

Anabaptism at 500 & 2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025

Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship      A Welcome Song      arr. Wendy Chappell-Dick  
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Welcome and announcements

Preludes      On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand      arr. S.E. Rogers  
Amazing Grace      arr. Sandra Eithun  
Adult Bells

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn      🌿 If You but Trust in God to Guide You      Hymn Sheet Insert

\*Responsive Reading – adapted from “Let the Hungry Come to Me” (VT 459)

One: Let the hungry come to the table.  
**Many: Let the poor be fed!**  
One: Let the thirsty come to drink.  
**Many: Share my wine and bread.**  
One: The table is set.  
**Many: Come and eat.**  
One: Drink from the cup freely offered to you.  
**All: Share the life of God!**

Telling God’s Story

Special Music      🌿 The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound      Adam Tice &  
Anabaptist Concert Choir      Marty Haugen  
Camille Lively, Director  
Anne Marie Spelman, pianist; Jan Wiebe, flute

The congregation is invited to join on the last refrain,  
printed at the bottom of the hymn sheet insert.

Conversation with Children      Eternal, Light, Shine in My Heart      VT 554  
v. 1 going forward, v. 3 returning to seats

Community Prayer      The Lord’s Prayer      James W. Bixel  
back cover of HWB

Scripture      I Corinthians 11:23–26

Message      Remembering Christ, Becoming Bread

Living God’s Story

\*Hymn of Response      🌿 Who Now Would Follow Christ      VT 576

Offering Invitation      Thoughts of the Last Supper      Lani Smith  
Offertory  
\*Dedication Prayer

Sending

\*Hymn of Sending      🌿 We Are People of God’s Peace      VT 797

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please rise in body or in spirit      – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)  
🌿: Anabaptist Heritage Music

<b>Preaching</b> Gerald Mast	<b>Worship Leader</b> Carrie Mast	<b>Pianist/Organist</b> Anne Marie Spelman
<b>Children’s Time</b> Phil Yoder	<b>Community Prayer</b> Phil Yoder	<b>Scripture Reader</b> Kevin Cluts

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.  
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.  
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.  
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to 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: --  
Worship: Chaska Yoder & Mary Ina Hooley  
Nursery Workers Next Week SS: --  
Worship: Mary Edmiston



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

Last Sunday - 4/20/2025

Attendance last Sunday: 217  
Reported Volunteer hours: 31  
Online views: Live: 27 Recorded: 30  
Total Viewing Hrs: 35

This Sunday - 4/27/2025

Video: Ray Raeburn  
Sound: Melissa Friesen/Jonah Sheets  
Chancel: Carrie Mast/Trusty Schumacher

Leadership Circle

Moderator Laurel Neufeld Weaver  
Moderator-Elect Jonathan Spelman  
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 Monica Harnish  
Recorder Carrie Phillips

No checks or cash in your pocket?  
Consider online giving.



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  
APRIL 27, 2025



Emmaus Road: Breaking Bread

MATTHEW REGIER

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is a celebration of “the creativity and connectedness of Anabaptist singing, including music by Anabaptist songwriters and composers as well as from other Christian traditions that have influenced Anabaptist theology and culture,” as stated in the program notes.

**MEETINGS** **Staff Relations Committee:** Monday @ 3:30 p.m.  
**Leadership Circle:** Tuesday @ 7:15 p.m.

**May 14** will be our last Noodle Night before breaking for the summer. Join us for some noodles followed by a family friendly movie. We will be watching **Disney's Encanto**, the Sing-Along version. Bring your favorite snacks. Theatre popcorn will be provided. Thank you, Carrie, for taking the time to organize Noodle Night. Special thanks to Sunita, Mary Ina, & Don Hooley and Walt Paquin for their help in the kitchen.



The **Bluffton Community VBS** is hosting *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace* with set-up similar to last year's *Hometown Nazareth*. We are still looking for volunteers to bake 2 dozen cookies and help prepare the items the shopkeepers will offer in the marketplace. Join our team of volunteers: **Sarah Phillips, Miev Chan, Trusty Schumacher, Kaye Phillips, Quinn Longworth, Milena King, Isaac Schumacher, and Pastor Carrie** – from **July 13-17** at the Bluffton YMCA.

