31:

\$ 7,567

Contributions YTD:

\$145,648

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$182,557

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 36,909)

**Sunday morning attendance May 31: 205**

**TODAY—June 7, 2009**

Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim is out of town today preaching at the retirement celebration of his boyhood pastor.

### **BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE**

A realtor's key box has been installed on the front door of the church since the keypad door is not accessible now during the building process. If you are needing to get information about the code, etc. for this key box, please contact the church office.

Nursery remodel is a major project with a deadline of June 22. Your help is needed. Please see Mel Swartzentruber for available times.

The final FMC Master Landscaping Plan is posted to the bulletin board and blog site! The prairie, young trees and shrubs seem to have survived the winter very well. Don't expect many flowers for the next year or two as the native plants put down deep roots first. We are grateful to the Lilly Center for Congregations for a grant that partially funded the plan. If anyone has ideas on additional grants for installation of benches, pavilion, and naturalizing the wetland around the pond, please let us know. As part of the building construction, the pathway will be completed around the front (east) end of the property this summer. The Memory Garden will stay in place and be expanded. If anyone is interested in placing memorials in the area, please contact Robin Helmuth or Gwen White for guidelines. Thanks for all your work watering and planting last year. We will keep everyone updated on progress!

Caroline Jacobson, a student at the International School, has been doing a **study of our congregation** for an anthropology class. Caroline has visited at our church several times. Today she is here and would welcome anyone to fill out an anonymous questionnaire (12 questions) which will assist in her study. You will find Caroline at a table in the fellowship hall.

**We've Caught the Spirit:** The **entire church is invited to the potluck today** and to "catch the spirit" playing in the yard afterwards!

We will be making **health kits for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** in honor of World Refugee Day which is June 20. The kits will be put together by the children during one of the summer Sunday school classes. We are collecting items for the kits today and next Sunday, June 14. Needed items: Toothpaste (at least 6 oz), individually wrapped toothbrushes, fingernail clippers, bar soap.

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

Please turn in your **scrapbook pages** for Rene today at the table in the fellowship hall.

### **THIS WEEK**

Bible School times for Monday through Thursday—6:15-8:15 p.m.

The JYF is going to **an Indians game** this Friday. Please meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Parents will be called one-half hour before we are ready to leave the stadium.

**Women's Book Club** will meet this Friday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Alison Schumacher's home to discuss Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather. For directions or more information, contact Alison (see email address in printed bulletin).

The "*Writers' Breakfast Club*" (Shari Wagner, Rod Deaton, Ryan Ahlgrim, Dan Hess, and Martha Yoder) invites everyone to our annual **A Midsummer Night's Reading** on Saturday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. at FMC. Hear creative readings and enjoy refreshments! And a surprise guest writer has been invited!

## NEXT SUNDAY

**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 (see email address in printed bulletin). Rain date is July 4.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Installation and licensing of Rene Hostetter** is Sunday, June 21. There will be a light lunch served by the Fellowship Committee immediately following Sunday school.

**MYF laser tag event**, Sunday, June 21, 12:00 noon-to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

A **service of prayer for Mary Ellen Kessler** will be on Sunday evening, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to come and pray with Mary Ellen.

Next **Church Council** is Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend.

Indy Artists' Peace Project presents a **Peace Coffeehouse**, Friday, June 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at FMC. An artistic celebration of peace & social justice with music, poetry, storytelling, food and fellowship! Performers will include Khabir Shareef (storyteller), E.A. Strother (singer/songwriter), Jeff Matheus (poet), and special guest speaker from the Indianapolis Peace Institute Visual art displays, and a special presentation about the IAPP's upcoming film project, "Soldier's Song". Free admission. Free coffee & tea. Baked goods will be sold to support the ongoing work of the IAPP.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rene Hostetter's e-mail is set up with the church system. See the printed bulletin for this address. Rene's office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Adult Growth & Nurture has selected *The Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs for our One Church/One Book summer reading program. We are asking as many adults as possible to read this book over the next two months. Then in August we will have discussion groups meeting at various times and places. Copies of the book can be bought in the fellowship hall for \$10 each. There are also a few copies available that can be borrowed.

**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 28, July 12, 19 & 26. Contact Rachel Friesen, Meg Wilson or Kenda Friend with questions.

**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 today. We will divide the budget by the number of requests so families can plan accordingly.

There will be **no soup supper for June and July**, however it will resume for August. Thank you to all who have attended this year, and we all say "Thank you!" to every one who cooked for us throughout the year. Many blessings upon you. --Rhonda Sherer, Soup Supper Coordinator

Congratulations to the Moshier family—Jason, Laura, Simon and Landon who are the winners of the Diapson piano.

**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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