

Anabaptism at 500:  
Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness  
May 18, 2025  
Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship  A Welcome Song arr. Wendy Chappell-Dick  
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Special Music O God, Our Refuge (VT 434) Walking Roots Band  
Cherub Choir, Laura Hartzler, director Brenda H. Meyer

Welcome and announcements


Prelude Opus 68, No. 1, “Melody” R. Schumann

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands VT 485

\*Responsive Reading – based on Proverbs 3:5–8  
One: Gathered siblings, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!  
**Many: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.**  
**All: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.**  
One: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;  
**Many: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.**  
One: Trusting the Lord will mean we’re not puffed up with our wisdom.  
**Many: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.**  
**All: Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music Telling God’s Story  
O Sing to the Lord a New Song John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir, Camille Lively, director  
LuAnn Stuckey, accompanist

Conversation with Children  I Know God Loves Me VT 158  
v. 1 going down, v. 3 returning to seats  
all verses in English

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

Scripture Matthew 18:1–5

Message A Roundabout Way

Living God’s Story

\*Hymn of Response God, Give Me Faith like a Child VT 519


Offering Invitation  
Offertory He Leadeth Me William Bradshury  
arr. Richard Kngsmore  
\*Dedication Prayer

Sending

\*Hymn of Sending Help Us to Help Each Other VT 722

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

<b>Preaching</b> Phil Yoder	<b>Worship Leader</b> Carrie Phillips	<b>Pianist/Organist</b> Laura Hartzler
<b>Children’s Time</b> Carrie Mast	<b>Community Prayer</b> Kathy Dickson	<b>Scripture Reader</b> Bodey Benroth

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 & Victoria Woods-Yee  
Nursery Workers Next Week SS: --  
Worship: Jonathan Spelman  
Nursery sign-up here: <http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery-volunteers>



Last Sunday -5/11/2025		This Sunday - 5/18/2025	
Attendance last Sunday:	138	Video:	Ray Raeburn
Reported Volunteer hours:	36	Sound:	Chris Moser/Jonah Sheets
Online views:	Live: 20 Recorded: 24	Chancel:	Wendy Chappell-Dick
	Total Viewing Hrs: 20		

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

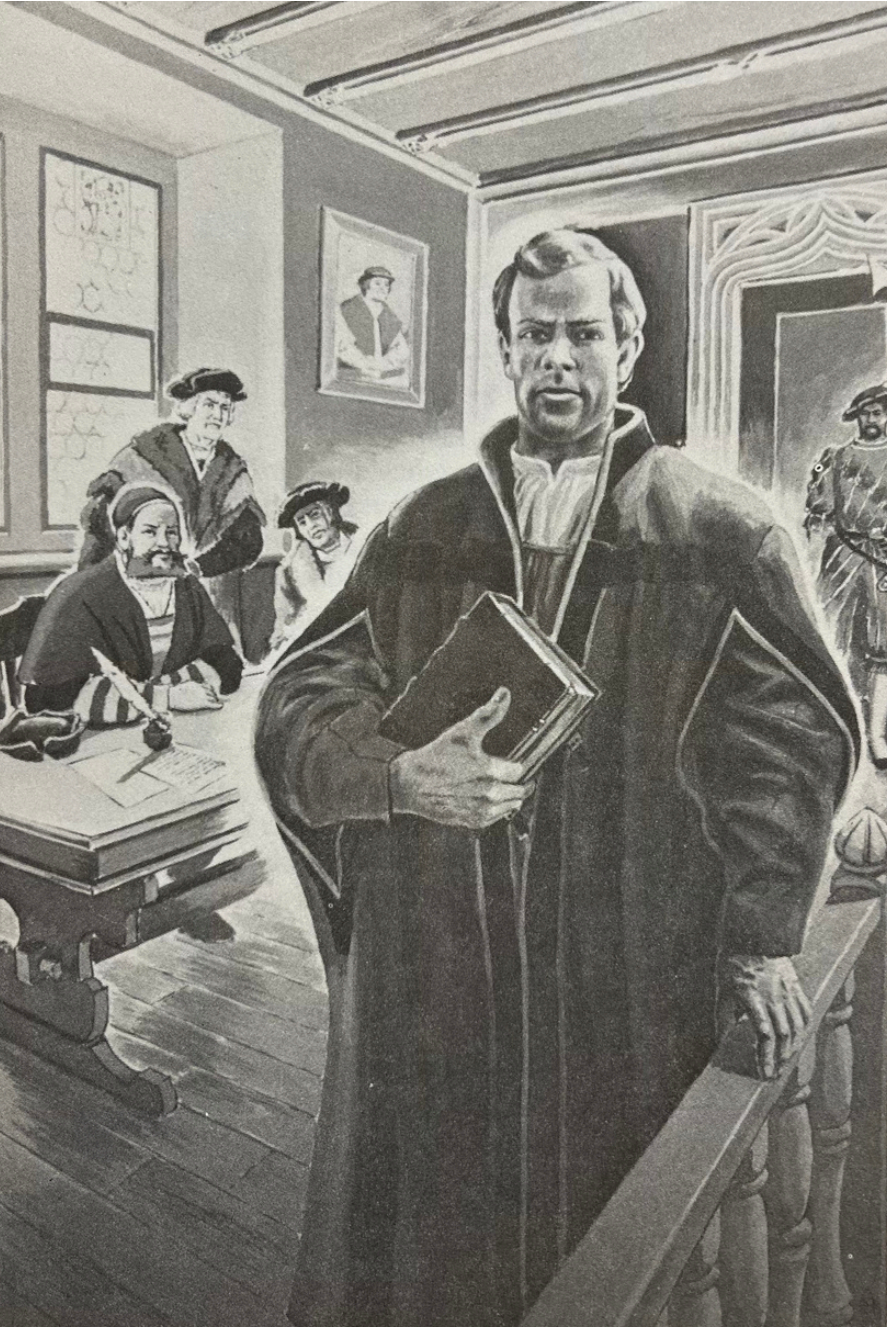
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First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the “Anabaptist” movement, which began in 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 18, 2025





