

A Celebration of Christian Worship

August 9, 2009

Prelude

Laurie Ahlgrim

Gathering Time

Hymns #362 “Help us to help each other”
#226 “You are salt for the earth”

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer

Rene Hostetter

Hymn #519 “Shepherd me, O God”

Offering

Doxology #119A “Praise God, from whom”

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Matthew 18:12-14

Sermon “Who’s Not Here That Should Be?” Shannon Walker Dycus

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response SS#39 “Will you come and follow me”

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses

Announcements

Hymn #418 “Move in our midst”

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: Paul Hartman
Song Leader: Emilie Walson
Singers: Nate Beachey, John Daniels, Nancy Fletcher, Michael Stauffer, Emilie Walson
Ushers: Deb & Robin Helmuth
Greeters: Gerald & Mary Miller
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

August 16: Luke 8:4-15 Rene Hostetter preaching, communion
August 23: Commissioning of leaders
August 30: Luke 17:5-10

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

There are no classes for children or youth today.

ADULT CLASS: *Faith at the Movies* class meets in the overflow.

Financial Update

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| Budget contributions on August 2: | \$ 6,368 |
| Contributions YTD: | \$201,843 |
| Projected contributions needed YTD: | \$257,239 |
| Surplus (Deficit) YTD: | (\$ 55,396) |

Sunday morning attendance on August 2: 176

**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 & Nolan 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.

TODAY – August 9, 2009

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.

Today a representative from the Red Cross, Linda Speer, is here to accept signatures for giving blood on Sunday, August 23, when the **bloodmobile will be here!** Be sure to read the pamphlet which indicates eligibility for blood donations. You will have the opportunity to donate blood during the times of 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. You will sign up for a specific time and are expected to keep that appointment. You will find Linda at a table in the fellowship hall.

Extra blueberries available from Mary Ellen Kessler with the proceeds going to the MYF.

We are celebrating the addition to the Myers family with a **baby shower today** at 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**" **today** at 5:00 p.m. when we will commemorate Hiroshima Day (August 6) and Nagasaki Day (today) 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.

THIS WEEK

Pastoral Intern Shannon Dycus will be out of the office this Thursday and Friday. Pastoral concerns should be addressed with Associate Pastor Rene Hostetter.

"THE BROAD RIPPLE PEACE JAM!" this Saturday, August 15, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Glendale Branch Library. An afternoon of music, poetry & storytelling celebrating peace and social justice! Featured performers include Patchwork (folk music duo), Catherine Swanson (poet), E.A. Strother singer/songwriter), and Marshall Gibson (storyteller). Hosted by Michelle Gussow (filmmaker). Free admission. Free conscientious objector registration. Free literature on peace & justice issues. For more info call (317)872-2155, e-mail: indyartists@aol.com, or visit; www.myspace.com/indyartistspeaceproject

An opportunity to get to know our Muslim neighbors! Mark your calendar for the **Fifth Annual Friendship Feast** this Saturday, August 15, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on the Masjid Grounds, 12201 Lantern Road, Fishers. There will be international food, clowns, balloons, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. A special

feature will be “The Imam Table” to answer questions on the Quran and Islam. This event is recommended to you by the P&J Committee.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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 next Sunday, August 16. So begin saving your coins now!

“**Reduce the Risk Training**” for Sunday school teachers, helpers, and subs will also be held next Sunday, August 16, during Sunday school.

MYF planning/initiation day is Sunday, August 16. Check your e-mails for information this week.

Congregational Annual Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social is next 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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).

Women’s Bible Study will resume meeting on Friday, September 11, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the church. We will be using the Bible study guide, **For the Beauty of the Earth, Women, Faith and Creation Care** by Patty Friesen. If you plan to participate, please let Deb Helmuth know so a book can be ordered for you. Questions call Deb.

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

Please note the following **changes to the slate of nominations** as originally printed. Todd Grotenhuis has been added as an additional nominee for MYF sponsor. Also, Robin Yoder has been added to the slate for a second three-year term as Treasurer B. Please note also under Nursery Coordinators-Elect it is Nolan Lichti and not Nate Lichti. Please see Rene, Shannon, or the Discernment Committee (Shaun Wilson, Pattie Mishler, Ted Danielson) with any questions or concerns.

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 Ireland.

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.

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.

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**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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