

Mother's Day
Mental Health Matters
May 12, 2024

Gathering

Welcome and announcements		Adam Phillips	Scripture	John 17:6-19	Cory Hilty
Prelude	<i>We Are Gathered</i> LuAnn Stuckey	Ahle/arr. Culli	Message	<i>Caring for Caregivers</i>	Pastor Phil
Invocation					

*Opening Hymn VT 44 *We Long to Know Her*

*Responsive Reading - adapted litany from Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, United Church of Canada

One: God is creating a new heaven and a new earth.

Many: Today is a new day,

One: a fresh start,

Many: a day of new beginnings.

One: God is creating peace out of chaos,

Many: calm out of anxiety, and hope out of despair.

One: Even when we are depressed,

Many: we can trust God is with us.

One: God who loves us so much that death, mourning, crying,

Many: and pain cannot stop God from loving us.

One: This is our greatest hope:

Many: we are held in God's love.

All: God, the Alpha and Omega, is making all things new!

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children		Anne Marie Spelman
Hymn	VT 718 <i>Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us</i>	
Community Prayer		Isaac Schumacher

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response VT 513 *When Hands Reach Out*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

Dedication Prayer

Adoro Te Devote

arr. Leavitt

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 697 *Loving Spirit*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit. - VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*

To parents of young children: If you're feeling anxious about having them in church, God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress those wiggles. Consider sitting closer to the front, where it's easier for your little ones to engage. Quietly explain the parts of worship and actions of the worship leader, musicians, pastor, and others who are involved in the service. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn their behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

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

Nursery Workers Today SS: *Carmen Ordonez*
Worship: *Mary Ina Hooley & Victoria Woods-Yee*

Nursery Workers Next Week SS: *Shelby Cluts*
Worship: *Sunita Hooley & Pat Sheidler*



Nursery sign-up here: <http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery-volunteers>

4/28/2024 - 5/5/2024

Attendance last Sunday:	151	Video:	Ray Raeburn
Reported Volunteer hours:	21	Sound:	Chris Moser/Jonah Sheets
Online views:	Live: 21 Recorded: 20	Chancel:	
	Total Viewing Hrs: 29		

