

**Creativity: Part Deux**  
**Holy Spirit**  
**June 9, 2024**

***Gathering***

Welcome and announcements		Jeff Gundy
Prelude	<i>Prelude in B Major</i> Laura Hartzler	Robert Vandall
Invocation		
Opening Hymns	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous</i> <i>My Life Flows On</i> Louise Matthews	VT 590 VT 605

\*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 138

One: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart,  
**Many: for your unfailing love and your faithfulness.**  
One: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
**Many: though lofty, he sees them from afar.**  
One: When I called, you answered me.  
**Many: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,**  
One: you preserve my life.  
**Many: You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.**  
One: The Lord will vindicate me;  
**Many: your love, Lord, endures forever—**  
**All: do not abandon the works of your hands.**

***Telling God's Story***

Conversation with Children		Jeff Gundy
Hymn	<i>Everlasting God, On You I Call</i> (v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)	VT 630

Community Prayer		Pastor Phil
Scripture	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Ruth Naylor
Message	<i>Power to the People</i>	Pastor Carrie

***Living God's Story***

*Hymn of Response	<i>Holy Spirit, Come with Power</i>	VT 57
Offering		
Words of Invitation		
Offertory	<i>Down in the River to Pray</i>	<i>Arr. Lorie Line</i>
Dedication Prayer		

***Sending***

*Hymn of Sending	<i>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</i>	VT 194
*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

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER IN A WHILE CROCODILE TAKING A SUMMER BREAK WATER GATOR SEE YOU IN THE FALL**

Nursery Workers Today SS: --  
Worship: --  
Nursery sign-up here: <http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery-volunteers>



5/28/2024 - 6/2/2024

Attendance last Sunday: 164 Video: Ray Raeburn  
Reported Volunteer hours: 25 Sound: Melissa Friesen/Jonah Sheets  
Online views: Live: 18 Recorded: 16 Chancel: Anita Lehman  
Total Viewing Hrs: 22

**Leadership Circle**

Moderator  
Moderator-Elect  
Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader  
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader  
Christian Formation Circle Leader  
Deacon  
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Deacon  
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Recorder

Ray Person  
Laurel Neufeld Weaver  
Kevin Nickel  
Ken Shenk  
Shelby Cluts  
Victoria Woods-Yee  
Kathy Dickson  
Isaac Schumacher  
Rita Dietrich  
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