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **Memorial Service** for **Maurice Kaufmann** will be this Saturday, May 24. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and the service will start at 11 a.m.

**Betty Shelly** returned to the Mennonite Home on Monday where she is recuperating from surgery on a broken hip. Prayers for comfort and healing.

**Barb Stettler** had outpatient surgery in Columbus this week. Barb and Mel welcome prayers as she continues to attend many doctor appointments for broken facial bones.

**Katie & Beth Kuntz-Wineland** continue to struggle with health concerns and driving restrictions. They are grateful for our ongoing prayers. If you have interest in supporting them in other ways, contact the church office.

The **bulletin cover** is a drawing of Swiss Anabaptist leader Michael Sattler, who was executed on May 20, 1527. The drawing was created by Ivan Moon for the 1984 Herald Press book authored by John Allen Moore titled *Anabaptist Portraits*.

Each **Anabaptism at 500 service** is opened with “**A Welcome Song**” written by Karel van Mander (1548–1606), a Dutch Mennonite whose book of poetry entitled *De Gulden Harpe* (The Golden Harp) was used by some Dutch Mennonite congregations as a hymnbook.

**Wyatt Simones**, son of Joe & Heidi Sommer Simones and grandson of Keith & Shirley Sommer and honorary member of the FMC youth group, graduated from Milford High School in Cincinnati and will be attending the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He will be studying Mechanical Engineering and playing soccer. See his graduation announcement on the pillar in the Fellowship Hall. Congratulations, Wyatt!

**Parents & youth** attending **MennoCon 25** are invited to a logistics meeting on Monday, **May 19 at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor. Schedules and logistics will be reviewed. Bring your questions!

Volunteers for **Our Daily Bread** should contact **Mary Ina Hooley** (567.226.1247) if you can help this **Tuesday**, May 20.

**Leadership Circle** will meet on **Tuesday** evening at **7:15 p.m.** in the Parlor.

**Mentors & Mentees** are invited to an end-of-year celebration this **Wednesday**, May 21, from **3:30–4:30 p.m.** Gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and games.

**Carrie & Gerald Mast** will be traveling to Europe for 2 weeks to celebrate Anabaptism at 500 in Zurich and to attend a conference in Amsterdam. They will be departing on Thursday, May 22 and return on Thursday, June 5. Prayers for safe travels are appreciated.

