

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Victoria Woods- Yee

Prelude

Intermezzo
Ken Graber

Johannes Brahms

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

VT 81 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*
(v. 1,4,7)

*Responsive Reading - Psalm 65 9-13

One: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

Many: You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it

One: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges

Many: softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

One: You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness

Many: The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy

One: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

Many: the valleys deck themselves with grain;

All: they shout and sing together for joy.

Telling God's Story

Special Music

Psalm Of Hope
Chancel Choir

Felix Goebel-Komala

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved and set me free. I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. My God, why have you abandoned me? Far from my prayers, far from my cries, all day and night I call. Yet, our ancestors put their trust in you. You rescued them, you saved them from all foes. Amazing grace... But here am I, the scorn of all my people. They say, "if God is now your friend, let God rescue you." From my mother's womb you are my God. You held me up, you placed me in your arms. Amazing grace... I shall proclaim your name to the full assembly. Those who fear God, exult and praise; Glorify the Lord. All generations, all children of the earth: Proclaim forever the wondrous deeds of God. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound...

Conversation with Children

Hymn

Carrie Mast, Phil Yoder
VT 515 *O Little Children, Gather*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Gloria Bucher

Scripture

Joel 2:23-32

Barb Stettler

Message

Mamma Mia: Climate Apocalypse

Phil Yoder

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response

VT 145 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Recognition of Mark Suderman & LuAnn Stuckey

Shelby Cluts, Carrie Mast

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

Lyric Piece

Edvard Grieg

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending

VT 838 *La paz de la tierra*
(sing twice - Spanish or English)

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

VT - *Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*

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First Mennonite Church Office Hours

- Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Phil's day off - Monday
- Carrie's day off - Thursday

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Elizabeth Kingsley

10/9/22 - 10/16/22
Reported Volunteer hours: 15
Attendance: 144
Online views: 53

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.

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Joel 2:23-32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, October 23, in the Taste and See class at 9:15 a.m. in room 301, **Phyllis Bixler** will share her experience with obesity from childhood on and discuss obesity prejudice. Anyone is welcome, as is usual for this class of sharing. Ask Fred Steiner for a list of people who will be leading the class in the coming weeks.

Joanne Niswander's memorial service will be held here at First Mennonite Church on October 29 at 4 p.m. A light meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The service will be streamed live on our website.

Logan Ian Nussbaum, 18, son of Rick and Aphaphanh (Sengsy) Nussbaum, died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Goshen. Visitation will be Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, from 2 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral service, all at East Goshen Mennonite Church, 2019 E. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, Indiana.

A note from **Rhonda Winstead** - Dearest church family, I will be traveling to the UK on October 26 to begin a one year work assignment in London. I covet your prayers and your care for **Walt and Grace** while I am away. I look forward to continuing to worship with you virtually, while also experiencing the wonder of worshiping in new settings. Please keep in touch!

Leadership Circle meeting will be held October 27, 2022 at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Jonathan Andreas, professor of economics at Bluffton University, will present the Colloquium, "How Utilitarianism Became Efficient (and Secretly Rules our Lives)," at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 in Centennial Hall's Stutzman Lecture Hall.

Personal stories of Russia's attack on Ukraine to be shared at Bluffton University.

A Findlay resident and native of Ukraine will present the Forum "The Road to No Home: From Ukrainian Citizen to Refugee," at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in Bluffton University's Yoder Recital Hall. During the presentation, **Lana Mosser**, a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Findlay, will tell the story of her sister's flight from Ukraine after Russia attacked the country on Feb. 24, 2022.

We will be using ***Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way*** by Joanna Harader for worship planning through Advent. The book includes daily devotionals, suggestions for Bible Study, and costs \$14.99 through the MennoMedia website. Contact the church office for assistance ordering a copy.

Colorcraft has provided us with a draft of our new **Pictorial Directory**. Please go through the roster and see that all your information is correct. If it is not, please fill out the correct information on the sheet provided. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this whole process.

On Sunday, November 13, visitors from **Central District Conference** will listen to our stories about our experiences in Christian community and worship here at FMC. This is called **Sacred Listening** and is being held across churches this year in the CDC. Would you be willing to share a story? If so, please contact the church office. Two sessions will be available for people to share stories: **9:15 during Sunday School** and a **session after a potluck lunch** that day. The questions that will be asked:

- 1. Tell a story** about a time when you were especially excited or grateful to be a part of your church.
- The mission of Central District Conference is summarized as "Knowing Christ's love...Answering God's call." **Share a story** or two that you feel demonstrates God's love within your congregation.
- We "support missional partnerships that make God's reign visible." How are you living out your congregation's vision in the community around you? Can you **share a story** that demonstrates this?
- We want to "call and nurture wise, dynamic and compassionate Anabaptist leadership." **How does your congregation** nurture your gifts and the gifts of others?
- We want to be communities in which "grace-filled relationships flourish." Can you **share an experience** when your congregation was blessed by its relationships with other CDC churches, or other communities such as camps or colleges?
- Our Mennonite Church USA vision calls us to be communities of God's "healing and hope." As you envision your future as such a Spirit-led community, **what would that look like in your context?**

Thank you for all your prayers for my family and travels. They were all felt and appreciated.

Trusty Schumacher

Happy Birthday!

October 23 - Ethan Nickel

October 24 - Rodney Dyck

Mark Suderman

October 25 - Mary Ramseyer

Ariana Goings

October 26 - Wendy Chappell-Dick

October 28 - Mark Novak

October 29 - Linda Nyce



In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.

follow us



Today, Sunday, October 23

Youth Choir, 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.

Worship: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Reception for Mark Suderman, following worship, Fellowship Hall

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday, October 25

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, October 26

Jubilate, 3:15 - 4 p.m. Cherub Choir, 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Adult Bells, 6 p.m. Youth Bells, 7 p.m. Assembly Room

Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

Thursday, October 27

Leadership Circle meeting, 8 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 29

Joanne Niswander Memorial Service, 4 p.m.

Next Sunday

Sunday, October 30

Worship - Phil Yoder preaching

Lectionary: Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

Welcome to our worship service today.

Visitors are invited to sign one of our guest sheets located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Wireless hearing aids are available. Worship bags are available for children during worship and can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance. Child care is available during Sunday School and worship for young children in the nursery located in the basement.