## JUNE 9, 2024

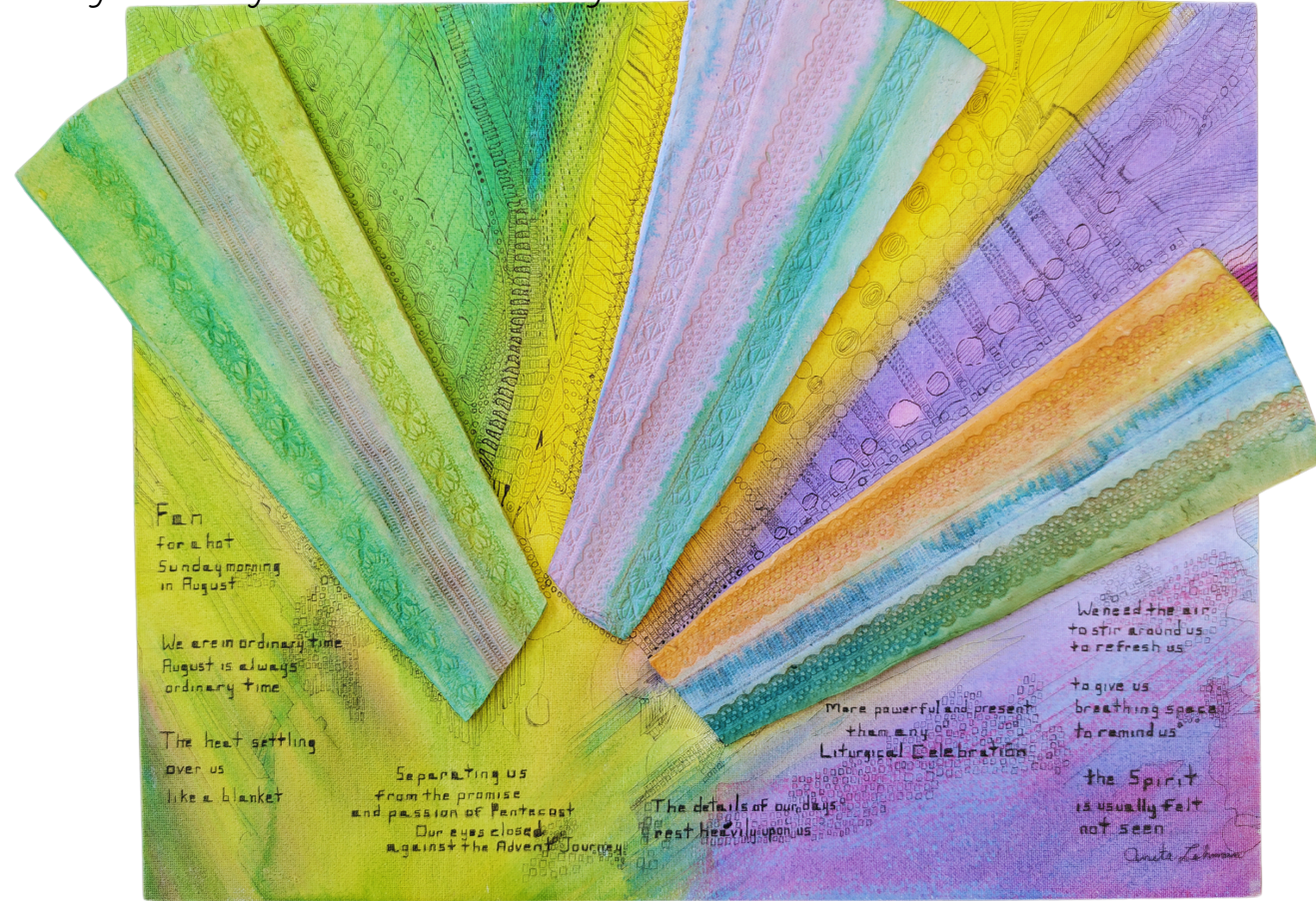
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sarah Phillips'** dad, Michael Hounshell, will be having brain surgery on June 13 at Toledo hospital to remove a brain tumor. Prayers for the family are welcome.

**Ginger Theis** was scheduled to return home on Saturday where she will be continuing with therapy.

**Jon Rockhold's** heart surgery was moved up to Wednesday and went well. Jon remains in the hospital in Lima recovering and appreciates our prayer support.

**Lynn Miller** had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday. He returned home on Thursday and is doing PT. Prayers for healing are welcome.

High School Camp begins today at Camp Friedenswald! Campers heading north for the week include **Theo Andreas, Ethan Blount, Kaleigh Coffman, Rebecca Estell, Ben Hartzler, Ellie Hartzler, Ethan Nickel, Claire Phillips, and Tate Steinmetz.** Prayers for safe travels and a deep connection with the Peaceful Woods!



Join the **FUN! Committee** for a late afternoon/early evening picnic and croquet on **July 3 at 5 p.m.** Mark your calendars! There will be games and crafts for the kids and several croquet matches including giant kick croquet. Food will be provided. Bring a lawn chair. Sign up [HERE](#) or on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan on coming.

**The church office** will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Friday afternoons during the summer months. Pastor Carrie will be working but likely out visiting. She can be contacted at 419.230.1568.

**Mitch Kingsley** is serving as **Mennonite Disaster Service** project director in Red Lake, MN June 3-July 6. **Ann Kingsley** will volunteer June 9-14, along with **Pat and Dennis Sheidler.** A tornado struck the community of Red Lake on Monday, July 26, 2021.

**Grace Mennonite Church** is seeking an additional Administrative Assistant for 15 - 18 hours per week. Duties include general office tasks for the church and pastor and working with a co-worker on larger projects. The pay starts at \$13 per hour and the work is in a pleasant environment. Please send resume to Pastor, P.O. Box 387, Pandora, Ohio 45877 or to [pastor@gracepandora.org](mailto:pastor@gracepandora.org).

**The comforter making mission** is back up and running at First Mennonite Church. We're hoping to involve many people of **all ages and genders** in the program. The first step is to have comforter tops made in preparation for knotting. If anyone has fabric they would like to donate to this cause, that would be great. Large pieces of multiple yards would especially be appreciated, although anything larger than a third of a yard is welcome. Fabric should be sturdy and washable, either cotton or flannel. Bright and medium-to-dark colors preferred. You can put the fabric in the Fellowship Hall on the cart beside the library door in the tub labeled donated "donated fabrics." There are kits with fabric cut and ready to sew in another tub on the cart.