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*\*This year, 2025, marks 500 years of Anabaptism.\**



**Sunday Concert, Apr. 27, 2:30 p.m.** FMC Director of Music **Camille Lively** will conduct the choral concert in Yoder Recital Hall. Free admission, no ticket is required. A live stream link is posted across our social media channels. Please feel free to share!

— **at 9:15 a.m. Elective SS Class continues**  
studying *Drawing Near*, a devotional journey with art, poetry, and reflection facilitated by writers and artists from Mar-Nov. at FMC in the Assembly Room. Pick up a copy of the book in the in the Assembly Room.

*Renewal at the Lord's Table: Anabaptism at 500*  
Worship Series #3. Worship with Gerald Mast at  
FMC.

*These events are made possible with the generous support of **Lowell and Marty Hostetler**.*

A full list of Activities can be found at [www.bluffton.edu/anabaptism500](http://www.bluffton.edu/anabaptism500)

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From the **Newcomer Coalition** (local immigrant support): As part of the Northwest Ohio "Strangers No Longer" initiative, St. John and St. Rose parishes in Lima will present "Circles of Support" as a Facebook Live program with Michigan "Strangers No Longer" director Bill O'Brien, on **Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.** The program is free and open to all. To access the event, simply go to the parishes' Facebook page to join.



You're invited to join **MCC** for the building dedication of the new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron, OH on **Sunday, May 4 from 2-4 p.m.** Please join us as we dedicate this building and the many kits and comforters that will pass through these doors spreading relief and hope to people around the world. Self-guided tours, activities and light refreshments will be offered with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. We look forward to celebrating together! More information at [mcc.org/kidron-mrc-dedication](https://mcc.org/kidron-mrc-dedication).



# Immigrant Ministry



In the last few weeks, an Immigrant Ministry at FMC has developed to meet the pressing needs for support for immigrants in Allen County. Through this ministry, funds from the Jubilee Fund (which is the fund at FMC that supports emerging ministries) and the Mutual Aid Fund, will go to support Lima Mennonite's driving ministry within their congregation's growing number of immigrant participants. There are still needs for gardening tools (trowels, metal rakes, and round headed shovels) and sewing machines. Donations are welcome and can be brought to the basement kitchen. If you wish to find more ways to get involved in the ministry or give financially to support immigrants in Allen County, talk to Pastor Phil.



**April 27 - John Estell**  
**Bill Suter**  
**JD Yoder**  
**29 - Kari Diller**  
**Lena Skilliter**  
**30 - Amy Shadbolt**  
**May 1 - Pat Althaus**  
**Tess Edmiston**  
**Adam Phillips**  
**Sue Schaaf**

*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.*

# Ministry Minute!

## Today, Sunday, April 27, 2025

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: preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
Freudige SS Class potluck, noon Fellowship Hall  
Spring Anabaptist Choral Concert, 2:30 p.m. Yoder Recital Hall

## This Week

### Monday, April 28

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor  
Staff Relations Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Parlor

### Tuesday, April 29

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary  
Leadership Circle, 7:15 p.m. Parlor

### Wednesday, April 30

Jubilate, 3:15-4 p.m., Cherub Choir, 4-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Room  
Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
Adult Bells, 6 p.m., Youth Bells, 7 p.m. Bell Choir Room  
Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Sanctuary  
SHY, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 1

National Day of Prayer  
Bluffton Area Ministerial Association, 9:30 a.m.

