

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

September 13, 2009

**Prelude** Pattie Mishler

## Gathering Time

**Welcome**

**Hymns** SJ#3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”  
#145 “There’d a wideness in God’s mercy”

**Opening Prayer**

**Children’s Time** Randy Stoesz

**Presentation of Bibles**

**Blessing of Mentor/Mentee Pairs** Rene Hostetter

## Offering Ourselves to God

**Pastoral Prayer** Rene Hostetter

**Hymn #349** “Spirit of the living God”

**Offering & Collection of Pennies for Mennonite Central Committee**

**Doxology #119A** “Praise God from whom”

## Hearing God’s Word

**Scripture** Luke 10:25-29

**Sermon** “Race and the Human Race” Ryan Ahlgrim

**Prayer of Confession #803**

## Responding to the Word

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

**Hymn of Response #322** “For we are strangers no more”

**Passing the Friendship Register**

**Sharing of Joys, Introduction of Guests & Sermon Responses**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn SJ#78** “We will walk with God”

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Ryan Ahlgrim

**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

**Ensemble:** John Daniels, John Miller, Jana Miller, Robin Jones, Mary Liechty, Amy Bixler, Erin Rodman

**Ushers:** Lynn Irelan

**Greeters:** David & Katherine Cornelius

**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby

**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

## UPCOMING SERMONS:

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:

There are classes for all children and youth. Lists of class members are on the doors. Here are the classroom locations:

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

## ADULT CLASS:

Joseph Okuyo, a guest speaker, will be sharing about the Uhuru Project. The project serves orphans and vulnerable children near Kisumu, Kenya in an area called Chulaimbo. Meets in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

## Financial Update

Budget contributions on September 6:	\$ 8,170
Contributions YTD:	\$247,807
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$298,729
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 50,922)

## TODAY –September 13, 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.

### 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 another work day on Saturday, September 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.

***Deadline is today for MennoExpressions items!*** 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 MYF is meeting at the Robin Run Village Retirement Center today from noon to 4:30 p.m.

### THIS WEEK

Jake Elias, a retired NT professor at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will begin a **Bible Study on Romans** on Tuesday, September 22. If anyone is interested in childcare during these studies, please talk to Laura Moshier as soon as possible. These studies will run for six Tuesdays, 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)

Please note that Jake Elias will be preaching next Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**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.

The JYF will have a **canoeing/kayaking/paddle boating** event at Eagle Creek Park next Sunday, September 20, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The MYF will have **Christian Faith and Art** on Sunday, September 27, from noon to 3:00 p.m. This is an optional activity. Led by Ryan Ahlgrim.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A Special Message from Shannon:**

Good Morning, First Mennonite - I want to thank each one of you for your expressions of gratitude and love during my sending off. I continue to cherish your words and gifts, knowing that God has blessed us all during this time. May God continue to bless you and keep you. May God continue to look upon with kindness and give you peace. -Shannon Walker Dycus

**FMC Meal Coordinator Needed!** The Pastor Elder Team is looking for someone to serve as meal coordinator(s) for 2009-2010. The meal coordinator is responsible for arranging for meals to be brought to new parents, recent injuries or hospitalizations. If interested in serving in this position, please contact Donna Haines.

The Fellowship Committee would like to compile a list of all the people in the congregation who have special food needs. Please list each person on the form in your mailboxes that has specific food allergies, intolerances, and/or special food needs by Sept. 27. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marie Harnish, Alison Schumacher, or Lali Hess.

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 next Sunday September 20. For questions please see any of the Discernment Committee members—Shaun Wilson, Pattie Mishler, or Ted Danielson.

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.

Bags are still needed for the **school kits**. Plenty of material is available in the MCC box under the mailboxes, so please help yourself and the instructions are on the MCC website or see Lynn Irelan.

### **What can we do about hunger around the world AND in Indianapolis?**

Take a step to help by signing up for **CROPWALK** - a multi-denominational effort where we walk 3.5 miles with the greater Indy community to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. Stop by the table in the fellowship hall to pick up your envelope and start gathering pledges today! Crop Walk takes place on Sunday, October 18, starting at 1:45 just down the street from FMC at CTS Seminary, 42<sup>th</sup> and Michigan Rd. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Greater Indianapolis Crop Walk. Check out the website at [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org) – click on Indiana and Greater Indy walk to find the FMC team website.

**Save the date!** FMC's Annual Fall Party will take place on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

Out of town Labor Day weekend or forget to bring food for Crooked Creek Pantry? So you know, the Children's Sunday School offering is going to Crooked Creek this year to help our kids understand local needs, so if you'd like to give money to this offering, it will help our neighbors in need.

**Calling all gardeners!** For this year's Fall Banquet on October 24 we are featuring local produce in the menu. If any of you have extra garden produce or home preserved produce you would like to donate to the dinner, please contact Lali.

**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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