

**Jubilee  
July 9, 2023**

**Gathering**

Welcome and announcements

Pat Sheidler

Prelude

*Air, from Suite #3 in D Major*  
Anne Marie Spelman (Violin)

J.S. Bach

Invocation

\*Opening Hymns

VT 420 God of the Bible  
One Drop (the Camp Friedenswald Summer 2023 Theme Song)  
Spelman Family

\*Responsive Reading

VT 1003

**Telling God's Story**

Conversation with Children

Jeff Gundy

Hymn

VT 550 *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*  
v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Phil Yoder

Scripture

Genesis 4:1-8  
James 1:17-18

Victoria Woods-Yee

Message

*What Makes an Offering*

Lynn Miller

**Living God's Story**

\*Hymn of Response

VT 747 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

Dedication Prayer

*Minuet No. 2*  
Junia Spelman (Violin)

J.S. Bach

**Sending**

\*Hymn of Sending

VT 830 Go, My Children

\*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:** Kevin Cluts

**Chancel:** Wendy Chappell-Dick

6/25/23 - 7/2/23

Reported Volunteer hours: 24.5

Attendance: 153

Online views - Live: 20 Recorded: 19

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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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**Visitation** for **Darrell Huber** will be held at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home on **Monday**, July 10 from 5-7 p.m. The **funeral** will be at First Mennonite Church on **Tuesday**, July 11 at 11 a.m. followed by a meal after the service. Hold the Huber family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Darrell.

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.

**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.

**MCC School Kit Drive:** “Back to School” sales are starting up again. School kit supplies are much cheaper, and easier to find, at this time. MCC is hoping to collect 10,000 school kits during the month of August. We will collect kits starting now through the end of August.

Lists are on the bulletin board by the library or on the MCC website. One change this year is 4 pens, instead of just 2. We will have metal sharpeners available in the supply bin for you to add to your kits, if you want to use them. (If you have extra metal sharpeners that you purchase, you feel free to add them to our supply.) \*If donating money, please write “MCC KITS” on the memo line.

This Sunday morning we will sing “One Drop,” this summer's theme song from camp Friendenswald. The Spelman family invites anyone to join them up front to help sing it and do the motions. (Especially kids and youth who have been to camp - come up and help us teach this fun song to the congregation!)

### One Drop

by Hannah Lehman and Ana Nuefeld Weaver

#### Verse 1

Look all around From the sea to the ground  
Your waters abound They keep me safe and sound  
But waters grow old They get too hot or too cold  
So let's help restore the world together C'mon, let's be bold

#### Chorus

We're gonna repair the watershed, turn the whole earth on its head  
Together we'll find a way  
God's living water moves us, makes us, blesses, changes, and sustains us  
We're gonna seek it out

One drop at a time (drip drop)  
One drop at a time (splish splash)  
One drop at a time (whoooosh)  
One drop at a time

#### Verse 2

Your waters provide Separate sea and sky  
Oh hear our cry Don't let the waters run dry  
So what do we do We can help clean the blue  
So let's help restore the world together C'mon, me and you

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

Swamp, fen, river, ocean Lake, sea, won't you swim here with me  
Pond, pool, puddle, all the fishes cuddle Stream swamp moat, keep God's love afloat  
**(Repeat)**

#### Chorus

# Ministry Minute!

## Tech Assistance Ministry!

**Calling All Techies!** With the ever changing landscape of technology in our world, there is an increasing need for assistance with a variety of these technology issues within our congregation. If you are willing to be part of a list of people that would be willing to help congregational members with their problems, please contact Ray or Trusty in the church office. Some issues that members may need assistance with include internet/WiFi, computer problems, Zoom/video conferencing help, cell phone or tablet assistance, etc. Additionally, if you find yourself in **need** of such assistance, do not hesitate to contact Ray or Trusty.

*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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*Happy Birthday!*

July 9 - Anita Lehman  
July 10 - T.R Steiner  
Heather Theis  
July 11 - Hannah DeMarco  
July 12 - Peter DeMeo  
July 13 - Braylon Goings  
July 14 - Bill Schroeder  
July 15 - Darby Benroth  
Jonathan Spelman

## Today, Sunday, July 9, 2023

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

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

Worship: Lynn Miller preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

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

## This Week

**Monday, July 10**

Visitation for Darrell Huber, 5-7 p.m. Chiles-Laman Funeral Home

**Tuesday, July 11**

Funeral Service for Darrell Huber 11 a.m. FMC

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

## Next Sunday, July 16

Worship: Youth & Delegate Reports

Lectionary: Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-22

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.