

A Celebration of Christian Worship
February 7, 2010

Prelude Pattie Mishler

Welcome

**Celebrating upcoming birthdays
Announcements**

Musical preparation for worship

Opening Prayer SJ#122 [unison]

Hymns SJ#19 “Come, now is the time to worship”
#16 “God is here among us”

Pastoral prayer Ryan Ahlgrim

Bringing Our Offerings and Gifts of Food
Sing #87 “Great is the Lord” as gifts are brought forward

Children’s Time

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 Rene Hostetter
Sermon “Lost in the Details” Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn of response #526 “In the rifted rock I’m resting”

**Passing the friendship register
Sharing of joys, introduction of guests, and sermon responses**

Closing hymn #430 “God be with you”

**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: Paul Hartman **Song Leader:** Jana Miller
Greeters: Patty Graber & Jim Sauder **Ushers:** Marilyn & Ralph Stutzman
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:
February 14: “David’s Mid-life Crisis: David and Bathsheba”
February 21: First Sunday in Lent (Communion)

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 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 :
“**Time in the Bible and Our Spiritual Lives**” taught by Dennis Mishler and John Hofstetter. Meets in the first middle classroom off the fellowship hall.
“**Human Sexuality and the Christian Life**” led by Ryan Ahlgrim meets in the overflow classroom off the fellowship hall. Class outline is 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 31:	\$ 6,955
YTD budget contributions for 2010:	33,025
Estimated contributions needed per week	7,972
Estimated needs YTD	39,862
Estimated deficit/surplus YTD	(6,837)

Sunday morning attendance for January 31: 218

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RELIEF KIT ITEMS

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs 20,000 relief kits, 10,000 heavy comforters, and 10,000 new flat sheets for Haiti by the end of February.

Relief kit 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 for the relief kits 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 display table or give directly to Nancy Fletcher or Lu Culp. We will then purchase items to complete the kits.

Heavy comforter specifications:

- Use new or nearly new material
- Single/twin-size preferred (approx. 152cm x 203 cm / 60in x 80in) Double/full-size accepted (approx. 208cm x 228cm / 82in x 90in)
- Winter weight preferred (please use quilt batting)
Light weight to medium weight also accepted
- Knotted with crochet cotton (not more than 10-15cm / 4-8in apart)
- *Get children involved: use fabric markers or fabric crayons to draw pictures on plain muslin or solid fabric comforter tops*

Sheets

- NEW flat sheets for Haiti—we need double, queen or king-size sheets in light colors. Sheets will also be used as mosquito netting and light colors are less attractive to mosquitoes.

TODAY—February 7, 2010

As a way of saying thank you, the building committee would like to invite everyone who volunteered their time in any way to help out with any of the building expansion projects to join us for brownies in the Children's Music Ministries classroom, after the service today.

Linda Speers from the Red Cross is with us today to assist with signing up for donations of blood on Sunday, February 14. Check out the display table in the fellowship hall. You may 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.

Ryan Ahlgrim is leading another session of the **Faith Formation Class** today from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch; we will meet in the classroom across from the kitchen.

THIS WEEK

Comfort quilt preparation will continue with another session at Kathy Snyder's home this Monday, February 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Anyone welcome. Please bring your sewing machine. There will likely be yet another session later in February. Questions: See Laura Moshier or Kathy Snyder.

Group Leaders' Assembly (GLA) will meet this Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. All small groups should have a representative at the meeting.

The **all-church winter retreat** is Friday and Saturday, February 12-13, at the Benedictine Center in Beech Grove. Last chance to sign up 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. There is also a sign-up at the kiosk for the variety show which will be on Friday evening at the retreat. **Don't forget to bring snacks to share and if you want pop, please bring some!**

NEXT SUNDAY

We will have a **parent-child dedication** next Sunday, February 14, during the worship 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual joint Ash Wednesday service is February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at **Sweeney Chapel**, Christian Theological Seminary (CTS). (Take Michigan Road to 42nd Street, go east one block to Haughey Avenue, turn north and go one block. Parking lot for the chapel is on the left side. Enter CTS, and chapel is immediately on the right.) This meditative service begins the season of Lent and brings together five congregations: First Mennonite, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Immanuel Presbyterian, Saint Andrew Presbyterian, and Living Water.

Snow Camp Dates for JYF are February 19-21 at Amigo Centre.

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Ellen Stoesz's home to discuss Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. For more information, contact Alison.

Women's brunch sponsored by the women's committee will be held on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please bring a breakfast item to share. Orange juice and hot drinks will be provided. We will be knotting comforters for the Haitian relief efforts. If anyone wants to contribute comforters to be knotted, please contact Sue Turner. We have two quilt frames and we may need one or two more.

Once again we will have a **joint Lenten Bible study with five congregations** from February 24 to March 24. A **simple meal** will be provided at **6:00 p.m.**, Followed by a **one-hour Bible study at 6:30 p.m.** We will study the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. All of the Bible studies will be held at **Christian Theological Seminary** under Sweeney Chapel, in room B29. Use the parking lot and entrance off of Haughey Avenue, one block north of 42nd Street.

Mentor/Mentee Outing at Camp Friedenswald on Saturday, February 27. Check your memo from Rene for complete details. You must register directly to the camp by February 12. The cost is \$10 a person. Questions: see Rene.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Following the worship service on Sunday, February 28, there will be a very brief congregational meeting. The first portion will be to approve the 2010 budget. A copy of the budget and cover letter was distributed by e-mail (and in mailboxes to those without e-mail) to the congregation in mid January. There were two Q and A sessions in January as well, but if anyone has remaining questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the Stewardship Committee. The second part of the meeting will be led by Children's Ed for parents and guardians of children age

two through fifth grade as described below and of course anyone else is also welcome. Read on:

Children's Ed announcement: New Decade. New Space, New Common Understanding. As we celebrate new space and a growing children's program at FMC, there is a need to gather parents to create some common understandings about safety, budget updates, as well as how we interact. There will be a short parent meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 28, during fellowship time for those with children age two through grade five. It is expected that one parent from each household will attend (so children are not left unattended) in order for every family to have the information. With questions in advance, contact Kenda Resler Friend or Meg Wilson.

The next **all-church potluck** will be on Sunday, February 28, and the theme is international foods! Please bring your favorite international dish to share, and please prepare enough of your delectable dish to feed your family. To better guide those with food allergies or intolerances, please bring a list of the ingredients used in your dish. **REMEMBER, NO NUTS SHOULD BE USED IN ANY FOODS BECAUSE OF SEVERE ALLERGIES.** Items may be dropped off in the kitchen during worship, but please plan to finish your own dish in time for the potluck; Fellowship Committee will not cook or finish preparing individual dishes. Question? See Lali Hess.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving statements for 2009 have been distributed to the church mailboxes. Please review your statement carefully and make sure your records match. Any questions or problems should be addressed to Robin Yoder, Treasurer B.

Congratulations to Sam Carpenter and Alison Schumacher on the birth of **Simon Jared Carpenter** on Monday, February 1. Simon weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. All are doing well.

A reminder that the last day to turn in donation forms for the **MYF auction** to Jana Miller's mailbox is next Sunday, February 14! You may donate more than one item. Additional forms are available in the fellowship hall on the MYF bulletin board. (The **Auction and Chili Cook-off** is Saturday, March 13.)

The **church mailboxes** will remain in the new entryway. The first part of the alphabet is on the left; second part on the right (facing outside). For any items which are placed on or near the mailboxes for individuals in the church, please put the person's name on the item and put a note in their box advising them of the item. Provisions are there for making these notes.

**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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