

# *A Celebration of Christian Worship*

November 8, 2009

**Prelude** Beth Goering

**Welcome**  
**Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries**  
**Introduction of guests**  
**Stewardship moment** James Rodman  
**Announcements**

**Musical preparation for worship** *“I’m that Sparrow”*  
Emma & Sam King

**Call to worship** SJ#120  
**Opening prayer**

**Hymns** #6 “Here in this place”  
#21 “All praise to our redeeming Lord” v.1,2,4

**Pastoral prayer** Rene Hostetter  
**Hymn** SJ#29 “You are all we have”

**Children’s time** Janet Wakefield, P&J

**Scripture** Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35

**Sermon** “A Community of Sharing” Ryan Ahlgrim

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

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

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

**Passing the friendship register**  
**Sharing of joys & sermon responses**

**Closing hymn** #425 “Come, come ye saints”

**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:** Marg Mast **Song Leader:** Mary Liechty  
**ASL Interpreter:** Linda Bellville  
**Ushers:** Ethel & Paul Hartman  
**Greeters:** Bill & Janet Wakefield  
**Nursery:** Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick  
**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

## **UPCOMING SERVICES:**

November 15: “The God Who Dwells in the Gaps” guest speakers from Mennonite Mission Network, Wayne & Lois Hochstetler

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 November 1:	\$ 7,144
Contributions YTD:	\$302,430
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$365,113
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 62,683)

**Sunday morning attendance for November 1: 231**

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.

Thank you for your donations to the **fall clothing exchange**. We raised \$139.50 for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), while we recycled and reused our FMC children's clothes. Look for the next clothing exchange in the spring of 2010. Thanks for your support!

“**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](http://www.indymenno.org). Just click on “What is an Anabaptist?”

### RECYCLING INFORMATION

Here is 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 8, 2009

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.

Our hosting of families with **Interfaith Hospitality Network** begins this evening and concludes next Sunday morning. See Lynn Irelan to sign up to help.

**Christians for Peace and Justice in the Middle East** are holding their 2009 fall conference today 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.

Any teens/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 the participating churches. All practices at FMC on the following dates: **Today, 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.

### THIS WEEK

**GLA** (Group Leaders' Assembly) meets this Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. All small groups should be represented at this meeting. Donna Haines is the elder officiating for the GLA meetings.

The Indiana Wildlife Federation and supporting organizations will be hosting the **Spirit and Place** event titled "Faith-Based Gardens for Wildlife and People" on November 11 and 12. This exciting workshop will address issues regarding the planning and design of wildlife friendly places of worship and the benefits associated with wildlife habitat and gardening. **First Mennonite Church's landscape is a model for the program**. To register, contact the Indiana Wildlife Federation at [www.indianawildlife.org](http://www.indianawildlife.org).

**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 Schumacher.

“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, this 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.”*

### NEXT SUNDAY

The Pastor-Elder Team has requested the making of a second **“comfort quilt”** to be used by members of the congregation in times of need. Luanne Fast, Laura Moshier, and Kathy Snyder will be heading up this project. If anyone would like to join for this effort, please meet with them during fellowship time next Sunday, November 15, in the nursery. This will be a brainstorming session to make plans for the project.

MYF meets next Sunday, November 15, for Parenthood Initiation for the Showalters here at the church from noon to 2:00 p.m.

**FREE multi-cultural festival** focuses on international gifts, entertainment and food; gives developing world artisans critical access to global markets. The seventh annual **Helping Hands Festival** takes place on Sunday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Richard’s School, 33 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (33<sup>rd</sup> & North Meridian). Local church groups and community organizations will display and sell the work of artisans from countries as diverse as Niger, El Salvador, Vietnam, and Haiti. Merchandise for sale at the festival directly benefits developing world artisans and producers who struggle to meet their most basic needs. Watch international performances, enjoy lunch, observe the creation of exquisite Tuareg silver jewelry and shop for holiday gifts. There’s something for everyone at this free, family-friendly festival presented by Global Gifts and St. Richards School. For more information, visit [www.GlobalGiftsIndy.com](http://www.GlobalGiftsIndy.com).

Everyone is welcome to an **80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Richard Yoder**, a former pastor of this congregation, next Sunday, November 15, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Richard’s daughters, Lisa Caskey and Sanna Yoder Walters, will be hosting the party here at FMC.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JYF service project** on Saturday, November 21, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Interested in learning how to run the church dishwasher?** Fellowship Committee will hold a crash course on running the dishwasher during potluck clean up time on November 22. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk. If you are interested in learning, but can’t make the November 22 training, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Questions? See Lali Hess or Alison Schumacher.

The next **all-church potluck** is Sunday, November 22, and the theme is Thanksgiving! **Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share**, and please prepare enough of your delectable dish to feed your family (to ensure

we have enough food for everyone in attendance). Fellowship Committee will provide turkey and/or ham. To better guide those with food allergies or intolerances, please bring a list of the ingredients used in your dish. Items may be dropped off in the kitchen before worship, but please plan to finish your own dish in time for the potluck; Fellowship Committee will not cook or finish preparing individual dishes. Questions? See Lali Hess or Alison Schumacher.

**Mentors/mentees Lunch & Learn** will be Sunday, November 22. We will participate in the Thanksgiving potluck and then meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to watch a movie and discuss it.

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.

**Save the date:** Brunch & cookie exchange at Deb Helmuth's house on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. More details to follow.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 funding for the new building construction is separate.)

**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.

**CROP Walk donations are due!** Walkers, please turn in your donations envelope to the Friends by November 29. 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. We hope to 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.

**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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