

# 7th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

## Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Victoria Woods-Yee

Prelude

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

VT 74 *O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above*

\*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 97

One: The Lord is sovereign! Let the earth rejoice;

**Many: let the many coastlands be glad!**

One: Clouds and thick darkness are all around God;

**Many: righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

One: Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

**Many: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,**

**All: and give thanks to God's holy name!**

## Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children

Kendra Nickel

Hymn

VT 7 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

(v. 1 coming forward & v. 4 going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture

Acts 16:16-40

Trusty Schumacher

Message

*Interesting Trouble*

Lynn Miller

## Living God's Story

\*Hymn of Response

VT 556 *I Bind My Heart This Tide*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

Dedication Prayer

## Sending

\*Hymn of Sending

VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

\*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, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00am-3:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm

**Video:** Ray Raeburn

**Sound:** Chris Gott

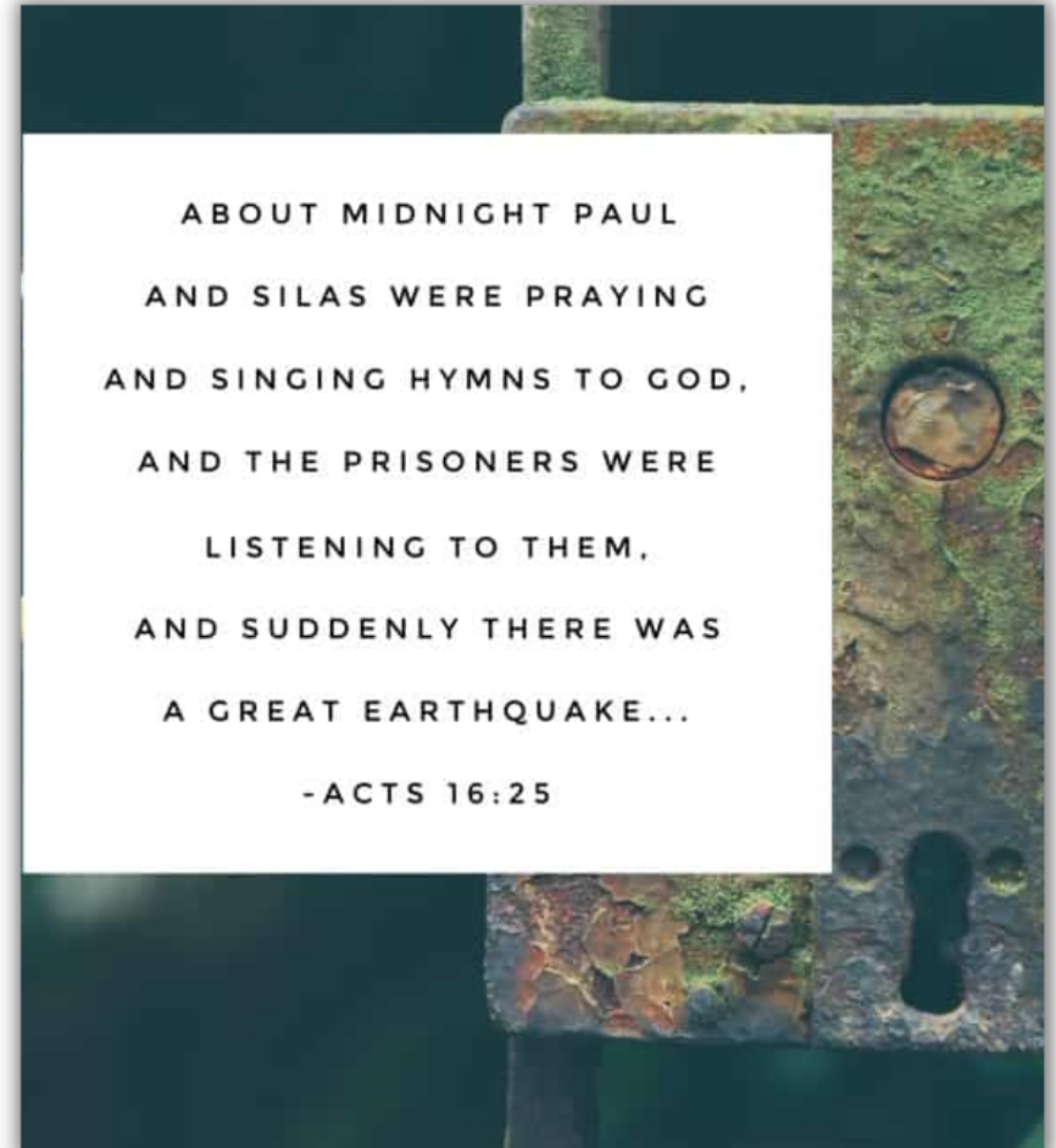
**Chancel:** Sara Brenner

*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.*

5/15/22 - 5/22/22

Reported Volunteer hours: 23

**May 29, 2022**  
**First Mennonite Church**



Facebook Live link  
Zoom Stream link

<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-on-FB>

<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**The church office will be closed** on Monday, to celebrate the holiday.

**Pastor Jeff** will be out of town from Friday, May 27 to Wednesday, June 1. Contact Rich and Gloria Bucher for pastoral care during this time.

**A Summer Series** is coming to FMC. We will be exploring the theme of "Deepening our Hospitality." July 3 will be a "hospitable" gathering of **Grace Mennonite, Lima Mennonite**, and **FMC** for worship together, followed by a potluck. Can you imagine what a potluck could be like when three Mennonite churches gather together?

**The Wheelhouse - A Christian Bicycle Cooperative** has been providing bicycle transportation to adults since March 2017. Approximately 150 adults per year are being served at The Wheelhouse. If you able to help The Wheelhouse ministry by assisting with any of the following, please call/text the Wheelhouse at 419-909-0919 or email [wheelhouselima@gmail.com](mailto:wheelhouselima@gmail.com).

- Leadership or committee support to create a spiritual sharing time for Wheelhouse cyclists
- Volunteer to assist with ministry management, bicycle repair, provide correspondence, etc.
