

A Celebration of Christian Worship

July 26, 2009

Prelude

Michael Stauffer

Gathering Time

Welcome

Call to Worship SJ#120

Hymns #327 “Great is thy faithfulness

SJ#3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn SS#45 “Calm me, Lord”

Offering

Doxology #118 “Praise God, from whom”

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Matthew 21:28-32

Dennis Mishler

Sermon “A Change of Heart”

Shannon Walker Dycus

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response #440 “I believe in you, Lord Jesus”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Hymn SJ#106 “Just a closer walk with thee” v.1-2

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: Robin Jones

Song Leader: Mary Liechty

Ushers: Carmela & Kevin Rosner

Greeters: Gloria & Mike Hood

Nursery: Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

August 2: Matthew 22:1-4

August 9: Matthew 18:12-14

August 16: Luke 8:4-15 Rene Hostetter preaching

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

There is no children’s class today.

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

ADULT CLASS: *Faith at the Movies* class will feature clips of "Godspell" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" and will meet in the overflow.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on July 19:

\$ 8,330

Contributions YTD:

\$188,584

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$240,643

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 52,059)

Sunday morning attendance on July 19: 181

TODAY – July 26, 2009

If you signed up for “Guess Who’s Coming to Lunch” for today, guests will have info on where to go in your mailbox. Hosts will find out who’s coming when they arrive! Thanks to the hosts who volunteered for this event.

If you ordered blueberries, please visit the table between the restroom doors to pay for your order, then proceed to Rene Hostetter’s office door where an MYFer will give you your blueberries.

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!

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 (see number in printed bulletin). We are also seeking volunteers to help run this convention store July 29-August 1.

THIS WEEK

FMC Rummage Sale will be this Saturday, August 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A flier with sale details is in your church mailbox. A sign-up for volunteers is posted on the kiosk. Contact persons: Laurie Ahlgrim and Kathy Snyder. Your donations may be another's treasures!

NEXT SUNDAY

Food Pantry Sunday is next Sunday, August 2. Please be generous in these difficult times bringing non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and diapers to share with the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek. (See additional info in the general announcements section.)

MYF--Bye, Bye Beachey Bash is next Sunday, August 2, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of Deb and Robin Helmuth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are celebrating the coming addition to the Myers family with a **baby shower** on August 9 (note date was incorrect in last Sunday’s bulletin) 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.

Have you ever watched someone fold paper, turning it into a crane? Paper cranes represent hopes and wishes for peace in the face of great death and destruction. Join us for "**A Thousand Paper Cranes: a Service of Evening Song & Prayer**" on Sunday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m. when we will commemorate Hiroshima Day (August 6) and Nagasaki Day (August 9) in the style and tradition of the Christian communities of Taize and Iona. This worship service is being led by Malinda Berry and is open to all who are interested.

MYF planning/initiation day is Sunday, August 16. More info later!

JYF Kick-off is Friday-Saturday, August 22-23, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

Bloodmobile will be here on Sunday, August 23! You will have the opportunity to donate blood during the times of 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. A representative, Linda Speer, will be here on August 9 and 16 to accept signatures for giving blood on August 23.

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!

Put this on your 2010 calendar! The annual **all-church winter retreat** will be at the Benedict Inn on February 12-13. This is paid for from the church budget and is open to everyone! Watch for more info later in the year!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For safety reasons **it is best not to use the carport on weekdays** whenever possible during the construction period.

Ryan Ahlgrim is having vacation time and his final sabbatical time through September 7. Shannon Walker Dycus is acting lead pastor during this time. See Shannon or Rene for pastoral needs.

Sign of the Times: Despite receiving major donations from local groups, the food pantry at the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek has had to close its doors temporarily. There are an increased number of clients who are in desperate need. The Glick Center is asking that the community step up and help with added donations of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and diapers. Donations may be taken directly to the center at 2990 West 71st Street.

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.

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!

Due to a change in employment, Kathy Snyder will no longer be collecting hygiene items for IPS students. Thank you for your support in the past.

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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SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ON AUGUST 16:

Moderator	Robin Helmuth, Moderator (2011)
Elders:	Gloria Hood(2010), Donna Haines(2011), Elvin Plank(2011), <u>Randy Stoesz</u> (2012)
Elder Apprentice:	<u>Tricia Short Yoder</u> (2010)
Discernment:	Pattie Mishler (2010), Ted Danielson (2011), <u>Joe Longenecker</u> (2012)
Administrative Relations Committee (ARC):	John Boyce (2010), Mel Glick (2011), <u>Marcy Major</u> (2012)
Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Delegate:	Tyler Sawatzky (2010), <u>LuEtta Culp</u> (2011)
Nursery Coordinators	Jason & Laura Moshier (2010)
Nursery Coordinators-Elect:	<u>Nancy Fletcher & Nate Lichti</u> (2011)
*Adult Growth & Nurture:	John Hofstetter, Chair
Buildings & Grounds:	Del Culp, Chair <u>Mark Fontaine</u> , Chair-Elect
Children's Education:	Kenda Resler Friend & Meg Wilson, Co-Chairs chair-elect(s)
Fellowship:	Lali Hess & Alison Schumacher, Co-Chairs <u>Deb Helmuth & Marilyn Stutzman</u> , Co-Chairs-Elect
Mission & Service:	Lynn Irelan, Chair <u>Kathy Snyder</u> , Chair-Elect
*Mennonite Women:	Sue Turner, Chair
Peace & Justice:	Gwen White, Chair <u>Jeff Matheus</u> , Chair-Elect
Stewardship:	James Rodman, Chair <u>Steve Krall</u> , Chair-Elect
*Welcoming:	Bob Walson, Chair
Worship:	John Daniels, Chair <u>Robert Stump</u> , Chair-Elect
JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) Sponsors:	<u>Gareth Nissley</u> (2011) David & Katherine Cornelius (2010)
MYF (Mennonite Youth Fellowship) Sponsors:	Robin Jones (2010) <u>Hollins & Rachel Showalter</u> (2011)

The underlined names are the ones needing to be affirmed at the meeting.

*Note: We do not need to affirm a chair-elect for Adult Growth & Nurture, Mennonite Women, and Welcoming as the chair will serve for two years.

Submitted by the Discernment Committee: Shaun Wilson, Pattie Mishler, and
Ted Danielson

If anyone has questions or concerns about the slate, see the Discernment Committee or the Pastor-Elder Team.