

A Celebration of Christian Worship

August 23, 2009

Prelude Michael Stauffer

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn SJ#19 “I will call upon the Lord”

Sharing Dora Beth Ricketts

Hymn #371 “Let there be light, Lord God”

Commissioning of Leaders #795

Sharing Haley Bastin
Scripture Luke 10:25-37 Rene Hostetter
Sharing Todd Grotenhuis

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

Hymn #322 “For we are strangers no more”

Offering & Collection of Pennies for Mennonite Central Committee

Doxology #119B “Praise God, from whom”

Pastoral Prayer Shannon Walker Dycus
Response “Give Me Jesus” Erin Rodman

Closing Hymn SJ#27 “God of the Bible”

Blessing Rene Hostetter
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
Ushers: Ethel Hartman & Sue Turner
Greeters: Gerald & Mary Miller
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PARABLES:

August 30: Luke 17:5-10

September 6: Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Matthew 11:28-30

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

The Peace House staff will be leading the Sunday School activities for children today, but we will need some parent volunteers to function as assistants. If your child is younger than kindergarten age we recommend that you attend with your child. Meet in the library.

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

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

Financial Update

Budget contributions on August 16:	\$ 9,616
Contributions YTD:	\$214,148
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$273,835
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 59,687)

Sunday morning attendance on August 16: 228

TODAY –August 23, 2009

We are **collecting pennies again 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.

Bloodmobile is here today! If you previously signed up to donate blood today, please be available at your designated time. You will sign in at the table just outside the door to the overflow classroom. The hours for the bloodmobile are 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. There are still five slots open if you would like to sign up today.

There will be a Children's Ed Sunday school teachers' orientation today during Sunday school which will meet in the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

Playgroup will start up again this 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.

Soup supper will be Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sign up to bring food items on the kiosk. Rhonda Sherer is the coordinator for these suppers.

Joint Church Council meeting is Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. Both outgoing and incoming chairs are expected to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 30, we will have a **special farewell luncheon** for Shannon Walker Dycus immediately following Sunday school. After the meal we will have a time of open sharing with Shannon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at the church. 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.

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Ellen Stoesz's home to discuss Listening is an act of Love by David Isay. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Alison Schumacher.

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.

The Discernment Committee has placed nomination forms in mailboxes for use in providing **nominations for the Treasurer A-elect position**. Please consider who you feel would be a good candidate for this position, and return nomination forms to the collection box near the mailboxes by September 20. For questions please see any of the Discernment Committee members—Shaun Wilson, Pattie Mishler, or Ted Danielson.

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

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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!

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.

BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

One of our volunteer jobs with the new addition is to **complete the outside landscaping. Now is the time!** We need to rake, seed and plant shrubs. We have set up two work days on Saturdays, September 12 and 19, from 8:00 a.m. to noon to complete these jobs. Please sign up on the kiosk in the fellowship hall. Please bring tillers, garden rakes, shovels, etc. See Delbert Culp with any questions.

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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