

A Celebration of Christian Worship

August 16, 2009

Prelude

Priscilla Boschmann

Gathering Time

Welcome

Call to Worship #663

Hymns #14 “Come, we that love the Lord”
#37 “Praise to the Lord, the almighty”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Rene Hostetter

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer

Shannon Walker Dycus

Hymn SJ#11 “Praise, praise, praise the Lord!”

Passing the Friendship Register

Announcements

Offering & Collection of Pennies for Mennonite Central Committee

Doxology #118 “Praise God, from whom”

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Luke 8:4-18

Abby Deaton

Sermon “Open Receptivity to God”

Rene Hostetter

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response #454 “Seed, scattered and sown”

[Children age four through grade five are dismissed for Children’s Music Ministry]

Communion

Hymn SJ#86 “Taste and see”

Closing Hymn SJ#54 “Longing for light”

Blessing

Postlude

Pastor: Ryan Ahlgrim (currently on sabbatical)

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: Art Umble **Soloist:** Emilie Walson

ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville

Bulletin cover art: Aimee Mayeda

Ushers: Marilyn & Ralph Stutzman

Greeters: Jana & Michael Miller

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

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 will be a multi-age children’s Sunday school class today, “FMC outside spaces.” Meet in the carport.

The JYF and MYF are meeting together in the middle classrooms.

ADULT CLASS: *Faith at the Movies* class meets in the overflow room off the fellowship hall.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on August 9:	\$ 2,689
Contributions YTD:	\$204,532
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$265,537
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 61,005)

Sunday morning attendance on August 9: 183

TODAY – August 16, 2009

We begin **collecting pennies today for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**. We will conclude the collection on Sunday, September 20, and the coins will be delivered to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, September 26.

Today a representative from the Red Cross, Linda Speer, is here again to accept signatures for giving blood next 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.

We have a visitor this morning—Tom DeVore from the Church of the Brethren. Tom is bicycling across the country and stopping at many churches along the way. Tom is available to share his story during the Sunday school hour if folks are interested. This will take place outside under the trees.

“**Reduce the Risk Training**” for Sunday school teachers, helpers, and subs will be held today during Sunday school in the sanctuary

MYF planning/initiation day is today from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Congregational Annual Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social is today with the meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. 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.

THIS WEEK

Reminder to **small group leaders**, the Group Leaders' Assembly (GLA) will have its first meeting and orientation, this Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00pm at the church. All small groups should be represented.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a Sunday school teachers orientation next Sunday during Sunday school which will meet in the sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Playgroup will start up again this fall on Tuesday, August 25. We'll meet in the new nursery from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This is for any parent and their "stay-at-home" children. Come and enjoy the playtime and fellowship. Questions, see Heidi Boschmann Amstutz.

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 the Orchard Garden at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road. Follow the north drive to the greenhouse parking lot. Walk across the street to the Orchard Garden. Any questions should be directed to Sue Turner.

Memorial service for Jane Haldeman, who began the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center, will be on September 5, at 11:00 a.m. at First Friends.

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 have not participated before and would like to join, please let Deb Helmuth know so a book can be ordered for you. Questions call Deb.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The keypad from the former east entrance to the building has been installed on the front door (left side) and works the same as before. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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.

Small group information! Those who have indicated through conversation or filling out the small group form that they wish to be placed in a small group will be hearing from their small group leaders soon. There are two groups with room for new members who welcome you to join: 1) Saturday evening, once a month Bible Study with the Deatons leading. 2) Sunday 12:30 p.m., twice monthly fellowship and spiritual discussion group with Dean Habegger leading. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, see the leaders, and/or Gloria Hood and Donna Haines. We want everyone to have the fellowship and connection to a small group who is interested!

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.

We have a request for housing for a young man, Daniel Beckwith, who will be in Indianapolis for an internship from September to November of this year. He is also interested in some employment during this time if anything can be arranged. If you know of housing or employment to offer Daniel, please contact the church office.

**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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