

Deepening Our Hospitality - Introduction

June 12, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Walt Paquin

Prelude

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

VT 529 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 8

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

Many: the moon and the stars that you have established;

One: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

Many: mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

Many: and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children

Gary Wetherill

Hymn

VT 512 *Let the Children Come to Me*
(coming forward & going back to seats)

Community Prayer

Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, John 16:12-15, Romans 5:1-5

Jean Miller

Message

Refreshments Will Be Served

Carrie Mast

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response

VT 389 *Together*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending

VT 409 *For We Are Strangers No More*

*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: Adam Phillips

Sound: Kevin Cluts

Chancel: Gary & Lois Wetherill

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.

5/29/22 - 6/5/22

Reported Volunteer hours: 61.7

Attendance: 102

Online Viewers last week : 28

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"Refreshments Will Be Served"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arden and Joan Slotter were members of First Mennonite Church for many years. Arden is a former professor and academic dean at Bluffton University. Joan worked in the Development office. Arden and Joan moved from Bluffton to Colorado several years ago to be closer to their children. As some of you may know, **Arden** has been treated for metastasized prostate cancer for the past three years. Having run through the various standard treatments as the disease progressed, he chose to participate in a new drug study. Unfortunately the new drug had significant side effects that landed him in the hospital for twenty days. He was released three weeks ago and now feels well recovered from that episode. He is comfortable at home receiving Hospice care. He is able to move around their apartment using a walker and is back to reading and working crosswords. Joan and son and daughter-in-law Steve and Ann are providing Arden with good support. Visits and phone calls tire Arden very quickly, but he does really appreciate cards and notes. His address is 3085 Mill Vista Rd., Apt. 2206, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Questions? See Cheri Slotter.

It's time for **Camp Friedenswald!** On Sunday, High School campers **Ellie Nickel, Ethan Nickel, Ben Hartzler, Xavier Diller, Rebecca Estell, and Kaleigh Coffman** depart for camp where they will spend time in the Peaceful Woods through Friday morning. Both **Executive Director Jenna Liechty Martin and Program Director Jane Litwiller** send their gratitude for the deep ties and support Camp receives from our FMC community that includes summer staff, volunteers, and financial donations. Serving on staff this summer are **Patrick Estell, Indigo Gott, Ben Hartzler, and Douglas Nester**, Volunteering at various points this summer are **Amy Shadbolt, JP Schumacher, Greg Hartzler, Alex Sider, Anne Marie Spelman, and Lynn & Linda Miller**. Prayers for the campers, camp staff and volunteers, and drivers for the campers are all welcome.

FMC Delegates celebrated at last weekend's Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly after the full body voted to "draw the circle wider" by passing 3 resolutions to make more space in the church for people with disabilities and people who identify as LGBTQ+. Additionally, the delegates discussed a resolution to commit to learning about and studying together the criminal justice system. See <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-delegate-assembly-widens-the-circle-for-lgbtq-people-and-those-with-disabilities/> for details.

A **combined church worship service** (First, Grace, and Lima Mennonite) will be held on Sunday, July 3 at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. The worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Sunday School (9:15 a.m.) options** include Adult Uniform Series discussion (Assembly Room – downstairs), Coffee Time and casual conversation (Fellowship Hall), a multi-age class for children and youth (ViP Room - downstairs), and an opportunity to sing in a choral ensemble (Mark Suderman conducting) – high school age and above welcome. The choir practice will take place in the sanctuary at 9:15, music will be provided, and the ensemble will then sing during the worship service. A **Potluck** will follow the worship service. Please bring food to share and drop it off at the church kitchen in the fellowship hall before the service.

Prayers for **Margie Closson** as she will undergo surgery on her shoulder on Wednesday at OIO. The broken bone separated from her shoulder and had multiple breaks. Pray for healing and a speedy recovery and pray for family as they navigate the days and weeks ahead.

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 Birthday!

June 12 - Marie Yoder Dyck

June 13 - Joan Dailey

Judy Diller

Dennis Sheidler

June 14 - Jenny Moser

Ellie Nickel

June 16 - Quin Spelman

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Today, Sunday, June 12, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School open to all adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

Worship: Carrie Mast preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Sojourners SS Class potluck, noon Assembly Room

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

This Week

Tuesday, June 14

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Next Sunday

Sunday, June 19

Worship – Phyllis Bixler preaching

Lectionary: I Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39 &

Exodus 33: 7-23, I Corinthians 12: 4-11, & I Corinthians 13:11-13

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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.