

A Celebration of Christian Worship

November 1, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

Celebrating upcoming birthdays

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

Call to worship Responsive Psalm 100 [insert]

Opening prayer

Candles of Remembrance Ryan Ahlgrim & Rene Hostetter

Hymns #636 “For all the saints” v. 1,4,6,8
#34 “When the morning stars together”

Pastoral prayer Rene Hostetter

Hymn #76 “Praise, I will praise you, Lord”

Bringing our offerings and gifts of food

Sing #87 “Great is the Lord” as gifts are brought

Special music “Daddy Sang Bass” The King Family

Scripture Mark 14:26

Reflection “When Jesus Sang” Ryan Ahlgrim

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

Hymn of response #44 “When in our music God is glorified”

Litany of dedication of new instruments written by Shari Wagner

Choir “The Music of Grace” [lyrics on insert]

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys & sermon responses

Closing hymn #165 “A mighty fortress is our God”

Benediction #118 “Praise God, from whom”

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: Marj Mast

Song Leader & Cantor: Erin Rodman

Choir Director: Julie Deaton

Organists: Priscilla Boschmann, Beth Goering, Michael Stauffer, Robert Stump

Pianists: Laurie Ahlgrim, John Daniels, Jana Miller, Pattie Mishler

Ushers: Lynn Ireland & Cindy Mast

Greeters: Carmela & Kevin Rosner

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

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

November 22: “Called to Surrender” Mark 10:17-22 Rene Hostetter preaching

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.

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

Financial Update

Budget contributions on October 25:

\$ 7,530

Contributions YTD:

\$295,287

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$356,815

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 61,529)

Sunday morning attendance for October 25: 207

RECYCLING INFORMATION

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 East Stop 11 Road
- Product Development Corporation Warehouse, 3000 South Shelby Street—one block south of Troy Street, on the west side of Shelby Street, where Perry Street ends at Shelby Street
- Republic Services, 96th Street Transfer Station
- Sahn Park, 6801 East 91st Street

Here is also a list of schools which will accept phone books until December 7.

- Cold Spring Academy, 3650 Cold Spring Road
- Craig Middle School, 6501 Sunnyside Road
- Greenbrier Elementary School, 8201 Ditch Road
- Southport High School, 971 East Banta Road

A new recycling option: a one-stop shop where you can recycle glass, metal, plastics #1-#7 (but no styrofoam), paper, cardboard, electronics, and batteries in one fell swoop. Bring it all to the new **Chancellor A. Keesling Community Recycling Center** at 3518 East Michigan Street.

TODAY—November 1, 2009

Attention kids! The **Bible Memory Program** has started. 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.

If you attended the fall party at the Mast home, you are invited to sign a thank you note to the neighbor of the Masts who loans the tractor and wagon for the hayride each year. See Cindy Mast after the service.

Children's Ed **Christmas play practice** today from noon to 1:30 p.m. There will be rehearsal each Sunday in November at this time except November 29.

THIS WEEK

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

Fall workday is this Saturday, November 7, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. 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 this Saturday, November 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Flyer is posted on the general bulletin board.

A **progressive dinner for the women at FMC** has been planned by the Women's Committee this Saturday, November 7, at 4:30 p.m. We will be eating a four-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. Today is the last day to sign up. Any questions, please contact Angela Sherk or Sue Turner.

NEXT SUNDAY

Any teens and adults interested in participating in the **liturgical dance for the joint Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, November 22)**, are invited to join a group of dancers from all of the participating churches. All practices will be held at FMC on the following dates: Next Sunday, November 8, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Friday, November 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You will need to be present for at least three of the practices. Bring your Bible, comfortable clothes, and a grateful heart. Call Shannon with questions.

Christians for Peace and Justice in the Middle East are holding their 2009 fall conference next Sunday, November 8, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3421 North Park Avenue. JoAnne Lingle is one of the presenters. Featured speaker is Rev. Ward Cornett. Flyer is posted on the Peace & Justice bulletin board with complete details. Registration (\$5) begins at 1:30 p.m.

Our hosting of families with **Interfaith Hospitality Network** begins next Sunday, November 8, and concludes the following Sunday morning. We still have two evenings/dinner we need coverage for—Sunday and Saturday. We need lots of overnight monitors and van drivers. We also need set-up and clean-up crews. **Please sign up TODAY on the kiosk.** If you are new to our congregation and have questions, see Lynn Irelan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Community and Creativity in Resisting Consumerism” with **Shane Claiborne** (one of the featured speakers at the Columbus Convention this summer) will be here in Indianapolis at Englewood Christian Church, 57 North Rural Street, on Friday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free; offering will be taken. Come early—limited seating! Claiborne has authored several books including *“The Irresistible Revolution.”*

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.

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Penner's home to discuss *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. For more information, contact Alison.

FMC will host the annual **joint Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. Five diverse congregations will join us for this celebration of music and gratefulness. Attenders are invited to **bring food pantry items** for the Glick Neighborhood Center. Also, **an offering will be received** for United Christmas Service (checks made payable to FMC). And, **please bring simple snacks or finger foods to share** after 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

Fellowship Committee wishes to thank everyone who was involved with the Harvest Celebration last week! From donating homegrown produce to making

applesauce, from prepping and serving food to cleaning up, each person's involvement was a needed and appreciated one. And of course, thanks to all those who attended!

We recognize the difficult economic times faced by many in our congregation, and thanks to all who have contributed their time, talents and financial resources to the ministries of FMC. As of Sunday, October 25, FMC actual spending has exceeded our giving by approximately \$27,000. If you are able to make an extra contribution at this time, that would help us meet our commitments. (The spending for the new building construction has its own fund.)

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Please join Rene Hostetter and others on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:10 a.m. in Rene’s office. We will be interceding in prayer for First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, and the world.

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 age six on up. If all goes well, we will have a liturgical dance every Sunday of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13, and 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 **Depression or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)**? 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?”

**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: November 22 (Thanksgiving).
February 28, 2010
June 13, 2010**

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Lyrics for choir anthem “The Music of Grace”

Dedication For New Instruments

One: God from whom all music flows, we thank you for these instruments of song.

All: We dedicate them to the mystery of your hands moving through our hands, unleashing a healing river of notes.

One: God in whom all harmony swells, tune each note to please your ear.

All: We dedicate each chord to your kingdom. May each hymn remind us that heaven resonates through earth.

One: God by whom eternity springs, bless wood and string and pedal, bless what is mute until spirit gives it sound.

All: From prelude to the last refrain, God of creation, we dedicate these instruments to you.

You gave the birds their glorious music.
You gave the dove her lonesome cry.
You gave the swan her trumpet of beauty.
You taught the wind to whisper and sigh.
You gave the sea her roar of thanksgiving.
You taught the storm to rumble in praise.
God of all sound and Lord of creation,
teach us your music, teach us your music,
teach us the music of grace.

The universe drones in silence profound.
The planets are spinning with joyful sound.
The forests all sway at the touch of Your wind.
The mountains and valleys all echo Your praises again,
again and again, again and again.
You gave the church the language of worship.
You gave us hymns and anthems of faith.
God of all art and Lord of salvation,
teach us your music, teach us your music,
teach us the music of grace.
Teach us Your music of grace. Music of grace.