

# Jubilee: Unexpected Gifts

June 25, 2023

## Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Betsi Werling

CDC Update

Phil Yoder

Prelude

*Sonatina in G Major*  
Laura Hartzler

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Invocation

\*Opening Hymns

VT 496 I owe the Lord a morning song  
VT 45 O God and Father

\*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 86

One: Incline your ear, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Many: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;**

One: save your servant who trusts in you.

**Many: Gladden the soul of your servant,**

One: for to you, O God, I lift up my soul.

**Many: For you, O God, are good and forgiving,**

**All: *abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.***

## Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children

Phil Yoder

Hymn

VT 752 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*  
(sing coming forward & going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Phil Yoder

Scripture

Genesis 21:9-20, Matthew 10:34-38

Larry & Judy Diller

Message

*Jubilee: This is the Way*

Carrie Mast

## Living God's Story

\*Hymn of Response

VT 152 God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

Arr. Richard Kingsmore

Dedication Prayer

## Sending

\*Hymn of Sending

VT 757 There's Enough for All

\*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:** Melissa Friesen

**Chancel:** Steve & Monica Harnish

6/11/23 - 6/18/23

Reported Volunteer hours: 35

Attendance: 137

Online views - Live: 22 Recorded: 35

**First Mennonite Church**

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*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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Marilyn Diller** sincerely appreciates all the kind words from the cards she received on her birthday. She is at Betty House recovering and welcomes both prayers and visitors.

**Providing meals** for the **Matthews** is one way to help support **Louise** and **Lawrence** as Louise goes through surgery and subsequent radiation over the next two months. Sign-ups for meals can happen at [www.mealtrain.com/trains/dzrq13](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dzrq13) or by calling/texting Chaska at 717-621-7282.

**TODAY:** Following worship, Libby Hostetler will lead a short informational meeting on **House Bill 103** which is attempting to standardize Social Studies curriculum with "American Birthright: The Civics Alliance's Model K-12 Social Studies Standards." Come to the **Fellowship Hall** to hear about the bill and ask all your questions!

**Watch Party TODAY:** Come join us for the showing of the movie **The Wereth Eleven** today at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everett Collier, whose uncle was a member of The Wereth Eleven, will lead a discussion after the movie.

**The Swiss Community Historical Society of Bluffton and Pandora** invite ALL to our Swiss Day Potluck at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church **TODAY**, (Sunday) at 12:30 p.m. Join us for our annual meeting and an update on what's new at the Schumacher Homestead. Non members are welcome to attend (membership will be available if you wish.) Bring a hot and cold dish along with your own table service.

All are invited to join a **Women's Bible Study** this **Wednesday** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. This is the first gathering in a series meeting the 4th Wednesday of the month during June, July, and August. The Bible study will focus on women's issues, and all are **welcome regardless of gender** to join this discussion. **Kaleigh Coffman** will serve as facilitator. This week's topic is **Patriarchy in the Bible** and will focus on **1 Timothy 2:9-15**.

**About the Chancel Display:** Plants native to this area have many benefits. They provide food, shelter, and habitat for wildlife, and help maintain healthy soil and water. Unfortunately, our modern lives and invasive species threaten the survival of God's amazing diversity of plants and animals in our region. But there is hope. Reintroducing native plants into our landscape can help bring back some of the pollinators, birds, and other wildlife we've lost. Once a month over the next few months, the chancel display will feature some of these plants. ~**Steve & Monica Harnish**

**Mark Suderman** will be out of the office from June 16-July 9. He will be checking his email periodically during this time.

**This is an invitation** to any FMC women who want to join the Bluffton Women's Choir in singing a justice song August 20th. Email [mennofolkmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mennofolkmusic@gmail.com) for details.

**MennoCon23** begins on Monday, July 3 in Kansas City, Missouri. FMC is sending 8 youth: **Theo Andreas, Ethan Blount, Rebecca Estell, Jax Gott, Ellie Hartzler, Ethan Nickel, Claire Phillips,** and **John-Paul Yoder**; 3 sponsors: **Melinda Estell, Chris Gott,** and **Carrie Mast**; and 3 delegates: **Shelby Cluts, Adam Phillips,** and **Phil Yoder**. Additionally, 2 youth from Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship are joining our group for the week: Ethan Renick (his mom is Kamala (Geiser) Renick who grew up at FMC) and Wyatt Simones (his mom is Heidi (Sommer) Simones who grew up at Grace Mennonite). Other FMC members attending the convention include **Melissa Friesen** and **Gerald Mast**.

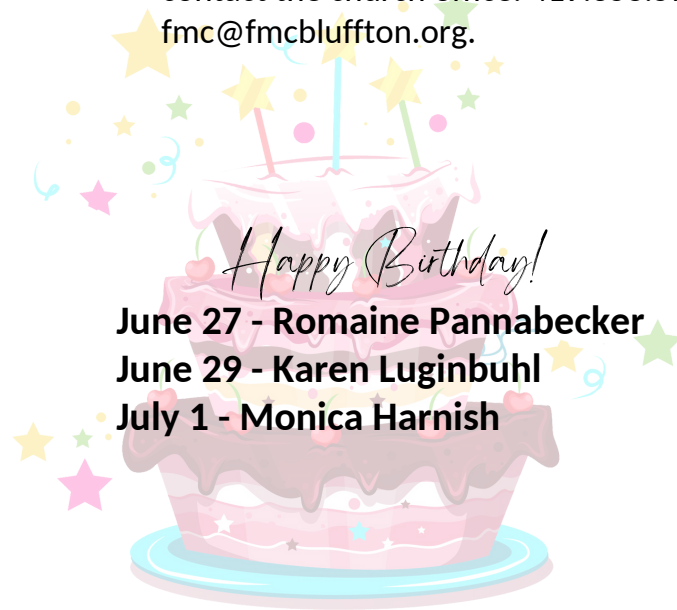


The **Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 16-20** at English Lutheran Church. Registration can be completed online through the Bluffton VBS Facebook page or paper forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Walkers and recreation helpers needed! Youth are welcome to help! Thanks to **Gloria Hernandez Bucher** for being our cookie baker! If you're interested in helping out, contact Carrie Mast at 419.230.1568.

# Ministry Minute!



Our team of **ushers** is extending an invitation to you to consider assisting with the offering by passing the collection plates. If you have questions about the expectations or just want to try it out, contact **Dave Moser**, head usher, 419-889-5074 or [djmfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:djmfarms@yahoo.com), or contact the church office: 419.358.5766 or [fmc@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:fmc@fmcbluffton.org).



**June 27 - Romaine Pannabecker**  
**June 29 - Karen Luginbuhl**  
**July 1 - Monica Harnish**

*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, June 25, 2023

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School open to all youth & adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

MennoCon23 Youth & Parent Meeting, 9:30-10 a.m. Parlor

Worship: Carrie Mast preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

House Bill 103 discussion, immediately following worship, Fellowship Hall

Watch Party: *The Wereth Eleven*, 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

## This Week

### Tuesday, June 27

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

### Wednesday, June 28

Women's Bible Study for ALL! 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Deacons, 7:30 Parlor

## Next Sunday, July 2

Worship: Phil Yoder preaching

Lectionary: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-53

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.

Parents and caregivers are invited to use the nursery with their young children during Sunday School and worship. The nursery is located in the basement.