

Creativity: Episode IV Creativity and Suffering

June 23, 2024

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Gerald Mast

Prelude *Lost Ostinato* Chilly Gonzales
Anne Marie Spelman

Invocation

*Opening Hymns *Laudate Dominum* VT 77
In the Bulb There is a Flower VT 670
Monica Harnish, song leader; Steve Harnish, recorder

*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 9

One: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

Many: for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

One: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

Many: Declare his deeds among the peoples.

One: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Many: Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail;

One: let the nations be judged before you.

Many: Put the nations in fear, O Lord;

All: let the nations know that they are only human.

Telling God's Story

Scripture Mark 4:35-41 Gerald Mast

Conversation with Children Laurel Neufeld Weaver

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

Community Prayer Pastor Carrie

Scripture 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Jason Diller

Message *Creating Resiliency* Pastor Phil

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response *How Many Times We Start Again* VT 553
Camille Lively, song leader; Monica Harnish, violin; Steve Harnish, recorder
Adam Phillips, guitar; Ann Marie Spelman, piano

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory *Sonata No. 12 in F Major, Mvt. II. Adagio* W. A. Mozart

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

*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 GROCERIES
TAKING A SUMMER BREAK
SEE YOU IN THE FALL

Nursery Workers Today SS: --
Worship: --
Nursery Volunteers Today SS: --
Worship: --

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



6/9/2024 - 6/16/2024

Attendance last Sunday: 120 Video: Ray Raeburn
Reported Volunteer hours: 20 Sound: Chris Moser/Jonah Sheets
Online views: Live: 18 Recorded: 17 Chancel: Karen McCullough &
Total Viewing Hrs: 35 Kaden, Leah, & Jackson Niekamp

Leadership Circle

Moderator Ray Person
Moderator-Elect Laurel Neufeld Weaver
Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader Kevin Nickel
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader Ken Shen
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 23, 2024

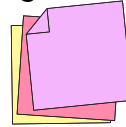


ANNOUNCEMENTS



A note about today's prelude: Chilly Gonzales dedicated "Lost Ostinato" to Hildegard von Bingen, a 12th century mystic, theologian, religious leader, natural healer, and prolific composer. I don't know the story behind this piece, or what Gonzales is trying to "say" with it, but that leaves plenty of room for wonder. What would your dialogue with such a wildly creative medieval woman sound like? - Anne Marie Spelman

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



Pre-Junior Camp begins today at Camp Friedenswald! FMC campers heading north for the week include **Evan Blount, Hannah DeMarco, Anna Hartzler, Micah Hartzler, Logan Kerns, Madelyn King, Evan Sider, Quin Spelman, and Savannah Werling** + several friends. Prayers for safe travels and a deep connection with the Peaceful Woods!

Staff Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. over Zoom.

NEXT SUNDAY: The **Swiss Historical Society** will host the annual "**Swiss Day**" Potluck and annual meeting at FMC in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 1 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish and your own table setting. All are welcome for delicious food and fellowship.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in participating in a bulk pre-order for the **Anabaptist Community Bible**. Details are posted on the column.



Reminder: 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: Lmatthews@mds.org. 419.303.8056.



The **comforter making** mission is back! We're hoping to involve many people, of **all ages and genders**. Comforter tops need to be made in preparation for knotting. Donations of sturdy, washable fabric, either cotton or flannel, are welcome. Bright and medium-to-dark colors preferred. Large pieces of multiple yards would be especially appreciated, although anything larger than a third of a yard is welcome. Fabric can be placed in the tub labeled "donated fabrics" on the cart beside the library door. There are kits with fabric cut and ready to sew in another tub on the cart.



Bring a lawn chair. and come out for **Picnic and Croquet July 3 at 5 p.m.** Hosted by the **FUN! Committee**, games and crafts will be provided for the kids, and several croquet matches including giant kick croquet are planned for all ages. Food will be provided. Sign up with this QR code or check out the 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 June issue of the **Central District Conference Connector** is out! The theme of this issue is Social Justice, part of our year-long series on stories that were gathered from the sacred listening process. It includes an article on counter-recruiting initiatives for high schoolers, the history of La Posada, Camp Friedenswald's composting program, and a reflection about growing up in Gaza.

Director of Music Camille will be away **June 26 - July 8** as she travels to Italy to see the first days of the Tour de France in Florence and then heads to Amalfi to **conduct and sing** in a **choral festival**. She will return for Sunday, July 14.

Pastor Carrie will be serving as **Camp Pastor at Camp Friedenswald June 30-July 5**. She will likely be delayed in responding to email and texts due to the lack of cell reception.

Jenna Liechty Martin, executive director at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, identifies what makes camp such a special place for faith formation. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/camp-life-changing.





THE Organ-izers

Ministry Minute!

You've experienced the power and beauty of our pipe organ during worship, but did you know...?

- It was built in 1976?
- It has 27 "ranks" (rows of pipes)?
- It was built by the Reuter Pipe Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas?

As FMC explores projects for our next capital campaign, the "Organ-izers" have been formed to consider the role of the organ in our worship and church life. The team of **Melissa Friesen, Chris Moser, Steve Phillips and LuAnn Stuckey** met on June 10 with Parker Maas of Lima Pipe Organ Company to learn about our instrument. We were treated to an amazing look inside the console, windchest and pipework. We learned about the deterioration in process and rebuilding options. Stay "tuned" for more discussion about the organ in the coming months.

Happy Birthday

June 23 - Elnore Yost
 June 27 - Romaine Pannabecker
 June 29 - Karen Luginbuhl

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 23, 2024
 Coffee Time, 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
 Capital Campaign Input & Reporting Session, 3 p.m. Fellowship Hall
 Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Monday, June 24
 Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tuesday, June 25
 Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary
 Staff Relations Committee, 2:30 p.m. Zoom

Wednesday, June 26
 Tri-Church Worship Planning, 10 a.m. Grace Mennonite
 Maple Crest Bible study, 2 p.m.

Next Sunday, June 30
 Worship: Phil Yoder preaching
 Lectionary: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, 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.

