

A Celebration of Christian Worship
July 12, 2009

Prelude

Gathering Time

Welcome

Hymns #165 “A mighty fortress is our God”
#533 “I am weak and I need thy strength”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time Catherine Swanson

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer Shannon Walker Dycus

Hymn #349 “Spirit of the living God”

Offering

Doxology #119A “Praise God, from whom”

Hearing God’s Word

Skit Ryan Ahlgrim & Shannon Walker Dycus

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30 Rene Hostetter

Sermon “Weeds in the Wheat” Ryan Ahlgrim

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response SJ#32 “If you believe and I believe”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Closing Hymn #143 “Amazing grace” v.1-3,6

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 **Accompanist:** Rod Deaton
ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville
Ushers: Carmela & Kevin Rosner
Greeters: Kenton Graber & Maurice Graber
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

July 19: MYF Sunday
July 26: Matthew 21:28-32
August 2: Matthew 22:1-4
August 9: Matthew 18:12-14

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES: Today the children will be assembling school kits in the two middle rooms.

The JYF meets in Ryan Ahlgrim’s office; the MYF in the library.

ADULT CLASS: **Beginning today we will have a joint adult class “Faith at the Movies” which will meet in the sanctuary. Today we will discuss non-violence at the movies.**

Financial Updates

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| Budget contributions on July 5: | \$ 2,395 |
| Contributions YTD: | \$173,434 |
| Projected contributions needed YTD: | \$224,047 |
| Surplus (Deficit) YTD: | (\$ 50,613) |

Sunday morning attendance on June 28: 181

Sunday morning attendance on July 5: 98

GLOBAL GIFTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Gifts to Open in Bloomington

From its inception and to the present day, First Mennonite and Shalom Mennonite have played a pivotal role in the success and growth of Global Gifts. Growth continues as we plan to open a new store in Bloomington at the beginning of August. This growth comes at a time when our artisan and producer partners need our orders more than ever. Global Gifts budgeted \$90,000 for the store which will come from \$30,000 store funds, \$30,000 inventory loan, and \$30,000 in donations. The board and our partners at Fair Trade Bloomington have raised just over half of the budgeted donations. We ask that you consider supporting our effort by making a contribution to the Global Gifts Bloomington Store Fund. Checks should be made to Global Gifts. See Sam Carpenter or John Daniels for more information. Thanks to all who have already given.

Global Gifts needs volunteers!

Saturday, July 18, 8:00 a.m. to noon at First Mennonite, Global Gifts will be assembling and painting the new display units for our Bloomington store. See or call Del Culp if you can help (225-1985).

Tuesday July 28, 7:45 a.m. to noon, Global Gifts will be loading a truck and setting up a store at the Disciples of Christ General Assembly which will be held at the convention center downtown. We will meet at the Global Gifts office at 701 North Delaware Street at 7:45 a.m. to load a truck. We will then carpool to the convention center to unload, unpack, and set up. See or call Sam Carpenter if you can help (625-0161). We are also seeking volunteers to help run this convention store July 29-August 1.

TODAY – July 12, 2009

Note: Today is the deadline for turning in the small group request forms.

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.

THIS WEEK

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

Memorial service for Howard Palmatier will be held at Shalom Mennonite Church on Saturday, July 18, at 4:00 p.m. First Mennonite has been asked to supply some foods for the meal. We have a sign-up posted for volunteers to bring six casseroles and five salads. Please sign up today!

NEXT SUNDAY

It's yummy blueberry season! You may place your order during the fellowship time. Orders will continue through next 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.

JYF Chat and Chew with Rene Hostetter is next 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indianapolis International Film Festival screening of "A Ripple of Hope" will be shown on Wednesday, July 22, at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, July 23, at 5:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. This film is a documentary on the visit to Indianapolis by Robert Kennedy on April 4, 1968. For more information, go to www.rippleofhopemovie.com

The Welcoming Committee is inviting everyone to participate in one more "***Guess Who's Coming to Lunch***" on Sunday, July 26. Please consider being a host or a guest on this Sunday to further your acquaintances at FMC. As a host, you'll provide a main dish and as a guest, you'll sign up to bring a salad, a bread, or a dessert. This occasion provides one last opportunity to add guest names to your "Strangers No More" list which is due August 8. Let's have a great turnout for this summer luncheon! See the poster on the kiosk. Sign up today!

Kathy Snyder and Laurie Ahlgrim will be organizing a **church rummage sale** which will be held on Saturday, August 1, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You may start to bring your items on Monday, July 27. You must price all items you are donating. We would like to have volunteers to help set up on Friday, July 31, and to help with the sale on Saturday and for clean up. A sign-up will be posted on the kiosk.

We are celebrating the coming addition to the Myers family with a **baby shower** on August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, food and games and you can bring your favorite dessert item. Jen and Kevin are registered at Babies R Us and Target. For any more planning details see Jen Christophel Lichti or Angela Shenk.

Bible study on Romans with Jake Elias will be held on six Tuesday evenings beginning on September 22 here at the church. Jake Elias is a retired professor of New Testament from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Put this on your calendar now!

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. **If anyone would like to host/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.

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.

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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!

Robin and Deb Helmuth share this news with the congregation: "We celebrate with Allison Helmuth and Greg Nixon, who were married on Saturday, July 11, at the Mavris Center in Indianapolis."

**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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