Leadership Circle

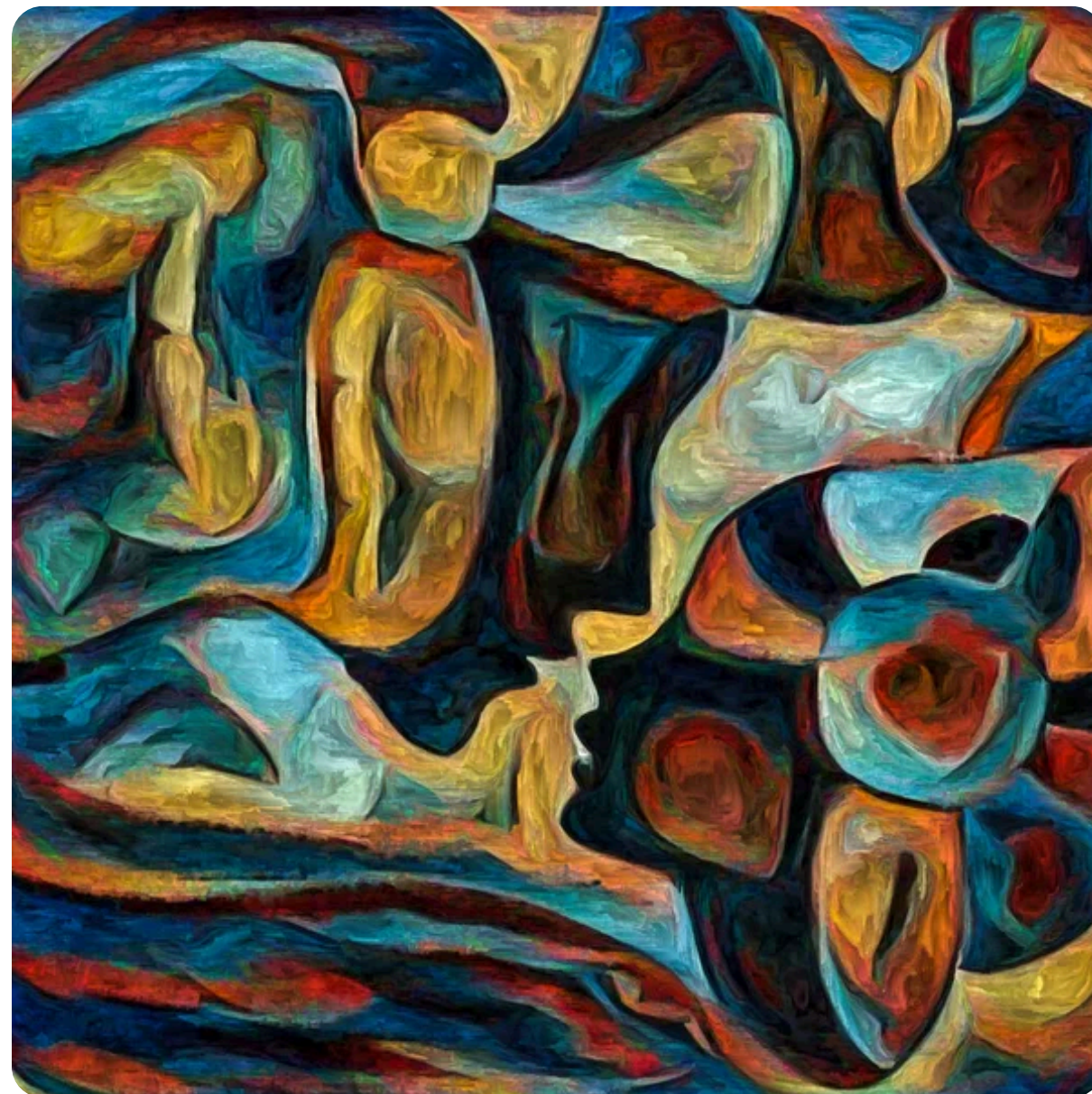
Moderator	<i>Ray Person</i>
Moderator-Elect	<i>Laurel Neufeld Weaver</i>
Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader	<i>Kevin Nickel</i>
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader	<i>Ken Shenk</i>
Christian Formation Circle Leader	<i>Shelby Cluts</i>
Deacon	<i>Victoria Woods-Yee</i>
Deacon	<i>Kathy Dickson</i>
Deacon	<i>Isaac Schumacher</i>
Treasurer	<i>Rita Dietrich</i>
Recorder	<i>Carrie Phillips</i>

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.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

MAY 12, 2024



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Kingsley, son of Judy Kingsley and the late Phil Kingsley, passed away on Monday, May 6. Mike's memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at First Mennonite Church of Bluffton with Pastor Phil Yoder officiating. Visitation will take place at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Please keep his family in your prayers during difficult time.

Pastor Phil (or any of the office staff) will never ask for gift cards. In general, never give codes to gift cards to anyone over email.

Mark and Elaine Suderman are now comfortably residing in their new, but currently very cluttered, home at 6772 Cleary Loop NE, Rio Rancho, New Mexico. They are very grateful for the warm sendoff and incredible help loading the truck. Everything arrived in good condition, including the piano. Maybe there are a few more gray hairs for Mark, as he needed to drive the truck through very high winds on their last day. They had Mark's brother and wife help unload, along with four people from Albuquerque Mennonite Church. The sun is shining and the mountains are beautiful. Mark and Elaine continue to be so very grateful for the wonderful faith community they had the privilege of living in for 24 years.

Come celebrate the special women in your life today, Sunday, May 12, with a light come-and-go breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Our annual Mother's Day photo booth will be set up again this year.



Ten Thousand Villages is hosting a card-making activity and children's sale TODAY following worship. Children may shop for Mother's Day gifts for suggested donations from \$2 - \$20. Artisans have been paid in full. Card making supplies are available at no charge. Only cash and checks accepted.

