

A Celebration of Christian Worship

February 14, 2010

Prelude Beth Goering

Welcome

**Celebrating upcoming birthdays and anniversaries
Announcements**

Musical preparation for worship

Opening Prayer

Hymns #514 “Lord, I am fondly, earnestly”
#506 “I sought the Lord”

Parent-Child Dedication

Kevin & Jen Myers bringing Nolan Keith

Pastoral prayer

Ryan Ahlgrim

Offering

Doxology #119A “Praise God, from whom”

Scripture 2 Samuel 11:1

Rene Hostetter

Sermon “The Problem with David”

Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn of response #99 “We praise thee, O God”

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys, introduction of guests, and sermon responses

Closing hymn #418 “Move in our midst”

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

ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville

Greeters: Brian & Kenda Friend **Ushers:** Jeff & Noah Bisesi

Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES:

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 corner overflow room today.

Adult choir meets today in the sanctuary. All singers are welcome. Julie Deaton is the director.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on February 7:	\$ 4,923
YTD budget contributions for 2010:	37,948
Estimated contributions needed per week	7,972
Estimated needs YTD	47,835
Estimated deficit/surplus YTD	(9,887)

FMC Sunday morning attendance for February 7: 199

FMCers at Mennonite Arts Weekend worship on February 7: 8

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 14, 2010

Today the Red Cross is here for the blood donations which you signed up for over the past couple of weeks. Processing will be in the first room on the right (past the new entrance) and donations will be done in the multi-purpose room. Be sure to be available at the time which you signed up for.

A reminder that today is the last day to turn in donation forms for the **MYF auction** to Jana Miller's mailbox. 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.)

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 adult Bible study classroom.

THIS WEEK

Our annual joint Ash Wednesday service is this 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.

Ryan Ahlgrim has begun a **weekly Bible study blog**, which will appear every Monday. Go to indymenno.org and click on the "Online Bible Study" tab, or go directly to <http://fmciblestudy.blogspot.com>. **Join this online Bible study discussion, and invite your friends!**

Snow Camp Dates for JYF are this Friday-Sunday, 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.

The **Indy Artists' Peace Project** will be showing the documentary film "*Sir! No Sir!*" on Friday, February 19th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. here at FMC. "Sir! No Sir!" recounts the largely suppressed story of the GI-lead Movement to end the War in Vietnam - ultimately leading to the formation of Veterans Against the War. The film includes a historical timeline and interviews with the GIs, conscientious objectors, and political activists who actually lived it. The film will be followed by an open discussion. (**WARNING:** film contains graphic war footage and strong language. Not recommended for children.) Admission is free, with donations accepted to support future peace-related events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ryan Ahlgrim will lead an "**Art & Faith Tour**" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on Sunday, March 7th. Bring a sack lunch to church, and we will leave for the IMA at 12:30. Ryan has selected about twenty-five paintings to reflect on. **Limited to fifteen, so sign-up on the kiosk in the fellowship hall.**

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 is on Saturday, February 27. Check your memo from Rene for complete details. The cost is \$10 per person. Please direct any questions to Rene Hostetter.

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 congregational meeting will be led by Children's Ed for parents and guardians of children ages two through fifth grade as described below and of course anyone else is also welcome.

Children's Ed: 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

understanding 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.

FMC will be starting a Sunday evening service at the end of this month. It will begin as one Sunday per month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rene Hostetter will take primary responsibility for the facilitation of this service. The format will be much more informal and participatory, exploring many different forms of worship and prayer. The first three services will be held on February 28, March 21, and April 11. If you have any questions, please see Rene Hostetter.

AJ Jacobs, author of *The Year of Living Biblically* will be at St. Luke's Methodist on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$15. Please go to <http://www.stlukesumc.com/api/event/a.j.-jacobs-best-selling-author-speaks-at-st.-lukes/> for additional information.

**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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