

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

July 5, 2009

**Prelude** Pattie Mishler

## *Gathering Time*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship #662**

**Hymns #373** “Thou true Vine, that heals”  
#366 “God of grace and God of Glory”

**Opening Prayer**

**Children’s Time**

## *Offering Ourselves to God*

**Pastoral Prayer** John Daniels

**Hymn #555** “I need thee every hour”

**Bringing Our Offerings and Gifts of Food**

Sing SJ#19 “I will call upon the Lord” as gifts are brought

## *Hearing God’s Word*

**Scripture** Luke 18:9-14

**Sermon** “Where are You Praying From?” Shannon Walker Dycus

**Response** SJ#132

## *Responding to the Word*

**Hymn of Response** SJ#49 “Rain down”

**Passing the Friendship Register**

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

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** SJ#44 “The love of God”

**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:** John Daniels  
**Song Leader:** Jana Miller  
**Ushers:** LuEtta Culp  
**Greeters:** Delbert Culp  
**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick  
**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

### **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:**

July 12: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50

July 19: MYF Sunday

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

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:** There will be no Sunday school classes today.  
**ADULT CLASSES:** Beginning on July 12 we will have a joint adult class “Faith at the Movies” which will meet in the sanctuary. No adult class today.

### Financial Updates

Budget contributions on June 28:	\$ 6,225
Contributions YTD:	\$171,039
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$215,749
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 44,710)

## BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

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!

## NEXT SUNDAY

The **summer adult Sunday school class "Faith at the Movies"** will begin on July 12. Each week we will present clips of movies and discuss them. Also, we may attend movies as a group or have home screenings. Any suggestions of films we can use in the class or attend would be welcome. Please email suggestions as soon as possible to Dean Habegger (see bulletin print-out for email)

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JYF Chat and Chew with Rene Hostetter** is Sunday, July 19, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. We will share a meal after Sunday school and then have time to share with Rene.

**It's yummy blueberry season!** You may place your order during the fellowship time. Orders will continue through Sunday, July 19. Pick-up will be Sunday, July 26, after morning worship. Each ten-pound box is \$26 and each five-pound box is \$13. Thank you for your support of the MYF.

**Bible study on Romans with Jake Elias** will be held on six Tuesday evenings beginning on September 22 here at the church. Put this on your calendar now!

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ryan Ahlgrim will have vacation time and his final sabbatical time** from July 13 through September 7. Shannon Walker Dycus will be acting lead pastor during this time. See her or Rene for pastoral needs.

**The new nursery is available for your use.** Please enter from the door which formerly was the Children's Ed workroom. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with this part of our renovation process.

Adult Growth & Nurture has selected *The Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs for our One Church/One Book summer reading program. **If anyone would like to lead a discussion group in August, please contact the church office giving the date and time of when you would like to have it.** We will then have a sign-up process to fill the groups. Two copies of the book are available in the fellowship hall for \$10 each.

**The Hovde family thanks the congregation** for their prayers and support during the recent passing of David's mother. The gift certificate was also greatly appreciated.

**Children's Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed:** To all those with a passion for teaching and for children, 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 July 19 & 26. Contact Rachel Friesen, Meg Wilson or Kenda Friend with questions. If we do not have leaders for any Sunday, we will be unable to offer a class.

**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 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 next 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.

**Revision to the sales policy for the church** has been placed in all mailboxes for your review. The update was acted upon at the May Church Council meeting. Any questions may be directed to Ellen Stoesz, Church Moderator.

Mission & Service has decided we will again **collect pennies for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** for six Sundays prior to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, September 26. We will begin collecting on Sunday, August 16. So begin saving your coins now!

**VBS families and volunteers:** If you have not received a VBS group photo, help yourself to one in the red envelope in Kenda Resler Friend's mailbox. Also, remember to turn in your VBS evaluation.

Some interest has been expressed in having another **church rummage sale.** If someone would like to organize it, see Emilie Walson to choose a date. Because of construction, only the fellowship hall is available for storing and setting up items—and only during the week of the sale.

**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**

**Third Sunday in August**



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