

Pentecost
Mental Health Matters
May 19, 2024

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Chris Gott

Prelude *Prelude in C# Minor* Robert Vandall
Laura Hartzler

Invocation

*Opening Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

*Responsive Reading – Adapted from the UCC Mental Health Network

One: No fear, no chaos, no hopelessness is beyond the reach of the One

Many: whose breath gives us life.

One: No valley is too despairing, broken, or dusty

Many: for God to enter in.

One: Through Christ, God sees only our wholeness.

Many: We are reclaimed and remade by the Spirit of Life.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Make all things new.

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children Jax Gott

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* VT 718
(vs. 1 coming forward and going back)

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Offering
Words of Invitation & Dedication Prayer
Offertory *I Surrender All* Lorie Line

Community Prayer Pastor Phil

Scripture Acts 2:1-21 Susie Gratz

Message *Get ready; Be Open* Eric Mckee

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

Communion

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

*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: *Shelby Cluts*
Worship: *Sunita Hooley & Pat Sheidler*

Nursery Workers Next Week SS: *Judy Diller*
Worship:



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

5/5/2024 - 5/12/2024

Attendance last Sunday: 111 Video: Ray Raeburn
Reported Volunteer hours: 6 Sound: Chris Moser/Jonah Sheets
Online views: Live: **21** Recorded: **20** Chancel: Liana & Jax Gott
Total Viewing Hrs: **24**

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

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 19, 2024



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the organ is in honor **James Kingsley Reyes-Steinmetz** who was born Monday, May 13 to **Jill & Steven**. Congratulations to grandparents **Teri & Joel Steinmetz**, uncles **Carter & Tate**, and great-grandma **Jane Steinmetz**.

We are most grateful for the many gifts of food, cards, phone calls and prayers that have been a real blessing for us in the past four weeks. Dottie continues to improve with less pain and to be more comfortable. Thank you.

-Dottie & Gene Long

Ginger Theis fell at home earlier this week and broke her hip and wrist. Her first surgery on Wednesday went well, and she is scheduled for an additional surgery at St. Rita's late in the week or early next week. Ginger and Heather request prayers during her time of hospitalization and recovery.

Sarah Basinger was in the hospital this week. Hold Sarah and Tom in your prayers as Sarah recovers.

Our guest speaker today is **Eric McKee**. Eric is a Findlay native and has been involved with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Hancock County and NAMI Ohio for many years, working on mental health education, support, and advocacy.

TODAY: On this Pentecost Sunday, we will be partaking in **Communion**. An opportunity to give alms to support the **Mutual Aid Fund** will be available. Baskets for this offering will be located at the entrances to the sanctuary. The Mutual Aid Fund provides assistance for individual needs in our church and community. In recent months, this fund has provided groceries to many people. Thank you for your ongoing support.



All are invited to celebrate with **Jax Gott** this afternoon at their graduation party between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Most **Sunday School** classes will conclude on May 26 to take a **break for the summer**. One summer **SS class will continue gathering** in the Assembly Room to study the Salt & Light series. **All are welcome** for this time of Scripture study and discussion.

Summer Music at FMC: 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, Carmille Lively at camille@fmclubffton.org

TUESDAY: If you plan to volunteer at **Our Daily Bread** this week, contact John or Carolyn Rich at 419.358.5405. We leave at 10:45 a.m.

Movie Night! Join us for a kid friendly movie, *Leo*, following Noodle Night on May 22 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite snack. Theater popcorn from the Shannon will be provided.

CDC Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates! We invite all to join us for the 2024 **Central District Conference annual meeting** on June 20-22 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 on the CDC website. Questions: email office@mcusacdc.org or call 574.534.1485.

Findlay Pride on June 1: FMC and Ten Thousand Villages are co-hosting a booth at Findlay Pride. All are welcome to come and hang out at the booth. If anyone is interested in helping staff the booth, contact Wendy Chappell Dick at mennofolkmusic@gmail.com. Spectrum of Findlay, who puts on the event from sunrise to sundown, could use more volunteers. Sign up here for a variety of ways to help if interested:

LISTEN!
WISDOM IS CALLING

Pride



Ministry Minute!



May 22 will be our last Noodle night before breaking for the summer. Join us for some noodles followed by a family friendly movie. Bring your favorite snacks. Theatre popcorn will be provided. Thank you Carrie for taking the time to organize noodle night. A special shout out to Don & Sunita Hooley who arrive in the nick of time to wash & dry dishes for an hour every week!

HISTORY: The first Noodle Night gathering was more than 10 years ago! Like always, these were informal events. They were hosted in the basement kitchen and what is now the Bell Choir Room. All have always been welcome, but these times of food and fellowship were offered in between the First Night series to cater particularly to households with young children. Today, these gatherings are weekly and very visible and audible in the Fellowship Hall! Babies, toddlers, elementary children, tweens, teens, and adults from 20-78 years routinely meet around tables in the midst of their busy schedules to share a bite and some time together. Food has expanded beyond noodles, red sauce, and applesauce to include popsicles, fudgsicles, and breadsticks.



Average Weekly Stats:

40-60 people from 3 churches (FMC, Grace, St John's UCC)
8-9 tables
5 pounds of spaghetti
5 jars of red sauce
6 boxes of breadsticks
1 container of Parmesan cheese
12 fudgsicles
8 popsicles
MANY potluck dishes
LOTS of laughter



May 19 - Bodey Benroth

Greg Hartzler

May 22 - Gayle Trollinger

My 23 - Kaleigh Coffman

Juniper Edmiston

Ann Kingsley

May 24 - Art Shelly

May 25 - Amy Freeman

Mary Ina Hooley



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, Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 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.

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

Jax Gott's Graduation party, 2-4 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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

This Week

Monday, May 20

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tuesday, May 21

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Our Daily Bread, depart at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22

Jubilate 3-3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Room

LAST Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Movie Night: *Leo*, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, May 26

Membership Sunday

Worship: Pastor Phil preaching

Freudige SS Class potluck, noon

Theo Andreas, Ben Hartzler, Ethan Nickel, & John-Paul Yoder's Graduation party, 2-4 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Lectinary: Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

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.

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Prayer of Thanks for Sunday School Teachers
By Elsie Rempel

One: God calls us all to grow in knowledge and wisdom; to go and tell what we have seen, heard and learned.

All: For the last 40 weeks our congregation has been blessed by those who were willing to prepare and teach Sunday school.

One: As our teachers prepared these sessions, they have been blessed by their lively encounter with God's Word, and your people.

All: They have been blessed, and they have been a great blessing.

One: We thank you God, for these teachers; for good curriculum, for creativity and patience in the learning process.

All: Our teachers have helped us all learn to know you and learn about you.

One: Bless our teachers, we pray, Infuse them, and us all, with an eagerness to dwell in you and your Word; to seek and find you in nature, in quiet reading and conversations in outdoor activity and in other experiences where you await us this summer season while our organized congregational activities take a bit of a break. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Thanks to all of the Sunday School Teachers!

Sarah Phillips

Melinda Estell

Isaac Schumacher

Alison King

Jonathan Spelman

Victoria Woods-Yee

Karen McCullough

Ruth Naylor

Mary Ina Hooley

Judy Steiner

Amber Steiner

Kendra Nickel

Melissa Friesen

Jen Benroth

Ryan DeMarco

Adam Phillips

Teri Steinmetz

Carrie Mast

Alex Sider

