

# Transfiguration Sunday

## March 2, 2025

### Gathering

Music calls us to worship *Listen in the Silence* VT 541  
"One in a Number" Women's Choir

Welcome and announcements

Prelude *Postludium, Op. 13, No. 10* Ernő Dohnányi

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT 9

\*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 99

One: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**Many: Praise the Lord our God!**

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Many: Praise the Lord our God!**

One: Moses and Aaron were among his priests. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

**Many: Praise the Lord our God!**

One: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**All: Praise the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

### Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* VT 273  
*verses 1 & 2 coming forward; verses 3 & 4 going back to seats*

Community Prayer *The Lord's Prayer* VT 673

Scripture Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-43

Message *Cloudy with a Chance of...*

### Living God's Story

\*Hymn of Response *This Little Light of Mine* HWB 401

Offering Invitation  
Offertory *Dusklight Movement* Jon Batiste  
Dedication Prayer

### Sending

\*Hymn of Sending *You Are Salt for the Earth* VT 297

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Blessing for the Lost* R. Macfarlane & J. Morris  
*"One in a Number" Women's Choir*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)  
– HWB: Hymnal Worship Book (Blue Bound Book)*

**Preaching**  
Pastor Phil Yoder  
**Children's Time**  
Teri Steinmetz

**Worship Leader**  
Rhonda Winstead  
**Community Prayer**  
Pastor Carrie Mast

**Pianist**  
Anne Marie Spelman  
**Scripture Reader**  
Jon Diller

*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 Camille's day in - Monday

Nursery Workers Today SS: *Trusty Schumacher*  
Worship: *Mary Edmiston & Victoria Woods-Yee*

Nursery Workers Next Week SS: *Judy Diller*  
Worship: *Sunita Hooley & Chaska Yoder*



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

Last Sunday - 2/23/2025

Attendance last Sunday: 196  
Reported Volunteer hours: 18  
Online views: Live: 24 Recorded: 20  
Total Viewing Hrs: 35

This Sunday - 3/2/2025

Video: Ray Raeburn  
Sound: Jonah Sheets  
Chancel: Joyce Hostetler

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

## MARCH 2, 2025



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kendall Lynn Campling** was born Feb. 4, in Cincinnati to Katie & Brad Camplin. Grandparents **Bill and Janet Schroeder** are excited for Kendall's arrival.

**Today's hymns** were chosen by **Wendy Chappell-Dick** and are led by "One in a Number" Women's Choir: **Gretchen Bergstrand, Beth Boehr, Sara Brenner, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Laurel Neufeld Weaver, Louise Matthews, Jane Steinmetz, and Jan Wiebe.**

Throughout Lent, an **Elective SS Class** using Carol Penner's daily devotional, *Unburdened: A Lenten Journey toward Forgiveness*, will be facilitated by Rachel Skilliter. The class will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the basement in the adult choir room. Copies of the book are available for sale for \$17 in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or in the church office throughout the week. You can also purchase online directly in paperback or ebook from MennoMedia, Amazon, Goodreads, Barnes & Noble, and more.

There will be an **Ash Wednesday service Mar. 5 at 8 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome for a time of reflection and preparation for the Lenten season. There will be an opportunity to receive ashes.

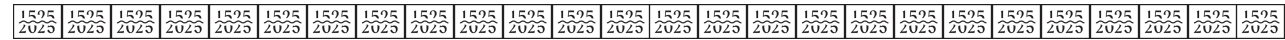
FMC is hosting the **Community Meal** at the Senior Center this **Thursday, Mar. 6.** We are **in need of dessert** donations, preferably ones in 9x13 pans. If you donate a dessert, please have it in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 4 p.m. on Mar. 6. For any questions contact JP Schumacher at 567.712.1891.

**ONE MORE CHANCE:** The Intergenerational Trips Ministry is hosting a trip to Detroit to watch the **Cleveland Cavaliers** take on the **Detroit Pistons** on **Friday, Mar. 28.** Tickets are \$30 each. We are aiming to leave from the church about 3-3:30 and hope to return around midnight or soon after. Sign up by **Mar. 2** in the Fellowship Hall or call the office. Contact Shelby Cluts with questions at 419.234.2580.



**Next Sunday** marks the first Sunday of Lent and the second worship service of the 4-part series celebrating Anabaptism at 500. Project Director for the Anabaptism at 500 initiative John Roth will be sharing the message and leading an Elective SS class.

*Save the Date* The Youth Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, Apr. 5 from 3-5 p.m.** Donations are welcome. Limited items will be offered to keep the auction flow moving and the event contained to 2 hours. Kids' items will be available and priced for kids' budgets!



Anabaptism at 500: Upcoming Activities  
\*This year, 2025, marks 500 years of Anabaptism.\*



**beginning Sunday, Mar. 2**  
– **at 9:15 a.m.**

**Elective SS Class** 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. Those who want to participate may pick up a copy of the book in the church office or in the Assembly Room at the beginning of the class. A schedule of classes, themes, and leaders can be found in your church mailbox. Isaac Schumacher will lead the class during March.



