

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

Prelude Priscilla Boschmann

Welcome
Celebrating upcoming birthdays
Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

Prayer of Confession #703

Hymns SJ#3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”
#43 “Christ is our cornerstone”

Pastoral prayer Ryan Ahlgrim
Response by Choir “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Offering
Doxology #118 “Praise God, from whom”

Children’s Time John Boyce

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon “Junk Food Faith” Ryan Ahlgrim

Silent reflection

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

Observance of communion
Hymn SJ#86 “Taste and see”

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

Closing hymn #366 “God of grace and God of glory”

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 **Choir Director:** Julie Deaton
Song Leader & Choir Accompanist: Jana Miller
ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville **Guitarist:** Art Umble
Greeters: Pattie Mishler & Connor Stoesz **Ushers:** Bill & Janet Wakefield
Nursery: Caitlin Selby & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES:
Second Sunday in Lent—February 28: “The Binding of Isaac” Genesis 22
Third Sunday in Lent—March 7: Suffering Messiah” Mark 10:32-45
Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14: “Judgment on Religion” Mark 11:12-19

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. 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 adult classroom in the new addition—first door on the right past the new entrance.
Adult choir meets in the multi-purpose room. All singers are welcome. Julie Deaton is the director.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on February 14:	\$ 7,314
YTD budget contributions for 2010:	45,262
Estimated contributions needed per week	7,972
Estimated needs YTD	55,807
Estimated deficit/surplus YTD	(10,545)

FMC Sunday morning attendance for February 14: 204

TODAY --- February 21, 2010

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.

Children's Ed teacher/helper/sub idea exchange lunch is today at noon in the multi-purpose room. Parents are providing the lunch.

THIS WEEK

Once again we will have a **joint Lenten Bible study with five congregations** from this Wednesday, February 24 to March 24. **A simple meal** will be provided at **6:00 p.m.** **A one-hour Bible study will begin 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.

Soup supper is this Wednesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited. Sign up to bring food items at the kiosk. Rhonda Sherer is the coordinator.

Church Council meets this Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Each committee chair should attend the meeting and make a report of their activities.

Mentor/Mentee Outing at Camp Friedenswald is this Saturday, February 27. Check your memo from Rene for complete details. The cost is \$10 per person. Please direct any questions to Rene Hostetter.

NEXT SUNDAY

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. As we celebrate new space and a growing children's program at FMC, there is a need to gather parents and other adults, too, to create some common understanding about safety, budget updates, as well as how we interact. It is expected that one parent from each household will attend (so children are not left unattended) in order for

Donate Eggs, Be part of Easter Egg Hunt: Did you know that the Easter egg could be considered symbolic of the rebirth of humankind? Plus, FMC kids consider it a symbol of fun at church! Be part of the Children's Ed Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3**. Bring kids (including neighbors, relatives, friends – all are welcome) age two through fifth grade for the hunt which starts promptly at 10:15 a.m., rain or shine. (No refreshments served this year.)

Donations of filled plastic eggs are needed **by March 21** before people are gone for spring breaks. Stop by the Children's Ed workroom across from the kitchen and pick up a bag of empty eggs you can fill as we recycle eggs year after year. Please fill eggs with WRAPPED candy (avoiding peanut items), stickers, small toys or coins (no jelly beans or other unwrapped edible items) and return to the workroom.

every family to have the information. With questions in advance, contact Kenda Resler Friend or Meg Wilson.

The next **all-church potluck** will be next 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. The Fellowship Committee will supply white and brown rice to accompany your dishes. 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.

The new **Arts Committee** will have its first meeting next Sunday, February 28, immediately following the potluck lunch. We will meet in the multi-purpose room in the new addition. Questions: contact Dean Habegger.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A.J. Jacobs, author of *The Year of Living Biblically* will be at St. Luke's United Methodist on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$15. (This is the book we featured in our "One Church One Book" program last summer.) Please go to this website for more information: <http://www.stlukesumc.com/api/event/a.j.-jacobs-best-selling-author-speaks-at-st.-lukes/>

There will be a **newcomer breakfast hosted by the elders** on Sunday, March 7, at 8:00 a.m. All new attenders here at FMC are invited to this breakfast. Please RSVP to the church office. Food is provided by the elders!

Ryan Ahlgrim will lead an "Art & Faith Tour" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on Sunday, March 7. Bring a sack lunch to church, and we will leave for the IMA at 12:30 p.m. Ryan has selected about 25 paintings to reflect on. **Limited to fifteen people, so sign-up on the kiosk in the fellowship hall.**

The **MYF auction and chili cook-off** is Saturday, March 13, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Let's support our MYF as they raise funds for their DOOR trip this summer.

Our next opportunity to **host families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network** (IHN) is the week of March 14-21. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk for various tasks. Be sure to sign up early to get the dates you want.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Memory "Station" in Fellowship Hall: Kids – look for the table labeled "Bible Memory" and you can find stickers for your notebooks, the prize basket as you reach goals, and even LISTENERS sitting down ready to listen if you are having a hard time deciding to whom you'd like to recite your verse.

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!**

Due to our congregation growing in size and to foster better accounting procedures, **all church-related expenses submitted to the church treasurer** for repayment must **first be pre-approved** by the appropriate committee chair. Committee chairs will have you submit a reimbursement request to them and then they will sign the form, fill in the budget line item that it applies to and pass it on to the church treasurer. No expenses will be reimbursed without the *prior* approval of the committee chair or without the reimbursement paperwork. Reimbursement forms and 501(c)3 forms are located in the treasurer's mailbox (next to the Boyce box). Thank you for your cooperation. --James Rodman, Chair of Stewardship Committee

Alicia Janzen is planning to move to Indianapolis the end of March, beginning of April. She grew up in Nebraska at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice and graduated from Goshen College in 2006 with a degree in Social Work. Alicia is currently living and working in Miami, FL but ready to move back to the midwest to be closer to family and friends. She is looking for a job and finding a place to live and wondering if anyone at First Mennonite would have space and/or interest in 'hosting' a new person to Indy for a month or two. Alicia is willing to pay a bit for rent, but just needs a place to stay while in transition. If you know of a housing opportunity for Alicia, please contact her at (see number in printed bulletin) and also let the church office know.

**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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