

# *A Celebration of Christian Worship*

October 11, 2009

## Welcome

**Celebrating upcoming birthdays and anniversaries**

**Introduction of guests**

**Announcements**

**Musical preparation for worship**

Beth Goering

**Opening prayer**

**Call to worship** based on Luke 12:32-34

L: Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C: **Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.**

L: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Hymns** #87 "Great is the Lord"

#71 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

**Pastoral prayer**

Rene Hostetter

**Hymn SS#121** "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

**Offering**

**Doxology** #119A

**Children's time**

Rachel Friesen

**Scripture reading** Ecclesiastes 4:4,6; 5:12,10

**Sermon** "Envy and Excess"

Ryan Ahlgrim

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

**Hymn of response** #523 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

**Passing the friendship register**

**Sharing of joys & sermon responses**

**Closing hymn** #383 "God, whose giving"

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Brief congregational meeting**

**Pastor:** Ryan Ahlgrim

**Associate Pastor:** Rene Hostetter

**Elders:** Gloria Hood (chair), Donna Haines, Elvin Plank, Randy Stoesz

**Elder Apprentice:** Tricia Short Yoder

**Worship Leader:** John Daniels      **Song Leader:** Emilie Walson

**ASL Interpreter:** Linda Bellville

**Ushers:** Kevin Buerge & Deb Helmuth

**Greeters:** Carmela & Kevin Rosner

**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

## **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON ECCLESIASTES:**

October 18: Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 "Enjoying Life: Food, Friends and Family"

October 25: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 "With Age Comes Wisdom"

November 1: Music Festival Service (organ and piano dedication)

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

[Remember to wash your coffee/tea mug and help us with being "green."]

## **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—Ryan Ahlgrim's office

**ADULT CLASS:** Bible study led by John Hofstetter today. Meets in the new nursery.

**Adult choir** begins meeting today during Sunday school in the sanctuary. All singers are welcome—Julie Deaton is the director.

## **Financial Update**

Budget contributions on October 4: \$ 11,825

Contributions YTD: \$274,887

Projected contributions needed YTD: \$331,921

Surplus (Deficit) YTD: (\$ 57,034)

**Sunday morning attendance for October 4: 215**

**TODAY—October 11, 2009**

JYF will do a corn maze event today from noon to 3:30 p.m.

**Fall Clothing Exchange** is still available for you to “shop” and make a donation to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). There is a donation box provided.

**THIS WEEK**

Ryan Ahlgrim will be **out of the office** Monday through Wednesday. Contact Rene Hostetter for any pastoral needs.

**You can help victims of Asia disasters through Mennonite Central Committee!**

Working with the local Mennonite church and other trusted partners, MCC is meeting human needs following the devastation of recent earthquakes in Indonesia and Typhoon Ketsana in the Philippines and Vietnam. MCC has committed an initial \$100,000 USD to the effort and welcomes your gifts of money to meet immediate emergency needs and support recovery efforts. Contributions may be made at any MCC office; online at [mcc.org/donate](http://mcc.org/donate); or by calling toll free – in Canada, 1-888-622-6337; in the U.S. 1-888-563-4676. Please designate gifts for “Asia Disasters.” Keep watching our website, [mcc.org](http://mcc.org), for updated information. We invite your prayers for people affected by the disasters throughout Asia.

The **Bible Study on Romans led by Jake Elias** continues this Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. The topics are as follows (all scriptures from Romans): October 13—God’s People (9:1-11:36), October 20—The Church in its World (12:1-15:13) and October 27—Congregational life and Mission (15:14-16:27).

Don't miss the opportunity to see some of the **Heartland Film Festival** October 15-19! There are many excellent films. Here are a couple you might want to see: *Perfect Game* about the Little League team from Mexico that comes to the USA to play. *Quest for Honor* about the brutal treatment of teen girls in Iraq. *Seven Minutes in Heaven* about a suicide bomber who has the opportunity to get to know the people he planned to kill. *Rough Aunties* about a group of remarkable women from South Africa who stand up to fight the abuse of children.  
--Peace and Justice Committee

Each year for the past five years, First Mennonite Church has participated in **Coat of Many Colors** with St. Monica Catholic Church. St. Monica selects four or five houses of low-income elderly families who need their houses painted, but cannot afford it. This Saturday, October 17, we are asking for volunteers to assemble at St. Monica on Michigan Road and we will proceed to paint this year’s houses. More details to follow. Questions? Talk to Delbert Culp.

