

# 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

## Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Phil Yoder

Prelude

Tis A Gift To Be Simple  
Adult Bells

arr. Anna Laura Page

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

VT 437 *The Lord Is My Light*

\*Responsive Reading - selections from Isaiah 12

One: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid,

**Many: for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Many: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;**

One: let this be known in all the earth.

**Many: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,**

**All: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## Telling God's Story

Special Music

*Saints Bound For Heaven*  
Chancel Choir

arr. by Parker/Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we'll return by and by. Our Deliverer He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He'll divide, And the ransom'd host shall shout we are come. Then with all the happy throng\_ we'll rejoice! Shouting Glory to our King, Till the vaults of heaven ring, And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice. Shouting Glory hallelujah\_ we'll rejoice!

Conversation with Children

Phil Yoder & Phyllis Bixler

Hymn

VT 517 *Children of the Heavenly Father*  
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 2 going back to seats)

Special Music

*Dry Bones*  
Jubilate

Spiritual

Community Prayer

Kathy Dickson

Scripture

John 12:1-8; 13:1-5

Jan Emmert

Message

*The Gospel of Feet*

Phyllis Bixler

## Living God's Story

\*Hymn of Response

VT 816 *Guide My Feet*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

*Rondo from Sonatina, op. 88, no. 1*  
Anne Marie Spelman

Friedrich Kuhlau

Dedication Prayer

## Sending

\*Hymn of Sending

VT 386 *One Is the Body*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - *Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*

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**First Mennonite Church Office Hours**

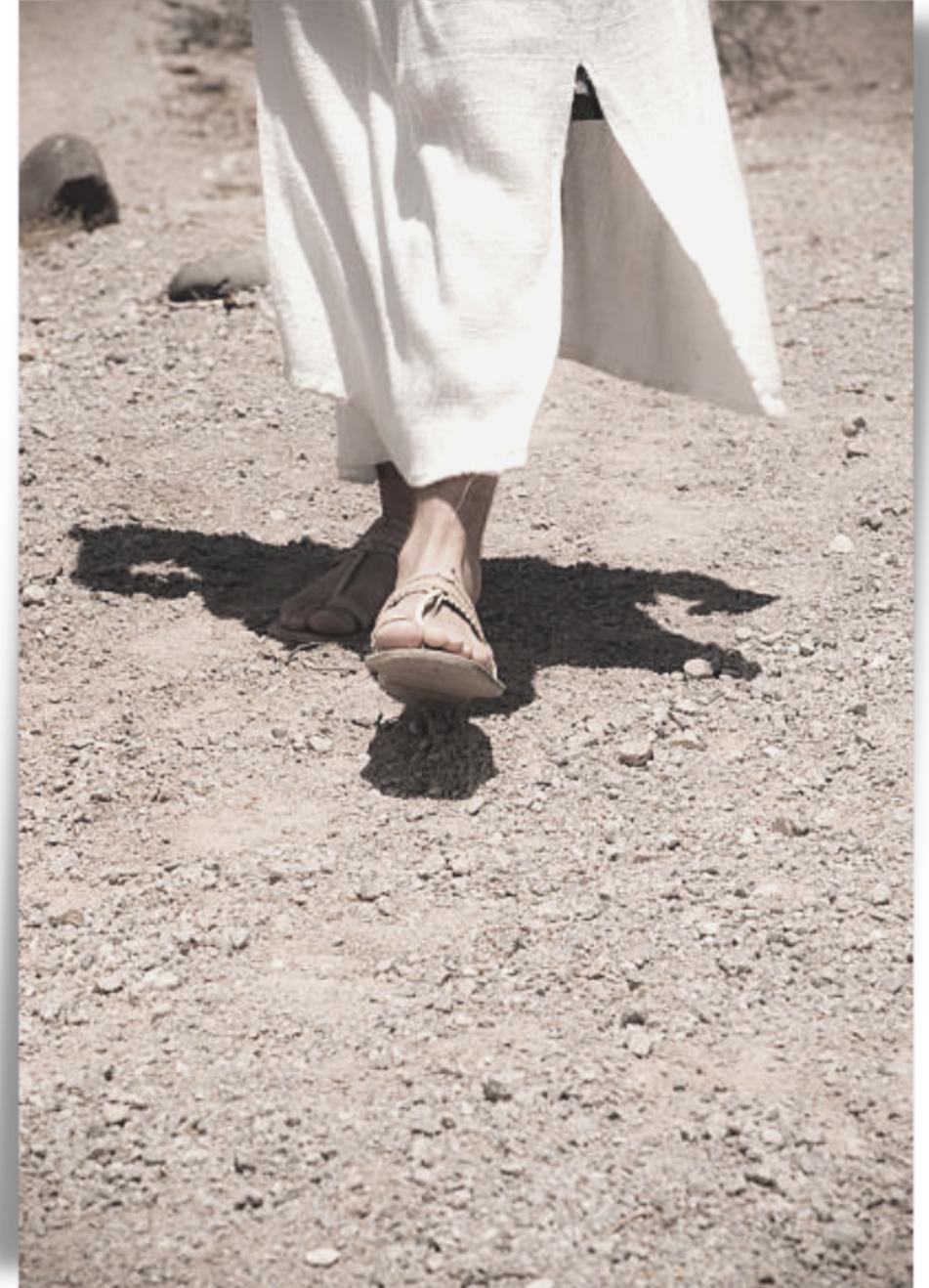
- Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Phil's day off - Monday
- Carrie's day off - Thursday