All are invited to **Kaleigh Coffman’s Graduation Party** next Sunday, **May 25, 2–4 p.m.** in the **Town Hall**. Congrats, Kaleigh!

### Sunday School Summer Schedule:

- **Children and youth** Sunday School classes conclude today, May 18. We will give teachers and helpers a sabbath rest for the upcoming holiday weekend and the summer break and resume classes in September.
- **Adult classes** will determine their own schedules.
- **The *Drawing Near* Elective SS class will continue** gathering throughout the summer months in the Assembly Room in the basement. All are welcome to join. Books are still available for anyone attending the class. Join the class as you are able.

**Connecting Borders**, an organization that works with local entities to provide resources and support for immigrants and their families in the Lima area, is in need of men’s shoes (any size) as well as diapers (Newborn to size 5). Items can be dropped off in the downstairs kitchen. Label donations with **Connecting Borders**.

Calling all Mennonite artisans! Showcase your handmade wares at our inaugural **Menno Makers Market** during MCUSA’s Follow Jesus 25 national convention in Greensboro, NC. Only **\$200** exhibitor fee includes table, wifi, and one registration. Apply by **June 1** | Limited to 20 spots! <https://bit.ly/4jYoqH7>



**Registration** for the 2025 **Central District Conference Annual Meeting** is now open. The conference will be held at Bluffton University, June 19–21. You can find more information and register at <https://mcusacdc.org/2025-annual-meeting/>. Adults, youth, and children are warmly welcome to attend. FMC’s CDC Delegates include:

**Gerald Mast, Phil Yoder, Chaska Yoder, Anne Marie Spelman, Jonathan Spelman, Lori Nester, Rachel Skilliter, Melissa Friesen, & Perry Bush.**

The **Gifts Discovery and Ministry Participation team** (GDMP) invites you to complete the **Ministry Participation Survey** by the **end of May**. The GDMP gathers information about people’s interests to align them with ministries and needs in the church. The team consists of **Judy Diller** (chair) **Evan Skilliter, Melissa Friesen, Victoria Woods-Yee, Gloria Bucher, Linda Headings, Greg Hartzler and Pastor Phil.**

Complete the survey using the QR code or by filling out a paper copy available in your mailbox or on the literature table by the church office.



The **Tri-church Gathering** at the Pandora Park has been moved to **July 6**.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



As children and youth Sunday School wrap up today, we extend our deep gratitude to all of the teachers and helpers who have committed their time and energy to helping us raise our children this past year. Your preparation for lessons and quick thinking in redirecting playful energy to create positive classroom environments for all are not visible but are integral parts of our faith formation and community building. Thank you! We are grateful our children and youth have had the opportunity to spend time with and get to know other adults in our faith family.

To all of the teachers who lead, facilitate, organize, and teach adult Sunday School classes, we are grateful for your preparation, study, and guidance. Thank you for your commitment to faith formation throughout our lives.

To all Sunday School teachers: thank you for your commitment to faith formation and saying, "Yes!"



## Happiest OF Birthdays

18 - Dick Ramseyer

19 - Bodey Benroth

Greg Hartzler

20 - Brenda Byers

22 - Gayle Trollinger

23 - Kaleigh Coffman

Juniper Edmiston

Ann Kingsley

24 - Art Shelly



Amy & Jeff Shadbolt

5 years



*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, May 18, 2025

Coffee Time, 9 a.m. & Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.

Drawing Near Elective SS Class, 9:15 Assembly Room

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

## This Week

### Monday, May 19

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

MennoCon 25 Meeting for Parents & Youth, 6 p.m. Parlor

### Tuesday, May 20

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Our Daily Bread, morning

Leadership Circle, 7:15 p.m. Parlor

### Wednesday, May 21

Mentoring Event, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, May 24

Visitation & Memorial Service for Maurice Kaufmann, 10 & 11 a.m.

## Next Sunday, May 25

Worship: Phil Yoder preaching

Kaleigh Coffman's Graduation Party, 2-4 p.m. Town Hall

Lectionary: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9

## 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.