

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010

Prelude Pattie Mishler
Welcome
Celebrating upcoming birthdays
Announcements

Musical preparation for worship Marie Schloneger

Prayer of Confession #698

Hymns #26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”
#521 “Come, thou fount”

Pastoral prayer Rene Hostetter
Response SS#45 “Calm me, Lord”

Children’s Time

Scripture Genesis 22:1-14
Sermon “Ultimate Sacrifice, Ultimate Trust” Ryan Ahlgrim

Silent reflection

[Children age four through grade five are dismissed for Children’s Music Ministry]
Choir “In Christ Alone”

Offering
Doxology #119B “Praise God, from whom”

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

Closing hymn #327 “Great if thy faithfulness”

Blessing

Congregational Meeting

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
Greeters: Ellen & Connor Stoesz **Ushers:** Del Culp & Brian Friend
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES:

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
Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21: “Father, Forgive Them”

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 21:	\$ 3,017
YTD budget contributions for 2010:	48,979
Estimated contributions needed per week	7,972
Estimated needs YTD	63,849
Estimated deficit/surplus YTD	(14,870)

FMC Sunday morning attendance for February 21: 222

JYF and sponsors at snow camp: 19

TODAY --- February 28, 2010

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.

The Peace & Justice Committee is aware of an online petition responding to Goshen College's recent decision to have an instrumental version of the national anthem played at some sporting events. For those interested in learning more about this new policy, go to the Goshen College website at: <http://www.goshen.edu/news/pressarchive/01-22-10-national-anthem395.html>.

The online petition is at: <http://www.jesusradicals.com/resisting-the-national-anthem-at-goshen-college/>

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 am 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 (number in printed bulletin) and also let the church office know.

There will be a brief **congregational meeting** at the conclusion of the worship service today to approve the 2010 proposed budget and to receive important instructions from the Children’s Ed Committee.

All-church potluck today. 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.

Ryan Ahlgrim is leading the final session of the **Faith Formation Class** today in the adult Bible study classroom. We will meet from about 1:00-1:30 p.m. following the potluck.

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

FMC’s first Sunday **evening service** starts TODAY at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in our new addition. The format will be much more informal and participatory, exploring many different forms of worship and prayer. This week we will focus on dwelling in the Word, a form of prayerful reading of scripture involving meditation, prayer, and contemplation. If you have any questions, please see Rene Hostetter. Future Sunday evening services are scheduled for March 21 and April 11.

THIS WEEK

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/>

Men’s morning meeting is this Wednesday, March 2, at 8:00 a.m.

We are having a **joint Lenten Bible studies with five congregations** each Wednesday through March 24. A **simple meal** is provided at **6:00 p.m.** A **one-hour Bible study will begin at 6:30 p.m.** We are studying the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. All of the Bible studies are 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.

Indianapolis MEDA chapter meeting is Saturday, March 6, at First Mennonite from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sonia Dominiguez, Peru Country Representative, will be here to share about our Peruvian project. The meal will be a potluck. -- MEDA Executive Committee.

NEXT SUNDAY

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!

Food pantry Sunday is next Sunday, March 7. Remember to bring your generous donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries for the pantry at the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek.

MYF will have a **planning session** for the chili cook-off and auction fundraiser on Sunday, March 7, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Words & Music Against War: A Free Concert for Peace & Solidarity, on Saturday, March 20, 2:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church. An artistic celebration of peace & justice featuring performances by Norbert Krapf (Indiana State Poet Laureate), Mike Laman (singer/songwriter), Jeff Matheus (poet) Everett McKee and more. Plus; children's activities, info tables on local peace organizations and more. Co-presented by Indy Artists' Peace Project and The Indiana Peace & Justice Network. FREE admission. Donations accepted to support future peace-related events.

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.

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. Pickup some empty eggs in the mailbox unit (new entryway), fill them and return to the Children's Ed workroom across from the kitchen. Please fill eggs with WRAPPED candy (avoiding peanut items), stickers, small toys or coins (no jelly beans or other unwrapped edible items).

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Discernment Committee: The 2010-2011 leadership nomination forms have been placed in church mailboxes. You may fill these out as individuals or small groups and you may nominate yourself. Simply follow the instructions at the top of the form and place completed forms in the designated box in the fellowship hall by March 28. Questions may be directed to Pattie Mishler, Ted Danielson, or Joe Longenecker.

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

Contributions to the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Haiti Relief Project: We sent MCC 56 relief kits, ten comforters, and seven sheets. In addition to relief items, monetary gifts were given totaling \$3,370. Some of this money was used to complete the kits and the rest sent to MCC for Haiti.

**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 potluck: June 6, 2010

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