

# *A Celebration of Christian Worship*

June 14, 2009

**Prelude** Michael Stauffer

## *Gathering Time*

**Welcome**

**Hymns** #6 “Here in this place”  
#117 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**Opening Prayer**

**Vacation Bible School Wrap-up** Children’s Ed

## *Offering Ourselves to God*

**Pastoral Prayer** Rene Hostetter

**Hymn** #538 “Lead me, Lord”

**Offering**

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

## *Hearing God’s Word*

**Scripture** Mark 3:19b-21, 31-35  
**Sermon** “The Changing Face of Singleness” Ryan Ahlgrim

## *Responding to the Word*

**Hymn** SJ#4 “You’ve got a place”

**Passing the Friendship Register**

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

**Hymn** #421 “Bless’d be the tie that binds”

**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:** Sara Penner  
**Song Leader:** Emilie Walson **Soloist:** Ashe Abebe  
**Guitarist:** Sam King  
**ASL Interpreter:** Linda Bellville  
**Ushers:** Ahlgrim Family  
**Greeters:** Joyce & Patty Kuntz  
**Nursery:** Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick  
**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

**UPCOMING SERVICES:**  
June 21: Installation and licensing of Rene Hostetter—Romans 16:1-7  
June 28: Summer Parable series begins—Luke 18:1-8  
July 4: Parables—Luke 18:9-14—(Shannon Walker Dycus preaching)

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

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:** The combined children’s class meets in the two middle classrooms. 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 in the corner overflow room.  
Current Issues The Peace & Justice Committee is coordinating a class which presents a series of speakers on a wide range of topics. Today Pierre Atlas will speak on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. For a complete schedule of speakers during the quarter, see the committee bulletin board or the church website. The class is meeting in the sanctuary today.  
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 chapter for this morning is “Other Religions and Our Ultimate Destiny.” Led by Ryan Ahlgrim. Meets in the overflow room off the fellowship hall.

**Financial Updates**  
Budget contributions on June 7: \$ 6,535  
Contributions YTD: \$152,183  
Projected contributions needed YTD: \$190,855  
Surplus (Deficit) YTD: (\$ 38,672)

**Sunday morning attendance June 7: 204**

### 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!

### TODAY—June 14, 2009

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. Last Sunday she brought questionnaires and invited anyone in the congregation to complete one. There are some blank forms here and you may fill one out today and leave it in the basket provided if you were unable to do so last week.

**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.

We will be making **health kits for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** in honor of World Refugee Day. The kits will be put together by the children on July 12 during summer Sunday school class. We are collecting items for the kits for several more Sundays. Needed items: Toothpaste (at least 6 oz), individually wrapped toothbrushes, fingernail clippers, bar soap.

### THIS WEEK

**Men's morning meeting** is this Wednesday, June 17, at 8:00 a.m.

The **IN-MI Mennonite Conference annual meeting** is this week Thursday through Saturday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen. Our attending delegates are Ryan Ahlgrim, Angela Plank, James Rodman, and Tyler Sawatzky. If you have any questions or concerns, you may share them with our delegates.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**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. We will eat lunch with the congregation, play laser tag and then return to the church to clean out the MYF room. We should conclude by 5:00 p.m.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The MYF and their sponsors will **leave on the convention trip** on Monday, June 29, spending the first day at Kings Island. They will go to Columbus on Tuesday and return to Indianapolis by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 5.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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

**Free Organ to a Church or Home!** We have advertised the availability for free of our old electronic organ to churches in the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. We have also contacted the Church Federation of Indianapolis. So far, there has been no response. We are now making the organ available to anyone, church or private home, who will come and pick it up. The speaker has been removed from the wall in the sanctuary and goes with the organ. Please see John Daniels this morning or contact the church office if you are interested or know of someone who is interested in the organ.

In the church mailboxes are forms from the Pastor-Elder Team to **fill out your preferences for small groups next fall**. Instead of signing up for small groups, the elders will assign people to small groups who wish to join a group or make a change in groups. **Each adult** should fill out a form, **but if you are staying in the same small group, you do not need to fill out the form**. See any member of the Pastor-Elder Team if you have questions. The collection box is available near the mailboxes. Please return the forms by Sunday, July 12.

**Opportunities to share your gifts in worship!** Would you like to play a prelude or offertory this summer? Would you like to bring fresh flowers for the sanctuary? There is a sign-up on the kiosk to indicate your interest in these ministries. Please choose a date and sign your name in the appropriate column.

**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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