

A Celebration of Christian Worship

January 24, 2010

Prelude
Welcome
Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries
Introduction of guests
Announcements

Michael Stauffer

Musical preparation for worship

Opening prayer

L: God help our piety

C: That it does not justify unworthy action.

L: God help our good works

C: That they do not cloud our need for spiritual growth.

L: God help our hearts

C: That they may not harden to difficult truths.

L: God help our souls

C: That they might embrace your spirit of love in myriad ways.

L: Mother, Father God, Spirit of Love,

C: Grow us into beings who listen, hear and act through your word.

Hymns #12 “Come, let us all unite to sing”

#26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”

Pastoral prayer

Prayer response #352 “Gentle Shepherd”

Ryan Ahlgrim

Offering

Doxology #119B “Praise God, from whom”

Children’s Time

Sermon “The Legacy of Oppressed Women”

1 Samuel 1:7-8

Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn of response #377 “Healer of our every ill”

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys and responses to sermon

Closing hymn SJ#54 “Longing for light”

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: Michael Z. Miller **Song Leader:** Mary Liechty

ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville

Greeters: Erica Hartman & Kelsey Hartman **Ushers:** Amy Bixler & Cindy Mast

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERMON THEMES:

January 31: “Moses’ Flaw”

February 7: “Lost in the Details”

February 14: “David’s Mid-life Crisis: David and Bathsheba”

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.”]

There are Sunday school classes today for all. The children’s classes are on the north side of the original building and the rest are in the new addition. Look for class lists on the doors. The JYF and MYF meet upstairs in their new rooms.

Adult classes:

“**Budget 2010 Q&A Session**” will be held today and next Sunday in the first section of the middle rooms (off fellowship hall). Today’s session will be coordinated by Stewardship Chair-Elect, Steve Krall.

“**Time in the Bible and Our Spiritual Lives**” taught by Dennis Mishler and John Hofstetter. Meets now in an upstairs classroom. Go up the stairs by the kitchen and about halfway down the hall—look for sign on the door.

“**Human Sexuality and the Christian Life**” led by Ryan Ahlgrim meets in the overflow classrooms. Class outline available on the bulletin table.

“**Christ, the fulfillment**” is the adult Bible study on Matthew and is taught by Marj Rush Hovde. Meets in the first classroom past the new building entrance on the right.

Adult choir meets in the multi-purpose room. All singers are welcome. Julie Deaton is the director.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on January 17:	\$ 8,770
YTD budget contributions for 2010:	19,590
Estimated contributions needed per week	7,972
Estimated needs YTD	23,917
Estimated deficit/surplus YTD	(4,327)

Sunday morning attendance for January 17: 264

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is **responding to the earthquake that struck Haiti** January 12, the largest in more than 200 years. MCC's response will be at least \$1 million and will provide immediate shelter, food and emergency supplies and trauma healing and other long-term recovery needs. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. Give online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by check to the MCC office nearest you, or by phone toll free: 1-888-563-4676 (U.S.).

An inquiry has been received from a person living on the north side of Indianapolis who would like to learn Pennsylvania Dutch and wants a local tutor. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Martha Yoder Maust (Shalom Mennonite).

TODAY—January 24, 2010

2010 Budget Q&A session will be held today during the Sunday school hour. This will be in the first room off the fellowship hall (middle rooms) with Steve Krall (Stewardship Chair-Elect) presiding.

Ryan Ahlgrim is leading an eight-week **Faith Formation Class** which began last Sunday. It's not too late to join the class—come today from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch; we will meet in the classroom across from the kitchen. This is for **anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith, Mennonite beliefs, and the mission of First Mennonite** and is required for those who wish to **join the church or be baptized**. If you would like to be in this class, but cannot come today, e-mail Ryan.

THIS WEEK

Reminder that **playgroup** meets here at the church on Tuesday mornings in the nursery from 9:30-11:00. This is for any parent and their stay-at-home children. Questions, contact Heidi Boschmann Amstutz.

Comfort quilt preparation will continue for several more sessions at Kathy Snyder's home. The next one is this Tuesday, January 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Monday, February 8 will be the next session.) Anyone welcome. Please bring your sewing machine. There will likely be yet another session later in February. Questions: See Laura Moshier or Kathy Snyder.

