

A Celebration of Christian Worship

November 15, 2009

Prelude

Michael Stauffer

Welcome

Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

Opening prayer

Call to worship Psalm 139:7-10

Hymns SJ#18 “Over my head”

#145 “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy” v.1,2,4

Pastoral prayer

Rene Hostetter

Hymn SJ#46 “O breathe on me, O breath of God” v.1,2

Children’s time

Lois & Wayne Hochstetler

Scripture Romans 8:35-39

Sermon “The God Who Dwells in the Gaps”

Hochstetlers

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

Recitation “Where cross the crowded ways” [#405]

Angela Plank

Offering

Doxology #119A “Praise God, from whom”

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys & sermon responses

Closing hymn #306 “In Christ there is no east or west”

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: Dennis Mishler **Song Leader:** Erin Rodman

Ushers: Ethel & Paul Hartman

Greeters: Carmela & Kevin Rosner

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICE:

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 8:

\$ 5,765

Contributions YTD:

\$308,195

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$373,411

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 65,216)

Sunday morning attendance for November 8: 213

TODAY—November 15, 2009

A word from our church librarian: Priscilla Boschmann reminds the congregation that the church library is functioning even though the space is also used as a children's Sunday school classroom. Avail yourself of the books and materials our library has to offer. The book by Gerald Miller, "One Hundred Camels" seems to have been borrowed, but not signed out. If you have this book, please return it or fill out the borrower's card and bring to the library.

Second Starts is in need of household items. With the stimulus money opening up apartments for the previously homeless, their demand has been high, but not their donations. Even their funds are close to running out, so monetary donations are acceptable as well. Essential items at this time are:

- **blankets (any size)**
- **dishes (plates, bowls, glasses, coffee mugs)**
- **bake ware and pots and pans**

Please bring any donations to the church and Sally Schrock, the Second Starts director, will pick up. If you have a large amount of stuff, Sally will also pick up at your house.

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.

We welcome to our service today Lois and Wayne Hochstetler who are Worker Care Specialists with Mennonite Mission Network.

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

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 today in the nursery. This will be a brainstorming session to make plans for the project.

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** today from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Richard's School, 33 East 33rd Street (33rd & 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.

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

THIS WEEK

Men's morning meeting is this Wednesday, November 18, at 8:00 a.m.

Liturgical dance practice for the joint Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, November 22), at FMC on Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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 next Sunday, 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 next 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 next 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** next 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Messiah singalong is at FMC this year on Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Instrumentalists interested in participating should indicate this to the church office. We have musical scores for most instruments. Rod Deaton will again be directing the singalong. Bring finger foods to share afterwards.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Hollins and Rachel Showalter on the birth of Jillian Kaye Showalter at 5:06AM on November 10! Jillian weighs 6 pounds and is 19¼ inches long. Mother and baby are both well.

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.

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. Just click on “What is an Anabaptist?”

OUR NEW SANCTUARY CROSS

The Worship Committee is grateful to Derrick Method for constructing the new cross for our sanctuary. Following is Derrick's interpretation of the meaning of this artistic representation of Christianity's central symbol:

I see this cross as taking a step away from its regular static placement flat on the wall and entering our space, which is really God's space, or our space. From a head-on view this cross is square and standard looking, but from any other vantage the pliability of the form is apparent. The form is now square and curved—being two things at the same time. The dual nature of Christ is the main theme here, and by that I mean the dynamic between a Creator and a Son, the tangible and the spiritual. Another aspect of the piece will hopefully be apparent under certain lighting conditions due to the surface treatment of the backside of the cross. That is where aluminum beverage cans have been diced and reconfigured in a mosaic-like manner to represent the color spectrum—which hopefully will be reflected on the wall. This is to show all the colors of the rainbow, including both pink and blue, unified where they belong.

**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
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