- Donating used bicycles to The Wheelhouse

**Summer Sunday School Hour:** Children and youth SS classes will take a break for the summer, June-August. All adults and youth are welcome to gather in the Assembly Room to study MennoMedia's Salt & Light quarterly series. And, of course, all ages are welcome to gather during Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall.



**WHAT:** Pictorial Directory

**WHEN:** July 8-10, 2022

**WHERE:** First Mennonite Church

Get a **FREE** portrait and the opportunity to select a portrait package that meets your needs. Make your appointment in the Fellowship Hall.

**A life, so beautiful**, deserves a special celebration. The Ramseyer family invites you to come celebrate the wonderful life of Bill Ramseyer. Leave your sadness at the door, but bring rather your stories, your laughs, and your happiness over a life that was lived to the fullest. The service will take place on June 11, 2022 at 2 p.m at First Mennonite Church.

**Our MCC kit collection** resulted in 90 hygiene kits and 17 relief kits. Along with kits made by individual people, quite a bit of cash was donated to the fund, and we purchased mostly relief kits with that money. (A relief kit is equal in cost to 9-10 hygiene kits.) The numbers look smaller than normal, but with all the relief kits, it really was a good collection. Thank you for your generosity on this project.

**The 2022 Central District Conference annual meeting** will meet **June 23-25, 2022** in Goshen, Indiana at Goshen College, **College Mennonite Church**. The theme of Tending Transformation will be the focus. Congregations are encouraged to have full delegate strength present at the annual meeting. We will need approximately 10 people to represent FMC. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact the church office.

***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.***

## Happy Anniversary!

May 31 - Mick & Tami Hardy (40)

June 4 - Del & Susie Gratz (50)

## Happy Birthday!

May 29 - Lu Derstine

May 30 - Chad Paul

May 31 - Bill Croft

Dottie Long

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## Today, Sunday, May 29, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship: Lynn Miller preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

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

Ellie Nickel's Graduation Party, 1-4 p.m. Fellowship Hall (All are invited!)

MCUSA Special Delegate Session continues in Kansas City

## This Week

### Monday, May 30

MCUSA Special Delegate Session concludes in Kansas City

OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, May 31

CANCELED: Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

## Next Sunday

### Sunday, June 5 - Pentecost

Worship - Gerald Mast preaching

Lectionary: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John

14:8-17 [25-27]

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.