## Next Sunday, May 4, 2025

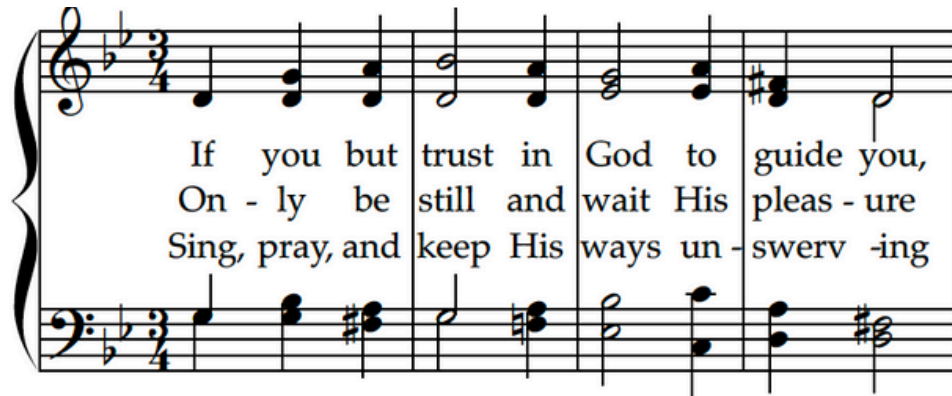
Worship: Phil Yoder preaching  
Lectionary: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; & John 21:1-19

### Welcome to our worship service today.

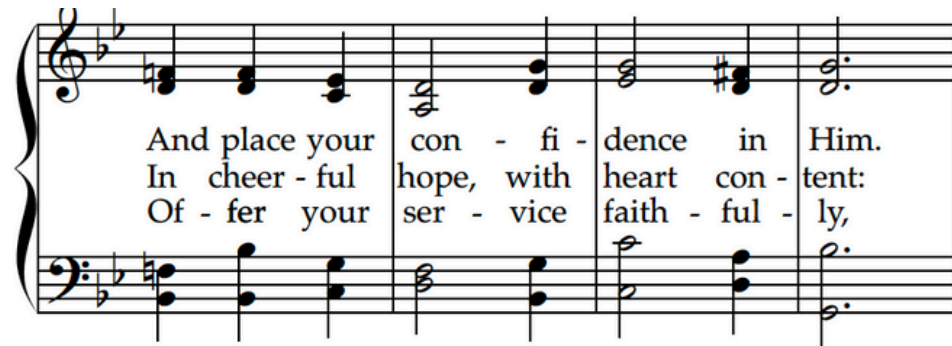
Visitors are invited to sign one of our guest sheets located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Wireless hearing aids are available. Worship bags for children can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance. Child care is available during Sunday School and worship for young children in the nursery located in the basement.

# If You But Trust in God to Guide You

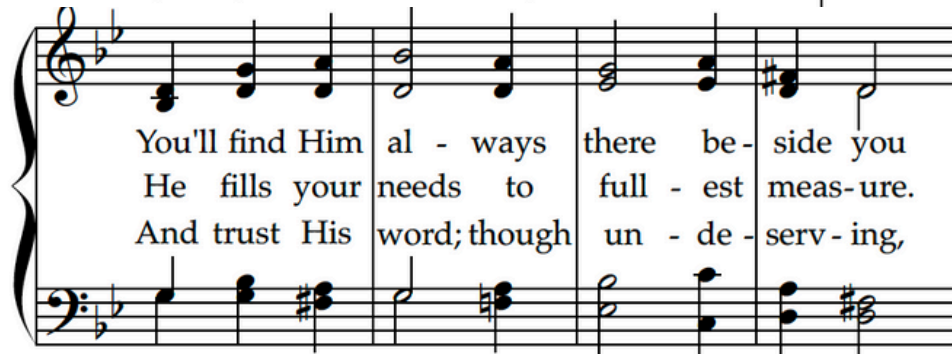
*This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psa. 48:14*