**Video:** Ray Raeburn/Adam Phillips  
**Sound:** Chris Gott  
**Chancel:** Carolyn Rich

*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.*

10/30/22 - 11/6/22  
Reported Volunteer hours: 25  
Attendance: 176  
Online views: 35

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Ann Shumaker** moved to Kirtland Hills Living Center on Saturday. Ann shared that she appreciated this church community both as a child and adult. Please hold Ann in your prayers as she navigates this transition.

Our **Sacred Listening** sessions are today, Sunday, November 13. Friends from Central District Conference will be listening to our stories about our experiences in Christian community and worship here at FMC. **Choose 1 or 2 sessions** to attend: 1. 9:15 during Sunday School, or 2. following a potluck lunch that will begin at approximately 1 p.m.

On Thursday **November 17th**, the Deacons and Pastor Phil will be hosting an intergenerational **Taizé Prayer Service** at **7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service is intentionally including music, practices, and activities that will be for all ages. Based on the worship services done in the Taizé Community in France, this service will include candlelighting, meditative music, art, and prayer.

The **annual congregational meeting** will be held **Nov. 20, 2022** immediately following the worship service. Several items will be voted on during this meeting, including the **spending plan** for next year. Annual reports are in church mailboxes today. There will be a separate zoom link for folks to participate from home. For those viewing the service online, you will need to leave the live stream at the end of the service and open the Zoom link.

**All are invited** to join other FMC family members for **Thanksgiving Day lunch!** Dinner begins at noon. As has been the custom, this will be a semi-organized potluck -- RSVP so organizers know how many people to expect and to sign up to bring something. All Thanksgiving favorites are welcome and no heavy duty cooking is required. For more information and to sign up, please contact the church office or see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

FMC will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Thursday, December 1**. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Check out the **sign-up sheet** in the Fellowship Hall.

In partnership with **Brave Space**, FMC will host a **Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m.** All are welcome. Brave Space is the Bluffton University student organization that seeks to promote a positive and inclusive atmosphere by working to raise awareness of and support to students that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, on a continuum of sexual orientation and gender identity, and their allies.

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 and suggestions for Bible Study. The church office will be ordering 10 copies that can be purchased. If interested, please contact the church office. The book also remains on sale at the **MennoMedia website** and in the **Bluffton University bookstore**.

**MHCO invites volunteers** to help residents move into MHCO Bluffton Campuses. As you may know, Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living at Hilty Home will be winding down in the coming months. We are inviting volunteer support to assist elders settling into their new accommodations at Willow Ridge, MMH and Maple Crest. Most moves are taking place mid-morning or mid-afternoon now through mid-December. Are you available to help Hilty Home residents arrange their personal belongings in their new home? Please contact Chris Moser @ 419-358-1015 ext. 263 or [cmoser@mhcoliving.org](mailto:cmoser@mhcoliving.org) with your name, preferred contact phone number, and if you prefer to help in the morning or afternoon. Thank you.

**The Racial Justice Ministry** invites you to write letters to urge Ohio Legislators to abolish the death penalty. The desk by the kitchen has paper, envelopes, and sample letters. Letters will be collected and sent on November 28th.

Check out our **new colorful worship bags** sewn by **Judy Decker**. We are in need of clipboards and books to fill the bags. Donations are appreciated.

**Our spending plan giving** for this year is about \$318,000. Last year at this same time, our giving was about \$344,000. Following our spending plan update during worship last week, almost \$15,000 was given in support of the spending plan. Thank you! Our expenses still exceed our giving by more than \$26,000. We continue to **need your generous support** through the end of the year.

Happy Birthday

November 13 - Carolyn Gratz  
November 15 - Dennis Oxender



*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, November 13, 2022

Youth Choir, 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sacred Listening Session #1, 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

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

Worship: Phyllis Bixler preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Potluck followed by Sacred Listening Session #2

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

## This Week

### Monday, November 14

Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

### Tuesday, November 15

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

### Wednesday, November 16

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. Assembly Room

Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

### Sunday, November 20

Worship - Phil Yoder preaching

Lectionary: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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.