

A Celebration of Christian Worship

September 6, 2009

Prelude Beth Goering

Gathering Time

Welcome

Call to Worship #729

Hymns SS#45 “Calm me, Lord”
#5 “There is a place of quiet rest”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time John Boyce

Offering Ourselves to God

Pastoral Prayer Rene Hostetter

Hymn SS#70 “For God alone”

Bringing Our Offerings, Food Donations, & Collection of Pennies
Sing SJ#75 “Be still” as offerings are brought forward.

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Matthew 11:28-30 Andrew Mishler
Sermon “Sabbatical Rest” Rene Hostetter

Responding to the Word

[Children age four through grade five are dismissed for Children’s Music Ministry]
Hymn of Response #557 “O God, in restless living”

Passing the Friendship Register
Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses
Announcements

Closing Hymn #493 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Blessing SJ#73 “The Lord lift you up”
Postlude

Pastor: Ryan Ahlgrim (currently on sabbatical—returns September 8)
Associate Pastor: Rene Hostetter
Elders: Gloria Hood (chair), Donna Haines, Elvin Plank, Randy Stoesz
Elder Apprentice: Tricia Short Yoder
Worship Leader: Delbert Culp
Song Leader: Jana Miller
Bulletin cover art: Aimee Mayeda
Ushers: Lynn Irelan & Cindy Mast
Greeters: Kevin Buerge & Nancy Fletcher/Nolan Lichti
Nursery: Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMONS:

September 13: “Race and the Human Race” Ryan Ahlgrim preaching
September 20: Jacob Elias, retired professor of NT at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be our guest preacher. “Come, join the story!”
Introduction to the Romans Bible studies beginning September 22.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10:40 a.m. Beverages are served in the fellowship hall. Look for a special request from Fellowship Committee under “general announcements.”

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

The children and youth classes begin the new program year today. Lists of class members are on the doors. Here are the classroom locations:

- Ages 2 & 3—classroom east of the new nursery
- PreK & Kindergarten—Library
- Grade 1—First overflow room off fellowship hall
- Grades 2-3—Corner overflow room
- Grades 4-5—Classroom behind the mailboxes
- JYF—Classroom opposite the kitchen
- MYF—grades 9-12—Nursery

There will not be any adult class today. Next Sunday, September 13, a new class series for adults will begin and meets in the sanctuary.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on August 30:	\$ 2,836
Contributions YTD:	\$239,637
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$290,431
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 50,794)

Sunday morning attendance on August 30: 222

TODAY –September 6, 2009

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.

Everyone loves to leave a mark that they were there for future generations to find. The Building Committee is inviting everyone who so desires to sign one of the stud walls **before the drywall is installed.** The drywall should be installed by next Sunday, September 13, so please sign the stud walls today. Bring your own marker.

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.

THIS WEEK

Any notes for the bulletin should be addressed to Katherine Cornelius who will be doing the bulletin for September 13.

Playgroup meets Tuesday 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.

Did you know that at Convention 2009 our delegates passed a nearly-unanimous resolution about health care access for all? Join a one-hour conference call this Tuesday, September 8 at 8:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church with Mennonite experts giving a Christian viewpoint of the United States health care access debate. This is a listen only conference call with an accompanying power point and speakers from Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Church USA, Anabaptist Center for Health Care Ethics, and others. We can listen as a group and discuss further after the call.

-Peace and Justice Committee

Global Gifts Bloomington Store Grand Opening Celebration - Global Gifts is inviting its volunteers, donors and friends to help us celebrate the grand opening of our new store in Bloomington on Thursday, September 10, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The store is located at 122 North Walnut Street in Bloomington, which is on the northeast side of the courthouse square. Please come and see the latest addition to the Global Gifts family of fair trade retail outlets, meet our Bloomington staff and volunteers, and enjoy some refreshments including wine, cheese and fair trade food and drink items. In addition, all purchases will be at a 10% discount. If you have any questions, please see John Daniels, Brian Friend, Matt Waidelich, Bill Wakefield (Board members) or Sam Carpenter (General Manager).

Women's Bible Study resumes this Friday, September 11, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the church. Questions, call Deb Helmuth. Child care available.

Women's Book Club will meet this 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

The Women's Committee has planned a brunch for this Saturday, September 12, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at FMC—note change of time. We will discuss

the calendar for the coming year, and three women will share about “New Beginnings.” You are welcome to bring a brunch food item to share. No sign-up is necessary.

There is **one more discussion opportunity** for the *One Church--One Book* “The Year of Living Biblically” this Saturday, September 12, at the home of Carolyn Martin. Sign up at the kiosk! Carolyn is asking that people bring a Jewish, Middle Eastern, or biblical food to share.

Next **MEDA** (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) meeting is this Saturday, September 12, at the home of Ed and Mary Liechty from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mary and Sherrill will be giving updates on Agufa Farms and the Unzickers. There will also be a review of our meeting with Howard Good, a financial review, and discussion of opportunities for the upcoming year. Burgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

NEXT SUNDAY

MennoExpressions is looking for contributions! The October issue will be a compilation of all your summer creativity. If you have stories, poetry, jokes, philosophical rantings, book or movie reviews, photos, drawings or paintings you would like to share, please email them to Robin Jones or call her if you need to make other delivery arrangements. The deadline is next Sunday, September 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As you can see in the upcoming sermons section, we will have Jake Elias, a retired NT professor at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, here to preach on Sunday, September 20. This sermon will introduce the **Bible study on Romans** which Jake Elias will conduct. If anyone is interested in child care during these studies, please talk to Laura Moshier. Please do this as soon as possible so that we will be able to acquire the staff needed throughout the studies. These studies will begin on Tuesday, September 22, and run for six Tuesdays following that all beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. The topics are as follows (all scriptures from Romans):

September 22—The Gospel (1:16-2:16; 3:21-26)

September 29—Justification by Faith (5:1-6:23)

October 6—Suffering and Glory (8:1-39)

October 13—God’s People (9:1-11:36)

October 20—The Church in its World (12:1-15:13)

October 27—Congregational Life and Mission (15:14-16:27)

Do you love potlucks as much as Fellowship Committee does? Then mark your calendars for September 20 and November 22, when we'll have pitch-in meals after Sunday School. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've brought a dish or not. 2010 dates will be announced shortly. Questions? Talk to Alison Schumacher or Lali Hess.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents of children in Children’s Ed Program: Please be sure to return your Parent Involvement form to Kenda Friend or Meg Wilson by September 20, indicating the ways you can help the program this year. Forms were sent home with your child(ren) from Sunday School. All hands needed!

Once you've finished your cup of coffee, tea, cocoa, etc, during fellowship time or Sunday School, the Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to spend 60 seconds walking your coffee mug to the kitchen and washing it! We will have a sink full of warm, soapy water ready for you, and a weekly volunteer who will dry and put away the mugs. Thanks for helping FMC be as "green" as possible by using our non-disposable mugs! If you have questions, please see Alison Schumacher or Lali Hess.

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

NO pencils please! We can still collect items for MCC for delivery 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.

As the weather changes and you clean out closets, please bring your gently used clothes/toys to the **Fall Clothing Exchange**. Items can be brought to the last classroom on the north hall before Sunday, September 20. We'll have the exchange set up under the coat racks starting September 27 and will run for several weeks. You can then "shop" for a donation to MCC. As we are limited on storage this year, be selective in items you bring. Questions? Contact anyone in playgroup.

**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

All-church potlucks on September 20 and November 22.

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and I will give you rest. . .**