Soup supper is this Wednesday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited. Please sign up at the kiosk to bring food items. Rhonda Sherer is the coordinator.

Church Council meeting is this Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend and give a report.

Women's Bible study has resumed meeting on Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the church. The resource being used from January through May is Philippians and Ephesians: Becoming a Caring Community (Serendipity Group Bible Study). Childcare is available. All women are welcome! Direct questions to Deb Helmuth.

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First Mennonite women and friends are invited to attend the annual **Women's Retreat** on January 29-30 at the Fitness Farm. The theme "Women in the Hebrew Bible" will be conducted by Wilma Ann Bailey, professor of Hebrew and Aramaic Scripture at CTS. Flyers are available in the fellowship hall on the table near the women's bulletin board. Return the bottom portion to Angela Shenk or you may e-mail or telephone her to register. The registration deadline is January 21. We need to have a count for the Saturday brunch to be catered by our own Lali Hess of The Juniper Spoon. Retreat cost: Friday--8, Saturday--\$12, both days--\$20. **Note there is a sign-up today for food items you can bring for the retreat. Sign up today at the kiosk!**

A **Depression Support Group** now meets in Rene's office every first and third Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The next one is February 3. All men and women are welcome!

"Mennonite Arts Weekend," February 5-7 in Cincinnati, Ohio. There is a complete listing of the program and participants along with registration information at www.mennoniteartsweekend.org. We have a sign-up posted on the kiosk for carpooling/sharing lodging.

The annual **MYF Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be Sunday, February 7, following Sunday School at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come!

The **all-church winter retreat** is February 12-13, at the Benedictine Center in Beech Grove. Sign up today for overnight and meals registration—at the kiosk. The event is paid for by the church budget. Note we will not be having the Saturday evening meal at the retreat this year. There are flyers in your box with more information about the retreat.

We will have a **parent-child dedication** during the February 14 service for **Jen and Kevin Myers** and their son **Nolan Keith**. If there are other families that would like to schedule a parent-child dedication (does not have to be an infant), see Ryan Ahlgrim.

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive at FMC** will be on Sunday, February 14. People will be able to sign up for slots from 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The blood donations will be done **in the multi-purpose room in our new addition** (instead of in the bloodmobile as was done last time), so the process should go faster. Even so, allow for an hour to donate. Sign-up will begin on January 31.

Mentor Mentee breakfast will be Sunday, January 31, from 8:00-9:15 a.m. Come for breakfast and then join in small group facilitated discussions. Female mentors please bring a food item to share; drinks will be provided.

Snow Camp Dates: MYF is January 22-24—they will be returning today; JYF February 19-21 both at Amigo Centre.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Administrative Relations Committee (ARC) is pleased to announce that **Dean Habegger has been hired to be our janitor** for the expansion part of our building. Any questions or concerns regarding the cleaning of these spaces should be addressed to Dean.

Church mailboxes have been moved again—to the new entrance area of the addition to our building. This is on a trial basis and we would like you to give feedback to the church office—positive or negative, please. The lost and found items are also in the same location. **Please claim your stuff—last chance!** The collection box for **Second Starts** is now in a section of the mailboxes.

A **revised update for your church directory** has been distributed to mailboxes. Place it inside your pictorial directory. Note this update supersedes previously published updates to this current directory.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has asked for 20,000 relief kits, 10,000 blankets, and 10,000 sheets to be sent to Haiti by the end of February. Let's support this by bringing in any the following items:

- 1 plastic bottle of shampoo (380-710ml/13-24oz.)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, Zote brands) **(note this new item, no longer want powdered laundry soap)**
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml/6oz, leave in box)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6 to 8 in/15 to 20cm)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi)

We've assembled a display of these items in the fellowship hall. Another way to contribute is to write a check to FMC with "relief kits" in the byline or give cash. Place both in the basket on the manned display table or give directly to Nancy Fletcher or Lu Culp. We will then purchase items to complete the kits. Let's be timely with our contributions so we can get the items to Goshen. Thank you, from the Mission & Service Committee

**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: February 28, 2010
June 6, 2010**

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