



Pentecost
May 28, 2023

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Victoria Woods-Yee

Prelude

Prelude No.1 in C Major
Laura Hartzler

Robert D. Vandall

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

VT 57 *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 104

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

Many: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

One: May my meditation be pleasing to God,

Many: for I rejoice in the Lord.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: Praise the Lord!

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children

Carrie Mast

Hymn

VT 519 *God, Give Me Faith like a Child*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Carrie Mast

Scripture

Numbers 11:14-17, 24-29 & Psalm 104:24-34

Jon Diller

Message

Everyone (and Everything) a Prophet

Doug Luginbill

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response

VT 56 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

How Majestic is Your Name

Michael W. Smith

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending

VT 377 *New Earth, Heavens New*

*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 - Friday
- Carrie's day off - Thursday

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Isaac Schumacher

5/14/23 - 5/21/23

Reported Volunteer hours:60

Attendance: 137

Online views: Live: 24 Recorded: 28

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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Prophet by Michael Creese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome **Doug Luginbill** back to the FMC pulpit today! Doug is conference minister for the Central District Conference and served as associate pastor here at First Mennonite from 1996-2002. Doug is married to Paula and they have two adult children, Jonathan (and his spouse, Kara Marang) and Carissa (and her spouse, Wendell Baer).

Sam and I give thanks for the many cards and prayers sent during our recent move and covid with hospitalization. We have felt blessed by each one. What a joy to be surrounded by such a caring congregation. Thank you, Joan Diller

Don Hostetler and **Ruth Early** continue to rehabilitate at the Mennonite Memorial Home. Both welcome visitors and prayers.

TODAY: Due to our usual low attendance on Memorial Day weekend, children and youth will gather for **Legos** in the Fellowship Hall during SS. We'll be experimenting with some **stop motion animation** with the Legos!

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Caring Connections will meet **Tuesday**, May 30, 2023 at **11 a.m.** in the Parlor.

Carrie Mast will be out of the office Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1 to spend time with Gerald celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary!

On **Saturday, June 3rd**, FMC will have a booth at **Findlay Pride**. Booths are open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are interested in helping staff our booth, contact Pastor Phil.

A **brief Congregational Meeting** is slated for next Sunday, June 4th, immediately following worship with the express purpose of voting for the new Connections Circle Leader.

We reorganized! Check your name under your **mailbox** twice before grabbing your mail! We made space for some newcomers and updated staff boxes. Your mailbox just might have a new slot.

Next Sunday! Baptisms and BBQ! On June 4th, the catechism class will be sharing their faith statements during worship. Members of the class include Theo Andreas, Kaleigh Coffman, Rebecca Estell, Jax Gott, Ben Hartzler, Ellie Hartzler, Ethan Nickel, Claire Phillips, Makayla Suter, and John-Paul Yoder. Following the service, everyone is invited to go to the DeMarco's pond where the baptisms will take place. Following the baptisms, everyone is invited to stay for a BBQ including vegan options. Bring a side to share, a drink for yourself, a lawn chair, fishing gear, and yard games. Freshly grilled burgers and vegan burgers will be provided. The DeMarco's address is **20674 White Hawk Way**, Bluffton.

Our MCC Relief and Hygiene Kit drive has concluded with a total of 30 relief kits and 71 hygiene kits collected and/or purchased. This is a tremendous result! (Remember, each relief kit equals about 6 hygiene kits in cost.) Thank you for your generosity!

Summer Music: Instrumentalists, singers, song leaders, musicians of all ages and types: there are lots of opportunities for offering your musical gifts during the worship services this summer (June-August). **Choose "opening hymns"** or **provide music** during the service, vocally or instrumentally, as a soloist or in an ensemble. Contact Director of Music, Mark Suderman: 419.230.5368 or sudermanme@bluffton.edu.

Summer Worship Series: What does it look like to celebrate Jubilee in our time? What would a world look like where the spirit of forgiveness was prevalent and money took a back seat to people? Are we ready to embrace the idea of Jubilee? Join us for worship this summer to reimagine our lives as we explore Jubilee and related topics.

From our conference... La Posada Immigrant Aid Resource: La Posada is located in Elkhart, IN and has obtained recognition and accreditation from the United States Department of Justice. This distinguished acknowledgment grants their accredited representative, Irma Ramirez, the authority to represent immigration clients under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CDC congregations donated toward this effort and one of the board members, Mark Claassen, attends Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. CDC congregations are welcome to share: [Legal Services](#) | [La Posada Immigrant Aid](#) | [Elkhart \(laposadaaid.com\)](#).

Camp Friedenswald is in need of new double and queen size knotted comforters. If you are interested in sharing your gifts in this way, please contact Jess at Camp@Friedenswald.org. The comforters are provided on each bed in camp lodges, providing comfort, warmth and color! Thank you for helping us share hospitality with all who come to Camp Friedenswald.

Ministry Minute!

Potlucks are challenging for members of our church family who have special dietary allergies & sensitivities. **Clear plastic photo frames have been repurposed to make 6 reusable signs** to label your dishes. Use a permanent marker to **fill in any circle** that applies to your dish to help identify some of the common allergens and concerns. When the meal is over, the permanent marker magically **wipes off!**

Help us create more signs by picking up used plastic photo frames at Et Cetera!



- May 28 - Trusty Schumacher
- May 29 - Lu Derstine
- May 30 - Chad Paul
- May 31 - Bill Croft
Dottie Long
Joel Steinmetz



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, May 28, 2023

Coffee Time, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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

Children & Youth gather in Fellowship Hall during SS

Worship: Doug Luginbill preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week,

Monday, May 29, 2023

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Caring Connections, 11 a.m. Parlor

Next Sunday, June 4: Baptisms

Worship: Faith Statements by the Catechism Class

Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship

Baptisms & BBQ, immediately following congregational meeting

at the DeMarco's: 20674 White Hawk Way, Bluffton

Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
and Matthew 28:16-19

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** for children 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.