

A Celebration of Christian Worship

August 2, 2009

Prelude

Pattie Mishler

Gathering Time

Welcome

Call to Worship SS#161

Hymns #12 “Come, let us all unite to sing”

SS#1 “Praise the one who breaks the darkness”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer

Rene Hostetter

Hymn SJ#98 “All will be well”

Bringing Our Offerings and Gifts of Food

Sing #87 “Great is the Lord” as offerings are brought forward

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

Dennis Mishler

Sermon “An Invitation to Joy and Judgment?” Shannon Walker Dycus

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response #464 “Let the hungry come to me”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Hymn #420 “Heart with loving heart united”

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: Bob Stump

Song Leader: Mary Liechty **Soloist:** Julie Deaton

Ushers: Patty Graber & Sue Turner

Greeters: Jana & Michael Miller

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

August 9: Matthew 18:12-14

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

August 23: Commissioning of leaders

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 more nonviolence at the movies with

Dennis Mishler as leader. Meets in the overflow.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on July 26:

\$ 6,891

Contributions YTD:

\$195,475

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$248,941

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 53,466)

Sunday morning attendance on July 26: 171

**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),
Randy Stoesz (2012)

Elder Apprentice: Tricia Short Yoder (2010)

Treasurer B: Robin Yoder has agreed to a second three-year term (2012)

Discernment: Pattie Mishler (2010), Ted Danielson (2011),
Joe Longenecker (2012)

Administrative Relations Committee (ARC): John Boyce (2010),
Mel Glick (2011), Marcy Major (2012)

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Delegate:
Tyler Sawatzky (2010), LuEtta Culp (2011)

Nursery Coordinators Jason & Laura Moshier (2010)

Nursery Coordinators-Elect: Nancy Fletcher & Nate Lichti (2011)

***Adult Growth & Nurture:** John Hofstetter, Chair

Buildings & Grounds: Del Culp, Chair
Mark Fontaine, Chair-Elect

Children's Education: Kenda Resler Friend & Meg Wilson, Co-Chairs
_____ chair-elect(s)

Fellowship: Lali Hess & Alison Schumacher, Co-Chairs
Deb Helmuth & Marilyn Stutzman, Co-Chairs-Elect

Mission & Service: Lynn Irelan, Chair
Kathy Snyder, Chair-Elect

***Mennonite Women:** Sue Turner, Chair

Peace & Justice: Gwen White, Chair
Jeff Matheus, Chair-Elect

Stewardship: James Rodman, Chair
Steve Krall, Chair-Elect

***Welcoming:** Bob Walson, Chair

Worship: John Daniels, Chair
Robert Stump, Chair-Elect

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) Sponsors: Gareth Nissley (2011)
David & Katherine Cornelius (2010)

MYF (Mennonite Youth Fellowship) Sponsors: Robin Jones (2010)
Hollins & Rachel Showalter (2011)
Todd Grotenhuis (2011)

[OVER FOR MORE INFO]

The underlined names are the ones needing to be affirmed at the meeting on August 16.

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

The position of **Treasurer A** was inadvertently omitted from the original sheet of nominations offered this past spring. The Discernment Committee wishes to solicit names of candidates who would be willing to serve as Treasurer A and who would be willing to transition into this role in early 2010. Please direct nominations to the Discernment Committee as soon as possible. A candidate will be presented to the congregation for a vote as he/she is discerned.

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.

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.

TODAY – August 2, 2009

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

THIS WEEK

Associate Pastor Rene Hostetter is **on vacation this week**.

There will be some work going on in the offices this week for the installation of the sprinkler system which may mean that no one would be here during that time. If you do not get an answer at the church, please call office staff at home.

Susan King Hershberger, former member of FMC who was married here in 1995, is having a Service of Lament to mark the dissolution of her marriage covenant. The service will be at FMC, this Friday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. The service is open to friends or anyone who was a witness to the marriage.

NEXT SUNDAY

We are celebrating the addition to the Myers family with a **baby shower** on August 9, 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, food and games; bring your favorite dessert or fruit item. Jen and Kevin are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Coordinated by Jen Christophel Lichti and 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. See the church website for more information about this service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Notes for Children: Children's Music Ministry will resume on Sunday, August 16. There will be a multi-age children's Sunday school class on Sunday, August 16, "FMC outside spaces."

"Reduce the Risk Training" for Sunday school teachers, helpers, and subs will also be held on Sunday, August 16, during Sunday school.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the following **change to the slate of nominations** originally printed in last week's bulletin: Todd Grotenhuis has been added as an additional nominee for MYF sponsor. Please see Rene, Shannon, or the Discernment Committee (Shaun Wilson, Pattie Mishler, Ted Danielson) with any questions or concerns.

Congregational Annual Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social is Sunday, August 16, with the meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. Do you have an ice-cream maker rusting away from lack of use? Put it to work for the ice cream social immediately following the congregational meeting! There is a sign up sheet posted on the kiosk in the fellowship hall for various items, such as **homemade ice cream, ice cream toppings, condiments, and salads**. The fellowship committee will provide burgers, veggie burgers, and buns.

JYF Kick-off is Friday-Saturday, August 21-22 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

Friends Fest at First Friends Everyone is welcome to Indianapolis First Friends, 3030 Kessler Boulevard, East Drive, for an event with Carrie Newcomer and Phil Gulley on Saturday, August 22, with the grounds opening at 5:30 p.m. and the performance at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to bring your own picnic. The tickets are \$20 if purchased on line or prior to the event at First Friends. Tickets at the gate on the event day will be \$25. This will be held rain or shine. Please also bring a non-perishable food item for donation. More complete details can be found at the P&J table. –P&J Committee

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. See the bulletin insert as well.

Women's night out: All women of FMC are invited to attend an evening of conversation, board/card games and finger foods on Friday evening, August 28. The gathering time is 6:30 p.m. at a local park (location to be announced).

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!

It's **School Kit** time! Needed items:

- spiral or perforated notebooks (about 21.5cm x 27cm / 8.5" x 10.5" and 70 sheets)
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

NO pencils please! We will collect items during August while prices are best and take to MCC in mid September. Bags for the kits are also needed. There is fabric available at the church. Talk to Emilie Walson about fabric. The instructions are on the MCC website or see Lynn Irelan.

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. There are several discussion sessions scheduled. See the sign-up board for these possibilities. Sign up for your choice of discussion group. We would welcome several more groups so 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.

Another opportunity to sign up for the committee of your choice! You will find sign-ups for each committee which includes a description about the work of the committee. If you already signed up through the LSG, your name should appear.

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!

**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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