Reformation /Anabaptist Heritage Sunday

October 30, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements — Wendy Chappell-Dick

Prelude — *Praise, I will Praise You Lord*
Laura Hartzler

Invocation

*Opening Hymn — VT 420 *God of the Bible*

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 119

One: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.
Many: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
One: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
Many: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
All: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Telling God's Story

Special Music — *When The Saints Go Marching In* — Traditional
Cherub Choir

Conversation with Children — Phil Yoder & Carrie Mast
Hymn VT 515 — *O Little Children, Gather*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 2 going back to seats)

Community Prayer — Gloria Bucher

Scripture — Habakkuk 1:1-4 — Lawrence Matthews

Message — *Waiting. What's new here?* — Phil Yoder

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response — STS 82 *How Long, O Lord*

Offering

Words of Invitation
Offertory — *He Leadeth Me* — R. Kingsmore
Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending — VT 549 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)
STS - Sing the Story (Purple Spiral 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**

10/16/22 - 10/23/22
Reported Volunteer hours: 58.8
Attendance: 162
Online views: 49

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Gerald Mast

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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Habakkuk 1:1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **church office** will be **closed on Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m**. while church staff gather for a retreat at the Town Hall.

Ansel Edmiston continues to grow and thrive at home, surrounded by the love of his family. Thank you for your prayers and support. As we continue to heal from our experience, we feel so grateful for this community and we hope to join you all in person soon. ~ David and Tess

The **Gifts Discovery and Ministry Participation** team will be meeting next Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

The annual meeting of the **Western Ohio Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** will be held at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio on **Saturday, November 12, 2022; 8:30 a.m. -1 p.m.**. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch are included. All are invited and encouraged to attend to learn about MDS and the local, regional, and binational responses to natural disasters, and discover the multiple ways to engage with MDS. To plan for food and facility, RSVP is requested. Contact Lawrence Matthews at **matthewsL@bluffton.edu or 419.303.8056** if you plan to attend or would like more information.

Next Sunday, Nov 6, we will be celebrating all Saints Day. The worship service will include an opportunity for participants to name and light a candle for someone they have lost in the last year.

Bluffton University's **Artist Series** presents **"Condition Blue: The Acoustics of Aquatics,"** a show from renowned contemporary ensemble **CORDIS on Monday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.** in Yoder Recital Hall. Tickets for adults are $10, senior citizens $8, faculty/staff and non-Bluffton University students $5, and 18 and under/Bluffton University students are free. Tickets must be reserved at www.bluffton.edu/tickets.

Do you have a story to share during our **Sacred Listening** sessions on Sunday, November 13? Visitors from Central District Conference will be listening to our stories about our experiences in Christian community and worship here at FMC. **Two sessions** will be available for people to share stories: **9:15 during Sunday School** and a session **after a potluck lunch that day that will begin at approximately 1 p.m.** If you are willing to share your story, please contact the church office.

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.

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.

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.

Bluffton Alumna Estée (Arend '13) Hemphill, assistant director of service for the **Cleveland Guardians**, will present the **Forum** "Impact Players: The Teammates Behind the Decisions," at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in Yoder Recital Hall.

Nursery care is back! Parents are invited to drop off their children in the nursery during Sunday School and worship. Volunteers are invited to sign up to provide the care. Contact Jonathan Spelman to sign up: jontspelman@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday!

November 1 - Keagan Schumacher
November 5 - Everett Collier

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.

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Today, Sunday, October 30, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m
Worship: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
Freudige SS Class potuluck, noon Fellowship Hall
Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday, November 1
Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary
Staff retreat, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Town Hall
Wednesday, November 2
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 , November 3
GDMP meeting, 7:30 p.m. Parlor

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 6
Worship – Phil Yoder preaching
Lectionary: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

Welcome to our worship service today.
If you are a visitor, please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Wireless hearing aids are available. **Worship bags and nursery space are available for young children during worship.** Bags can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance, and parents are invited to stay in the nursery with their children.