**Joy Fellowship Mennonite Church**, one of our sibling congregations in Central District Conference (CDC), **suffered major water damage** to their foundation following a storm in early May. The costs for repair are \$78,000. The CDC Board of Directors is providing \$7,800 of unrestricted reserves to assist with the costs. We encourage congregations to consider a gift as well. Joy serves one of the most academically and socially challenged areas of Peoria, Illinois. The building in which they meet is a mixed occupancy structure. The lower portion of the building has a sanctuary and classrooms. The upper portion is used for fellowship, classrooms, and houses a kitchen. The congregation wants to be an alternative to the choices youth are making. Joy is working on a Kids Cool program that emphasizes spiritual connection and has a focus on arts, education, and athletics. There are 20 regular attendees for worship. Please hold this congregation in your prayers.

**Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC)** has launched a website where young adults across the U.S. can find information about non-military careers, service and training opportunities. Learn more here:



**The Supportive Communities Network (SCN) Pride 2024 newsletter** is out, which includes ideas for worship & lgbtq-specific summer camps. As a member of the SCN, we have access to BMC's virtual Pride Inside spiritual care event for lgbtqia+ people & allies is June 11 @ 6 p.m. Central (1 hr) Ages 15+. Teens especially welcome. [Details & registration here:](#)





# Ministry Minute!



This spring, multiple tornadoes, straight-line winds, and floods occurred in western Ohio, prompting many to ask this question:

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO DISASTERS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS?

When a disaster occurs, MDS initially relies on volunteers in our Anabaptist churches to begin assessing damage and to plan with others in the MDS network about if, when, and how to respond in helpful and meaningful ways. This requires organization before a local disaster occurs.



All are welcome to attend the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Western Ohio Informational Meeting Saturday, June 29, at Oak Grove Mennonite, 1525 Mennonite Church Rd, West Liberty, OH. MDS staff and volunteers will discuss how to organize and respond when local

disasters occur. The Western Ohio tool trailer will be open before and after the meeting. Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting is from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. including a complimentary lunch. RSVP is not required but appreciated. RSVP to Lorena Richtarsic, Administrative Assistant Region 2: [Lrichtarsic@mds.org](mailto:Lrichtarsic@mds.org). Questions? Contact Lawrence Matthews, Region 2 Volunteer Development Coordinator, MDS: [Lmatthews@mds.org](mailto:Lmatthews@mds.org). 419.303.8056



- June 10 - Jonah Hilty
- June 12 - Marie Dyck
- June 13 - Judy Diller  
Cameron Shadbolt  
Dennis Sheidler
- June 14 - Jenny Moser  
Ellie Nickel

*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, June 9, 2024

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Option #1: Salt & Light series, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

Option #2: The Artist's Way 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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

Sojourners SS Class potluck, noonish Assembly Room

Wedding shower, afternoon Fellowship Hall

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

### This Week

#### Monday, June 10

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tutoring, 4 p.m. Assembly room

Writers Group, 5 p.m. Parlor

Meditation Group, 7 p.m. Balcony classroom

#### Tuesday, June 11

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

#### Thursday, June 13

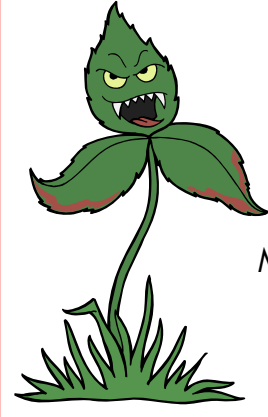
Weekday Christian Education Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. English Lutheran Church

### Next Sunday, June 16

Worship: Phil Yoder preaching

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

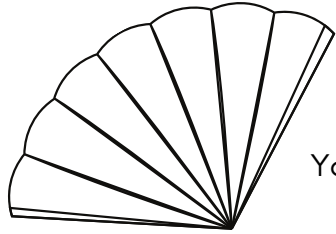
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### Welcome to our worship service today.

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 also welcome to stay with their children in the nursery located in the basement.

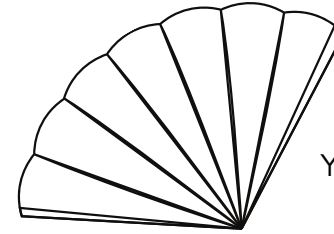




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You just might feel the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

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