**All-church fall party**, this Saturday, October 17, at the home of Allen and Cindy Mast. Children’s activities begin at 3:30 p.m. with the hot dog roast at 5:00 p.m. Dogs, buns, drinks, smores and paper goods provided. Bring a side dish to share.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Membership Sunday:** The Pastor-Elder Team recommends the following persons be received into membership at FMC next Sunday, October 18: Marj Rush Hovde, David Hovde, Nate Christophel Lichti, Jen Christophel Lichti (associate), and Gwen White (associate). Any feedback or questions may be directed to any member of the Pastor-Elder Team.

**Women's breakfast** is next Sunday morning, October 18, at 8:00 a.m. All women girls, and mentor-mentees are invited to attend. This will be a time to enjoy a meal and fellowship together. Bring a food item to share if you like.

Attention kids! The **Bible Memory Program** starts next Sunday, October 18! Pick up your notebook or your new form for your existing notebook in the fellowship hall. The program runs through May 2. All of the adults in the congregation are listeners.

Two million children die each year from infections spread by dirty water and lack of access to decent sanitation, and every day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. That's one child every five minutes. It's not too late to sign up for CROP Walk and help children in your life realize they can help those in need. **CROP Walk is NEXT SUNDAY**, October 18. 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. Brian and Kenda Friend are the coordinators this year. Note to MYFers: This is one of your events for October!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate the coming of fall and the amazing foods that we've grown in our gardens by coming to the Harvest Celebration on Saturday, October 24, at FMC at 6:00 p.m! Sign up sheets are posted on the kiosk; please RSVP if you are planning to attend to ensure we have enough food prepared. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Lali Hess.

Next **soup supper** is Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up to bring food items.

**Church Council** meeting is Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend and give a report of their committee's activities.

Everyone is invited to **celebrate with Rachel and Hollins Showalter at their baby shower** on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 3 p.m. Their small group will host the event at the church. Please see the mailbox flier for more details.

**The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast** with speaker Serge LeClere is Thursday, October 29, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 per person. More details are available on a flyer on the P&J board.

On November 1, our worship service will include a **dedication of the new organ and piano**. We will sing and listen to a variety of great church music. In addition, this service falls on "All Saints Day," so we will **remember through candlelighting** all those in our congregation who have died.

**MYF Live-in** is November 3-7 at the church.

Hold Saturday, November 7, from 8:00 a.m. to noon for our **fall workday**. We will be cleaning up limbs, raking leaves, etc. Everyone is welcome!

First Mennonite Church will host a **joint Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. with five other churches participating. We are planning on having a **joint liturgical dance group led by Shannon Dycus**. Anyone interested in participating in this dance group should contact the church office. There will likely be practices on the three Saturday mornings preceding the service.

**Mennonite Arts Weekend 2010** is February 5-7! This biannual event takes place in Cincinnati and is an amazing celebration of art and music, bringing together artists and members of the wider church for a weekend of worship, workshops, presentations, and performances. The 2010 theme is "Sacred Spaces and Common Ground" and will feature artists including folk band House of Doc, ceramic artist Dennis Maust, painter Jayne Holsinger, digital montage artist Naomi Pridjian and filmmaker Sidney King, among others. Artists and art enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit [mennoniteartsweekend.org](http://mennoniteartsweekend.org) or talk to Alison Schumacher.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Ahlgrim invites you to pick up a copy of "*The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes*" (on the bulletin table) which was included in last week's bulletin. You are invited to post this in a visible place in your home to refer to during our sermon series on the book of Ecclesiastes.

**Calling all gardeners!** For this year's Fall Banquet 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 potluck on November 22 (Thanksgiving).**

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