**Sunday, Mar. 9**  
– **at 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

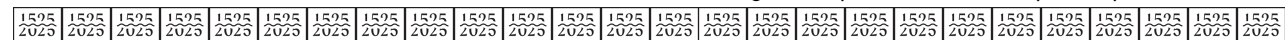
*Renewal Through Repentance: Anabaptism at 500* Worship Series #2. Elective Sunday School and Worship with John Roth at FMC.  
– **at 3 p.m.**

**Exhibit:** *Early Anabaptist Bibles in the Musselman Library Historical Collections.* Curated by Carrie Phillips. Runs from Mar. 9-23.

– **at 4 p.m.**  
**Book Celebration** at Musselman Library for the *Anabaptist Community Bible* w/ featured speaker John Roth w/ Gerald Mast, Ray Person, & local participants in Anabaptist Bible study groups.

*All Bluffton University Anabaptism at 500 events are free and open to the public.  
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)*

**Spring Anabaptist Choral Concert Opportunity:** As part of our Anabaptism at 500 event series, Director of Music Camille Lively will conduct the choral concert "Five Centuries of Anabaptist Singing—a Musical Odyssey" on Sunday, Apr. 27, in Yoder Recital Hall. FMC singers are invited to participate in the choir. Rehearsals will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on **Mar. 15, Apr. 1, Apr. 8, Apr. 15** and **Apr. 22** in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall. Consider joining the choir to celebrate the Anabaptist-Mennonite musical tradition! Contact Camille at [camille@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:camille@fmcbluffton.org) with questions and to participate.



The office is working on developing a **new in-house pictorial directory.** Provide your favorite family photo. Email your photos in high resolution. If you would like to use the photo from the last directory, let us know.

**Pastor Carrie Mast** will be assisting Gerald with a Bluffton University display table at the Annual Conference Assembly of Ohio Conference in Holmes County next Friday and Saturday. She will work Mon-Thurs. and be off on Friday.

**Thanks so much** to those who have been participating in our comforter-making mission. Our tub of completed tops runneth over! Upcoming knotting events will be **Mar. 30** during the Sunday School hour; **Mar. 31** from 6 - 9 p.m.; and **Apr. 1** from 9 a.m. until noon. Those who are comfortable cutting fabric on your own are invited to help yourselves to fabric from the quilt room in tubs marked "help yourself." Directions sheets are on the comforter cart in Fellowship Hall and on the MCC website. Kits will be on the cart, but we can't promise to stay ahead of you wonderful sewers. Bless you and keep it up! **The Comforter Committee: Elysia Bush, Julie Mackey, Pat Sheidler, and Mary Ann Suter**



# Ministry Minute!



**Mar. 15 @ 3 p.m.**, The **FUN Committee** is back with another FUN event. We will host a **Cake Picnic** with afternoon tea and coffee here at FMC in the Fellowship Hall. What is a "CAKE PICNIC" you may ask? A CAKE PICNIC is a gathering for the love of cake. It celebrates cake in all of its forms – chiffon cakes, upside down cakes, Princess cakes, cake loaves, cupcakes, Russian honey cakes, meringue cakes, jello cakes, trifles, multi-tiered cakes, sponge cakes, butter cakes, and more. CAKE PICNICS bring communities and friends together for the sole purpose of breaking cake and enjoying the following butter and sugar highs. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the office to enter your cake. See you on CAKE Day!!

### FAQs:

What do you do at a cake picnic? Treat it like a potluck and sample small servings of many different cakes on your plate.  
Do I have to bake a cake to come? No! But the more cake, the merrier we'll all be!  
How can anyone eat THAT many pieces of cake? Make the servings small!  
What if my favorite cake isn't fancy and won't win any of those prizes? No one cares! We just love cake!  
Who's judging these cakes anyway? **YOU!**

Bake your **BEST** cake and bring it to share for a chance to win a prize.

**Best taste!** **Best look!** **Best original recipe!** **Most Creative!**



*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, March 2, 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.  
Drawing Near Elective SS Class facilitated by Isaac Schumacher, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room  
Worship: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

### This Week

#### Monday, March 3

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

#### Tuesday, March 4

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

#### Ash Wednesday, March 5

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  
Ash Wednesday service, 8 p.m. Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, March 6

Community Meal, 6 p.m. Senior Center

### Next Sunday, March 9

#### Lent 1 & Anabaptism at 500 Worship #2

Elective SS Class facilitated by John Roth, 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary  
Unburdened Elective SS Class facilitated by Rachel Skilliter, 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Room  
Worship: John Roth preaching  
Exhibit & Book Celebration, Musselman Library on Bluffton U's campus, 3 & 4 p.m.  
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

### 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.