

Creativity: Threequel
Jesus Christ
June 16, 2024
Gathering

Welcome and announcements Isaac Schumacherr

Prelude *Deep River (African-American spiritual)* arr. Lani Smith
Anne Marie Spelman

Invocation

Opening Hymns *Guide My Feet* VT 816
Wade in the Water VT 454
Wendy Chappell-Dick

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 20

One: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

Many: May he send you help from the sanctuary

One: and give you support from Zion.

Many: May he grant you your heart's desire

One: and fulfill all your plans.

Many: Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,

One: but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

Many: Give victory to the king, O Lord;

All: answer us when we call.

Telling God's Story

Special Music *This Little Light of Mine* Folk Melody
Wendy Chappell-Dick (guitar) & Perry Bush (harmonica)

Conversation with Children Teri Steinmetz

Hymn *Everlasting God, On You I Call* VT 630
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)

Community Prayer Pastor Carrie

Scripture Mark 4:26-34 Jonathan Spelman

Message **Menomorphosis** Pastor Phil

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response *We Praise the Word of God* VT 404

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory *No. 2 Anilam from "The Three Maries"* Heitor Villa-Lobos

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *There is More Love Somewhere* VT 804
Wendy Chappell-Dick (guitar)

*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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 Phil's day off - Friday Carrie's day off - Thursday

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER
 IN A WHILE GROCERIES
 TAKING A SUMMER BREAK
 SEE YOU IN THE FALL**

Nursery Workers Today SS: --
 Worship: --
 Nursery Parents Take Mark S. --
 Worship: --

Nursery sign-up here: http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery_volunteers

5/26/2024 - 6/9/2024

Attendance last Sunday:	113	Video:	Steve Phillips
Reported Volunteer hours:	30	Sound:	Chris Moser
Online views:	Live:24 Recorded: 22	Chancel:	Trusty Schumacher
	Total Viewing Hrs: 34		

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

JUNE 16, 2024



Matthew Laca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elnore Yost was hospitalized Monday after experiencing a mini heart attack. She has returned home and remains in good spirits.

Camille Lively has been recovering from spinal surgery and is currently managing her recovery and ongoing chronic pain. She attends services and works in the church office as she is able, but often attends virtually. She looks forward to spending more time with church members later in the year and appreciates our ongoing prayers for recovery and healing.

A memorial service for **Michael Kingsley**, son of **Judy Kingsley** and the late Phil Kingsley, will be Saturday, June 22 at 11 a.m. here at FMC. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:30-11 a.m.

Today, we are singing African-American spirituals this morning to honor **Juneteenth National Independence Day**, a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

FMC is celebrating all the men in our lives with a **Father's Day Tool Exchange** Sunday! Got any tools you don't use anymore? Have you somehow collected 7 Phillips-head screwdrivers? Swap 'em! Don't have any tools you want to part with? No problem! Choose any tools from our collection in the Fellowship Hall. All people of all ages are welcome to participate!



Junior High Camp begins today at Camp Friedenswald! Campers heading north for the week include **Ryan Blount, Micah DeMarco, Jori Mast, Atticus Prothro, Kendyl Shadbolt, and Carter Steinmetz**. Prayers for safe travels and a deep connection with the Peaceful Woods!

MONDAY: The **Capital Campaign Committee** will be meeting at **6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor.

TUESDAY: **Our Daily Bread** volunteers will meet at the church at 10:45 Tuesday morning to decide who will drive to Lima. Contact John or Carolyn Rich at 419.358.5405.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday in honor of **Juneteenth**. The office will be observing summer office hours by closing at 12:30 p.m. on Friday afternoons through August. Pastor Carrie will be working but likely out visiting. She can be contacted at 419.230.1568.

The 2024 Central District Conference annual meeting is this week Thursday-Saturday at Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. Delegates representing FMC include **Wendy Chappell-Dick, Elizabeth Kelly (zoom), George Lehman, Gerald Mast, Carrie Mast, Louise Matthews, Lori Nester, and Paul Neufeld Weaver**.

FMC will be collecting orders for the **Anabaptist Community Bible**. If you are interested in participating in a bulk order with the church, you can sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Tri-Church Worship** service with Grace and Lima Mennonite Churches is Sunday, **July 28 at Pandora Park**. A **Tri-Church Choir** directed by Carolyn McDaniel will be forming to sing during the worship service. Rehearsal details will be coming soon. Interested people should contact Carolyn at mcdanielcr27@gmail.com or 419.615.2515.



The **comforter making** mission is back up and running at FMC! 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 be especially 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 labelled donated "donated fabrics". There are kits with fabric cut and ready to sew in another tub on the cart.

The **Capital Campaign** Committee will be hosting an **input and reporting session** next Sunday afternoon, **June 23 at 3 p.m.** We will be using open space technology to facilitate the discussion and input, the same method we used when we discussed ministries during our governance structure shift. Post-its will be provided!

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. Questions? Contact Lawrence Matthews, Region 2 Volunteer Development Coordinator, MDS: Lmatthewse@mds.org. 419.303.8056.

Mennonite Action

Mennonite Action will hold their largest and most ambitious nonviolent mass mobilizations this July. The plan is to march July 18-28 from Harrisonburg, VA to Washington, DC across a 10 day, 140 mile march. Then on July 28-30, Mennonites will mobilize in Washington, DC to march for peace and liberation. For details, Mennonite Action's next mass Zoom call is on June 20 at 8 p.m.

Contact Pastor Phil for more information.

Ministry Minute!



Happy Anniversary!

June 22 - Gary & Lois Wetherill

50th

Happy Birthday!

June 16 - Quin Spelman

June 19 - Rebecca Estell

Laura Hartzler

June 21 Marilyn Diller

Ken Shenk

June 22 - Mel Stettler

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 16, 2024
Coffee Time, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Father's Day Tool Exchange, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall
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: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Monday, June 17
Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor
Capital Campaign Committee, 6:30 p.m. Parlor

Tuesday, June 18
Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary
Our Daily Bread, depart at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19
Office closed for the Juneteenth holiday

Thursday-Saturday, June 20-22
Central District Conference Annual Meeting, Goshen, IN

Saturday, June 22
Michael Kingsley Memorial Service, visitation 9:30-11 a.m., service 11 a.m.

Next Sunday, June 23
Worship: Phil Yoder preaching
Lectionary: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20,
2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41
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.
Caregivers are also welcome to stay with children in the nursery located in the basement.

