

Installation & Licensing of Phil Yoder

October 2, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Carrie Mast

Prelude *To a Wild Rose* Edward McDowell
Anne Marie Spelman

Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 22 *What Is This Place*

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 119

One: Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

Many: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

One: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Many: Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

All: May your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children Phil Yoder

Hymn VT 515 *O Little Children, Gather*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 2 going back to seats)

Community Prayer Kathy Dickson

Offering

Words of Invitation and Dedication Prayer

Offertory *Rondo from Sonatina, op. 49, no. 1* Heinrich Lichner

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Trustworthy Schumacher

Message *What's Alive in You?* Imani Jones

*Hymn of Response VT 797 *We Are People of God's Peace*

Living God's Story

Installation & Licensing of Phil Yoder Doug Luginbill, Conference Pastor

Communion

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 812 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

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First Mennonite Church Office Hours
• Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Gary and Lois Wetherill

9/18/22 -9/25/22
Reported Volunteer hours: 17
Attendance: 137
Online viewers: 30

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Imani Jones to our service today. She is Director of the Department of Chaplaincy and CPE, is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a board certified chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains, and an ACPE Certified Educator. She has an M.Div. and a Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary, a D. Min from Ecumenical Theological Seminary and a BA in Political Science and African-American and African Studies from The Ohio State University. She participates in supervision of the Level I Summer and Extended Units of CPE as well as the Residency Program. The Rev. Dr. Jones was Phil Yoder's educator during his chaplain residency.

Peter Shetler died September 26 in Goshen after being struck by a car at Bethany Christian School. He grew up in Bluffton, son of Luther and Geneva Shetler. He leaves four siblings Terry (Bonnie)Shetler, **Jo (Stan)Clemens, Lu Derstine & Tami (Mick) Hardy.** Visitation will be on **Sunday at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship** from 2 to 6 p.m. The funeral and reception will be on Monday October 3, at 9 a.m. at **College Mennonite.** Please remember the family and the Bethany school community.

Robert Harnish passed away Friday, September 23 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, Illinois. He was 97 years old, and had served as a long-time pastor and chaplain of Maple Lawn Homes of Eureka. Prayers for **Steve and Monica, Lucas, Julian and Christopher** are appreciated as they mourn his loss. A service of celebration of life will be held in Illinois in 2023.

Trusty Schumacher's grandmother, Etta Ndlovu suffered a stroke on September 26. Trusty will be traveling to Zimbabwe on Tuesday to be with family during this trying time. She will return on **October 16.**

Janet and Bill Schroeder, are celebrating the birth of their grandson, Carter, who was born on September 5 to Katie and Brad Campling.

All are invited to join a **reception** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship to celebrate Phil Yoder's Installation and Licensing as Lead Pastor here at FMC.

The Taste and See Sunday school class is revamping after a break! All are welcome to join any or all Sundays in **room 301 starting October 9.** This is a community for honest sharing and listening about our spiritual journeys in a nonjudgmental space. Rotating leaders will facilitate a variety of class times. Sometimes the leader will share something meaningful from their own lived experience and then facilitate a discussion on that. Other class times will be a discussion on a question of faith. Some class times will provide space for extended silent prayer/reflection/meditation and then have time for sharing. For questions or for a schedule of upcoming topics, contact Fred Steiner at fsteiner@roadrunner.com.

First Mennonite Church's **Racial Justice Ministry** is partnering with other organizations to sponsor a **free** event on **October 11 at 7 PM** at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Lima, featuring the voices of exonerees who spent years on death row facing execution for crimes they didn't commit. The purpose of the event is to heighten awareness of the abolition movement and bi-partisan bills before Ohio's House and Senate to repeal the broken death penalty system.

As Hurricane Ian makes landfall on the Florida coast, please keep Covenant Mennonite Fellowship, Sarasota, and Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Gainesville in your prayers. Jason Kuniholm, pastor of Covenant Mennonite, reports that most members of the church are sheltering in place. Please pray for safety for all who are affected by the hurricane and for patience, courage and strength as clean up follows.

MHCO will be hosting their **Inaugural Gala on October 13, 2022** from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The gala is a fundraising event to benefit the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio Benevolent Care Fund, which provides support to care for older adults who have outlived their resources. All tickets may be purchased locally at your nearest MHCO community or by scanning the QR codes below. For more information about the Gala, contact Chris Moser at 419-358-1015, x263. **Wear your favorite sports attire!**



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Raffle Prize 1



RAFFLE TICKETS

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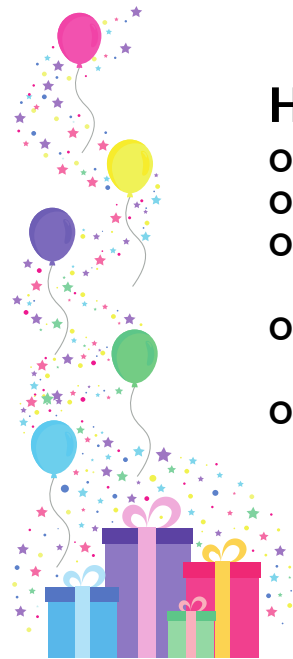
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Raffle Prize 2



As an adjunct faculty, **Carrie Mast** will be participating in the **Great Adventure** in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee with other Bluffton University faculty, staff, and first-year students **October 8-11**. This fall break retreat is part of the curriculum of the course *Becoming a Scholar*. Carrie will return to the office on Wednesday, October 12.

Early-bird registration is open for the **2023 Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3-5**. Twelve artists and our featured musical group, **A Girl Named Tom**, will explore this year's theme **BETWEEN: Embracing Vulnerability**. You will find information about the participating artists, venue, schedule, and registration at <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/>. Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday!

October 2 - Jeff Strahan

October 3 - Jason Diller

October 5 - Kevin Cluts

Elaine Suderman

October 7- Sharon Carpenter

Savannah Werling

October 8 - Joan Diller



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.

follow us



Today, Sunday, October 2, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

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

Worship: Rev. Dr. Imani Jones preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Reception for Pastor Phil Yoder, immediately following worship, Fellowship Hall

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

This Week

Tuesday, October 4

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, October 5

Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Adult Bells, 6 p.m. Youth Bells, 7 p.m. Assembly Room

Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

Senior High Youth: Ask the Pastor w/ Phil, 8 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 6

BAMA meeting, 9 a.m. Assembly Room

Advent Planning Team, 7 p.m. Parlor

Next Sunday

Sunday, October 9

Worship – Lynn Miller preaching

Lectionary: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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

Welcome to our worship service today.

If you are a visitor, please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Wireless hearing aids are available. Worship bags and nursery space are available for young children during worship. Bags can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance, and parents are invited to stay in the nursery with their children.