Pastor Carrie is nearing the completion of her Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. She is taking her last class during an intensive term of study on the AMBS campus from **May 6-17**. During that time, she will be available by text or email, but her response time may be delayed.

Mental Health Care: There are inserts available on the literature table.

Updated **Congregational Care Resources + Pastoral Care Team lists** are in your mailboxes. We offer these resources as one way our congregation tends to mental health and pastoral care for one another.



All are invited to join in celebrating the high school graduation of **Theo Andreas, Benjamin Hartzler, Ethan Nickel, and John Paul Yoder** at their open house on Sunday, **May 26 from 4-7 p.m.** here at First Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. You have all been part of their lives and faith journeys so we would love to have you come and help celebrate.



Do you have ideas for all-church recreational activities? **Emily Hilty** would like to hear from you. She has offered to help coordinate the new **Fun Committee**. You can text or call Emily at 419.429.9570 or email her at Emily.huxman@gmail.com.

Capital Campaign Update: The committee has been working on collecting quotes for various projects around the church. This information will be presented at 2 congregational input meetings scheduled for June 23 & Sept. 8. Input will be gathered through the Open Space Technology process we used during our governance restructuring process. You might remember sticky notes are an important part of this process!

The MCC relief and hygiene kit drive has concluded with 78 hygiene kits and 16 relief kits collected. Thank you for your generosity in this project. (MCC just delivered 1,092 relief and 1,600 hygiene kits to Ukraine. Perhaps our kits from last year were part of this effort.) Please keep sewing bags in preparation for our school kit drive in late summer.

Do you know about the **Mennonite Memorial Home Service Group**? The group plans fund-raising events and keeps FMC informed of volunteer opportunities. FMC's representative is Gloria Bucher, and she is looking for two more people to join her. If you want to know more, please text or call Gloria at 419.429.2621.

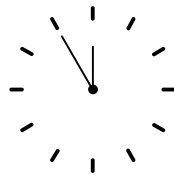
We invite all to join us for the 2024 **Central District Conference annual meeting** on June 20-22, 2024 at Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. Registration is required to attend the delegate sessions. Worship services are open to the public. The meeting will be held in person or you may join via Zoom. You will find information about the gathering, delegate sessions, and registration forms [HERE](#). Questions: email office@mcusacdc.org or call 574.534.1485.



Sunday School Teacher Recognition



Ministry Minute!



During worship on **May 19**, we will recognize **Sunday School Teachers** for their gifts of time and preparation (and patience) over the last year.

Sarah Phillips	Karen McCullough	Kendra Nickel
Melinda Estell	Ruth Naylor	Melissa Friesen
Isaac Schumacher	Mary Ina Hooley	Jen Benroth
Alison King	Judy Steiner	Carrie Mast
Jonathan Spelman	Amber Steiner	Alex Sider
Victoria Woods-Yee		



We are looking for teachers & helpers next year. Commitment includes teaching 1 Sunday a month, no holidays, and no Sundays in December. If you are interested in joining one of the SS teaching teams, contact Pastor Carrie: 419.230.1568 or carrie@fmclubluffton.org.



Happy Anniversary

May 15 - Walt Paquin & Rhonda Winstead
30 years



Happy Birthday!

May 13 - Judy Steiner
May 15 - Evan Blount
 Lori Nester
May 16 - Ellie Hartzler
May 17 - John Templin
May 18 - Dick Ramseyer



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.

Today, Sunday, May 12, 2024

Youth Choir, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Room
 Coffee Time, 9 a.m. & Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.
 Mother's Day breakfast, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall
 Cherubs, 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir Room
 Mental Health Matters Elective SS Class, 9:30 a.m. Jax Gott Sanctuary
 Worship: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
 Ten Thousand Villages Mother's day activities, noon Fellowship Hall
 Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Monday, May 13

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 15

Maple Crest Bible study, 2 p.m.
 Jubilate 3-3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Room
 Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, May 19

Worship: Guest Speaker Eric McKee preaching
 Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27,
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
 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 for young children during Sunday School and worship in the nursery located in the basement.