

A Celebration of Christian Worship

October 18, 2009

Prelude Priscilla Boschmann
Welcome
Celebrating upcoming birthdays and anniversaries
Introduction of guests
Announcements

Musical preparation for worship [based on tune for #502 “Spirit of God descend”]

Opening prayer

Call to worship based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

L: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

C: For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.

L: Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?

C: And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one.

All: A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Hymns #8 “Brethren, we have met to worship”

SJ#108 “Give thanks for life” v. 1,2,4

Pastoral prayer

Rene Hostetter

Hymn #75 “Holy, holy, holy” v. 1

Offering

Doxology #118 “Praise God, from whom”

Children’s Music Ministry

Scripture reading Ecclesiastes 9:7-9

Sermon “What God Approves”

Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn of response “For the beauty of the earth” [words for #89] v.1,2,4

Receiving of new members

David Hovde, Marj Rush Hovde, Nate Christophel Lichti, Jen Christophel Lichti (associate), Gwen White (associate)

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys & sermon responses

Closing hymn #433 “Bwana awabariki”

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: Todd Grotenhuis

Song Leader: Rod Deaton

Ushers: Rachel Friesen & Steve Krall

Greeters: Joyce & Patty Kuntz

Nursery: Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

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

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

November 8: A Community of Sharing (Acts 4:34-35)

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 Marj Rush Hovde. Meets in Rene Hostetter’s office. **Note change of location.**

Adult choir meets during Sunday school in the sanctuary. All singers are welcome—Julie Deaton is the director.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on October 11:

\$ 5,987

Contributions YTD:

\$280,874

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$340,219

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 59,345)

Sunday morning attendance for October 11: 193

TODAY—October 18, 2009

Attention kids! The **Bible Memory Program** starts today! 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.

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

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; 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, for updated information. We invite your prayers for people affected by the disasters throughout Asia.

It’s **CROP Walk day!!!** Don’t miss this chance to make a pledge to an FMC walker and take a stand against hunger! Walkers: be there by 1:30 p.m. for the 30th celebration of this Walk, and walking starts at 1:45 p.m. You can turn your own envelope in at the registration tent OR give it to a member of the Friend family during fellowship time this morning.

THIS WEEK

Because the church parking lot is going to be sealed, there will be **no parking in the parking lot Monday through Thursday.**

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 20—The Church in its World (12:1-15:13) and October 27—Congregational life and Mission (15:14-16:27).

Today is the last day to sign up to attend the Harvest Celebration! Don’t miss this wonderful annual FMC banquet **this Saturday at 6:00 p.m.** Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk in the fellowship hall. This is a **free banquet.** If you have questions, contact Lali Hess.

NEXT SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to **celebrate with Rachel and Hollins Showalter at their baby shower** next Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Their small group will host the event at the church. Please see the mailbox flier for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Although we are limited due to current construction, the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** is in desperate need for a church to host homeless guests during the week of November 8th – 15th, so we are agreeing to host. **We need small groups to indicate evenings that they can provide meals.** We also need **overnight monitors, van drivers, and set-up and clean-up crews.** Contact Lynn Irelan.

The **viewing for Gloria Hood's father**, Elno Steiner, will be held on Monday, October 19th at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Viewing hours are from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be held Tuesday, October 20th at Olive Mennonite Church in Elkhart. There will be a 1:00 p.m. viewing and a 2:00 p.m. funeral service, with a meal following the burial.

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.

The 17th annual Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast with speaker Serge LeClerc 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 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). 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.

Until our building expansion is completed, we **are unable to collect recyclables here at the church.** Please do not bring your phone books here! If you have one of the blue and yellow bins at your home, you may place phone books in them or take them to one of these collection sites:

- Broad Ripple Park, 450 Broad Ripple Avenue
- Circle City Recycling, 3617 Southeastern Avenue
- Langsdale Recycling, 832 Langsdale Avenue
- Perry Park, 415 E. Stop 11 Road
- Product Development Corp Warehouse, 3000 S. Shelby Street (1 block south of Troy St., on the west side of Shelby St., where Perry St. ends at Shelby St.)
- Republic Services, 96th Street Transfer Station
- Sahn Park, 6801 E. 91st Street

Our group subscription to *timbrel*, the magazine published by Mennonite Women USA, is up for renewal. Those of you who have been receiving it have been notified. Any other women are invited to join the list of subscribers. The costs are covered by the church budget. The issues are sent to your home address. Samples are available in the church library for your review. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the list of subscribers. Please respond to this inquiry as soon as you can.

**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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