

Seeking Jubilee or Change

July 2, 2023

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Bruce Steingass

Prelude Laura Hartzler HWB 596 *And I Will Raise You Up*

Invocation

*Opening Hymns HWB 338 *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous*
Silver Threads Among the Gold HWB 343 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 13

One: How long, O God? Will you forget me forever?

Many: How long will you hide your face from me?

One: How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

Many: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

One: But I trusted in your steadfast love;

Many: my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

All: I will sing to the Lord because God has dealt bountifully with me.

Telling God's Story

Special Music HWB 567 *How Firm a Foundation*
Silver Threads Among the Gold

Conversation with Children Carrie Mast

Hymn VT 550 *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 2 going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Carrie Mast

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14

Mary Ina Hooley

Message

The Mysterious Moment on Mt. Moriah

Phil Yoder

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response

VT 596 *Don't Be Afraid*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

To God Be the Glory (HWB 102)
Silver Threads Among the Gold

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending

VT 846 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*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

6/18/23 - 6/25/23

Sound: Chris Gott

Reported Volunteer hours: 20

Chancel: Joyce Hostetler

Attendance: 135

Online views - Live: 22 Recorded: 23

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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The Mysterious Moment on Mt. Moriah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for all the prayers, flowers, cards (both get-well and birthday) and visits during my time in the hospital and at the Mennonite Home. I am getting better every day. I treasure First Mennonite and am very grateful, especially to Fran.

-Ruth Early

As part of her supports during her recovery at home from a broken femur, **Ruth Early** is using Meals on Wheels, but they do not offer weekend meals. FMC can be a part of her support by **providing lunch on Saturdays** through August. If you prepare enough for one extra meal, Ruth will have her Sunday lunch, too! You can sign up for a meal at <https://mealtrain.com/328kr0> or calling the church office at 419.358.5766.

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**.

While Pastors Phil & Carrie are attending the MCUSA Convention Monday, July 3 through Saturday, July 8, **Anne Marie Spelman** will be on call for **pastoral concerns** that arise. Anne Marie can be reached at 309.830.6975.

Camp Friedenswald is hosting Junior Camp (5th & 6th grades) this week. There are 6 youth from FMC departing today for the Peaceful Woods: **Barrett Benroth, Bodey Benroth, Micah DeMarco, Jorian Mast, Atticus Prothro,** and **Carter Steinmetz**. FMC is also helping staff camp this summer. **Patrick Estell, Ben Hartzler, Ana Neufeld Weaver,** and **Ellie Nickel** are all serving as staff. Ana is serving on the leadership team. Prayers for a safe and fun week for these campers, staffers, and the drivers who are transporting campers!

The **Church Office** will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4** for the holiday.

St. John's United Church of Christ, 223 West College Ave., is inviting the community to its **150th Anniversary Street Fair** on Saturday, **August 12** from **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The street fair will take place on West College Avenue between S. Lawn and S. Jackson, right next to the Church. Featuring food, entertainment, kids' activities, crafts, games, and historical displays, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Annual Tri-Church worship service: First, Grace, and Lima Mennonite Churches will gather together for the second annual Tri-Church worship service on **Sunday, August 13**. Worship will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the **Pandora Village Park** with a potluck following. Bring your own chairs, blankets, table service and a dish to share (water will be provided), and discs for disc golf if you like. Bring an envelope for your offering or designate your check accordingly. Members can designate offerings to their home congregation or as a love offering to the Village of Pandora. Hymn accompaniment is organized by Wendy Chappell-Dick and will consist of **anyone who wants to play an instrument**. If you would like information on what songs that will be sung, contact the office..

Report from Leadership Circle

Leadership Circle has made two decisions related to staffing and CDC credentialing.

1. We have asked Staff Relations to work with Pastor Phil and Pastor Carrie to change her title to Associate Pastor (dropping "interim"). The process thus far has been a congregational discussion on May 7, 2023 after church and a survey to get feedback from the congregation. Based on overwhelming support, we approved a motion asking Staff Relations to bring to us a formal proposal with updated job descriptions for both Phil and Carrie to our August meeting. [Phil's title will not change, but everyone agreed that updated job descriptions for both positions will help FMC align the emerging roles.] If approved at the Leadership Circle meeting in August, a congregational meeting will be scheduled to confirm a call to Carrie as Associate Pastor.
2. Chaska Yoder requested affirmation of FMC for her application to Central District Conference for licensing for ordination. On behalf of the congregation, Leadership Circle approved Chaska's request and affirmed her ministry of hospital chaplaincy.



Ministry Minute!

Transportation is a huge need among our seniors. Many older adults in our congregation are no longer driving but have doctor appointments to get to and grocery errands to run. There is a great deal of flexibility as a volunteer driver as you can sign up for any requested trips that fit well with your schedule. You can transport in your own vehicle or the requestor's vehicle! If interested in helping with transportation, please contact the church office.



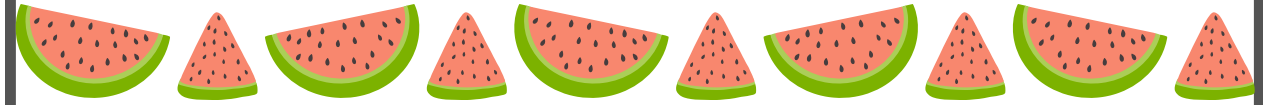
Happy Birthday!

- July 2 - Lois Wetherill
- July 3 - Jim Lehman
- July 5 - Chris Gott
- July 8 - Gerald Mast

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, July 2, 2023

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

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

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

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

This Week

Monday, July 3

SHY & delegates depart for MennoCon23,

5 a.m. church parking lot

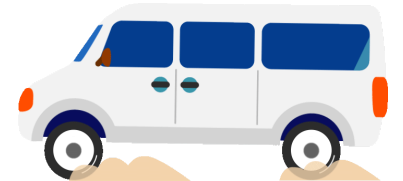
Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Saturday, July 8

SHY arrive from MennoCon23,

7 p.m. church parking lot



Next Sunday, Sunday, July 9

Worship: Lynn Miller

Lectionary: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a;

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-29

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.