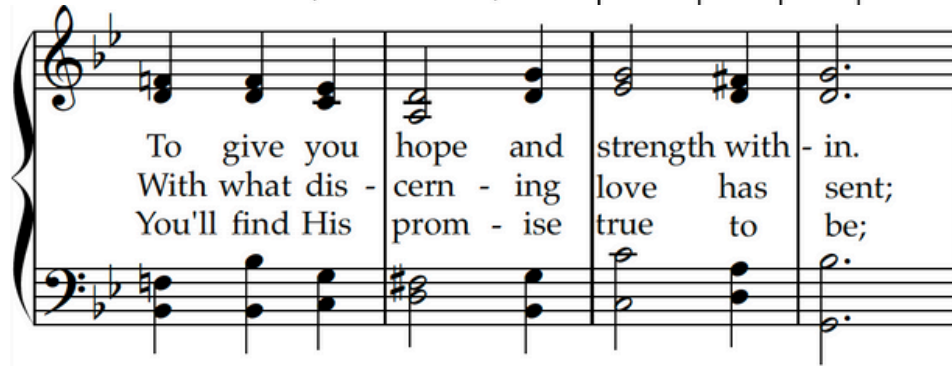
If you but trust in God to guide you,  
On - ly be still and wait His pleas - ure  
Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing



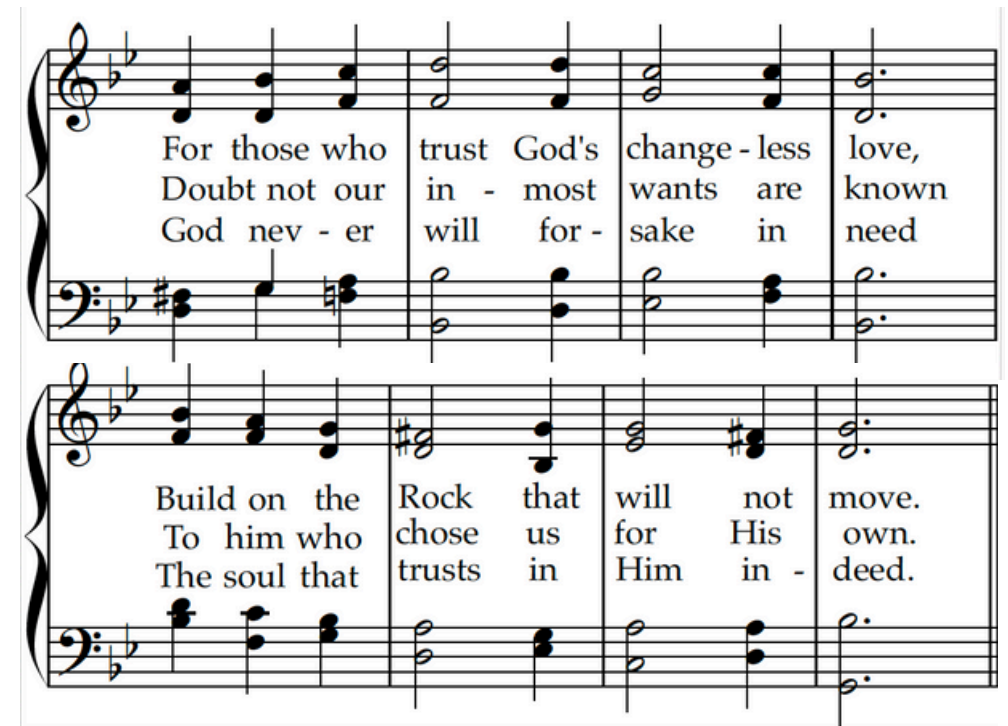
And place your con - fi - dence in Him.  
In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent:  
Of - fer your ser - vice faith - ful - ly,



You'll find Him al - ways there be - side you  
He fills your needs to full - est meas - ure.  
And trust His word; though un - de - serv - ing,



To give you hope and strength with - in.  
With what dis - cern - ing love has sent;  
You'll find His prom - ise true to be;



For those who trust God's change - less love,  
Doubt not our in - most wants are known  
God nev - er will for - sake in need

Build on the Rock that will not move.  
To him who chose us for His own.  
The soul that trusts in Him in - deed.

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND

McKEE  
African American spiritual  
Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949  
Arr. Marty Haugen

Adam M. L. Tice



The Church of Christ can - not be bound by  
walls of wood or stone. Where  
char - i - ty and love are found, there  
can the Church be known.