

A Celebration of Christian Worship

October 25, 2009

Welcome

Celebrating upcoming birthdays and anniversaries

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

Opening prayer

Call to worship Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 [see back page of insert]

Hymns #366 “God of grace, and God of glory”

SJ#19 “I will call upon the Lord”

Pastoral prayer

Rene Hostetter

Hymn #392 “Heart and mind, possessions, Lord”

Offering

Doxology #119B “Praise God, from whom”

Children’s Time

Tom and Andrea Unzicker

Scripture reading Ecclesiastes 9:13-16

Sermon “Humble Wisdom”

Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn of response #376 “O God, thou faithful God”

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys & sermon responses

Closing hymn SS#81 “When we are tempted”

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: Bob Stump

Song Leader: Erin Rodman

Ushers: Kevin Buerge & Sue Turner

Greeters: Nancy Fletcher & Nolan Lichti

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

November 1: “When Jesus Sang” Music Festival Service

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

November 15: “The God Who Dwells in the Gaps” guest speakers from Mennonite Mission Network

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 18:

\$ 6,882

Contributions YTD:

\$287,756

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$348,517

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 60,761)

Sunday morning attendance for October 18: 225

Call to Worship

All: For everything there is a season, and a time for everything under heaven:

- L: a time to be born, and time to die;
- C: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- L: a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- C: a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- L: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- C: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- L: a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- C: a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- L: a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- C: a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- L: a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- C: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- L: a time to love, and a time to hate;

All: a time for war, and a time for peace.

TODAY—October 25, 2009

Attention kids! The **Bible Memory Program** started last Sunday! If you were not here last week, pick up your notebook or your new form today for your existing notebook in the fellowship hall. The program runs through May 2. All of the adults in the congregation are listeners.

Everyone is invited to **celebrate with Rachel and Hollins Showalter at their baby shower today** at 3:00 p.m. Their small group will host the event at the church.

Today is your last chance to shop at the **Fall Clothing Exchange**. Make a donation to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in the donation box provided.

THIS WEEK

The **Bible Study on Romans led by Jake Elias** concludes this Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. The topic is: “Congregational Life and Mission” (Romans 15:14-16:27).

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

Church Council meeting is this 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Food pantry Sunday is next Sunday, November 1. Remember to bring your generous donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Glick Neighborhood Center pantry.

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.** **Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.**

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!

Alternative Christmas Fair at Northview Church of the Brethren, 5555 East 46th Street, is Saturday, November 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Flyer is posted on the general bulletin board.

Save this date! Everyone is welcome to an **80th birthday celebration for Richard Yoder**, a former pastor of this congregation, on Sunday, November 15, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Richard's daughters, Lisa and Sanna, will be hosting the party here at FMC.

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.

A **Progressive Dinner for the Women at FMC** has been planned by the Women's Committee on Saturday, November 7th at 4:30 p.m. We will be eating a 4-course meal at the homes of four different women. Our hostesses need a count of how many guests (there's a limited number.) **Please sign up on the kiosk** in the fellowship hall if you'd like to attend. November 1st will be the last day to sign up. Any questions, please contact Angela Shenk or Sue Turner.

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

Nancy Fletcher and Amy Bixler have agreed to be **meal co-coordinators** for FMC. Nancy starts immediately and Amy starts January 1. Any meal requests should be directed to them. Donna Haines will continue to coordinate the meals

for Mary Ellen Kessler. Special thanks to Amy and Nancy and to the previous coordinator Cindy Mast for doing this special and much appreciated job.

At last Sunday's 30th anniversary CROP Walk, First Mennonite Church was honored as the top fundraiser for the past three decades (raising a total of \$97,585). A big thanks to all those at FMC who have supported this important mission so enthusiastically, and a warm thanks to Kenda and Brian Friend for being this year's coordinators and to John Marquis who has been the coordinator for many years previous.

We Walked Because They Walk – CROP Walk donations are due! CROP Walk was a great success once again, with the community raising over \$100,000 to help alleviate hunger. Walkers, please collect your donations and turn in your envelope to the Friends once you have all dollars enclosed. Please accomplish by Thanksgiving weekend – a great time to think about the abundance with which we've been blessed. You can still donate on-line by going to <http://www.churchworldservice.org> and clicking on the Indy walk, FMC page.

Miriam's Daughters Liturgical Dance Group is reviving itself through Miriam Rene Hostetter's leadership. The invitation is extended to all girls/women from 6 years on up. If all goes well, we will have a liturgical dance every Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20). You are invited to be a part of just one of them or all of them. Please contact Rene Hostetter ASAP if you are interested. Practices will be set according to persons' schedules who desire to be involved.

Do you struggle with **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or Depression?** Would you be interested in a support group of persons struggling in a similar way? Please see Rene Hostetter if you are interested.

"What Is An Anabaptist Christian?" This booklet, published by Mennonite Mission Network as part of their Missio Dei series, is an **excellent explanation of Anabaptist Beliefs**. Copies of the booklet are available on the bulletin table, welcoming table, and front entrance table. Feel free to **share copies with your friends**. You may also read, or download your own copy, from a link on our website: www.indymenno.org. Just click on "What is an Anabaptist?"

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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