

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: July 18, 2021

Centering/Prayer time Music: Tony Brenneman
Worship leader/Scripture reader: Terry Zimmerly
Children's time: Allison & Ruby Goertz
Song leader: Alisa Kandel
Proclaimer: Karen Martens Zimmerly
Ushers: Rosie & Bill Hochstetler
Flowers: Mary Forney
Greeters: Noreen & Ken Gingerich, Matt Healy
Technical support: Katrina Schrock, Mark Gingerich

Birthdays

Sunday	Rosie Hochstetler, Cheryne Yoder, Nick Yutzky
Monday	Doris Nafziger, Taylor Pajunen
Tuesday	Kristina Gingerich
Thursday	Paul Andersen
Friday	Dave Sickles

Please note that beginning Sunday, the slides of Joy with music will be played as pre-service from 9:55 – 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendars for the following summer worship gatherings:

- July 25 & August 8 -- 5 PM Intergenerational **Worship in Creation**; outdoor worship experiences which are contemplative and will involve moving about to explore God's Creation on our own church grounds. We'll meet on the lawn area of the lower parking lot. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair for the group gathering times.
- August 15 -- 6 PM **Outdoor hymn sing** using *Voices Together*
- August 22 -- 10 AM Outdoor worship and **baptism** service: If you wish to be baptized, having decided to follow the way of Christ in your life in partnership with those gathered as FMC Iowa City, please text/phone Terry at 319-512-8625.

The evening outdoor services will not be recorded. The regular morning worship service in the sanctuary and via Zoom will continue to be offered those days.

Bible School is the morning of August 21! We're looking for helpers to make the morning special for our children. No or minimal prep work needed for these positions. Contact goertz.allison@gmail.com if you're ready to join in and she'll give you the details!

The Missions Commission has made the decision to support the Iowa City Pride Event this October 1 & 2. We'll have a vendor booth and will need volunteers to staff the booth; and ideas for helping the community know about First Mennonite Iowa City and our welcome statement. If you have ideas and would like to help, contact David Sickles, Lee Turnbull, or Circe Stumbo of the Missions Comm.

Help yourself to any of the *Hymnal Worship Book*, *Sing the Story*, *Sing the Journey*, or the red *Mennonite Hymnals* on the narthex credenza. We are keeping a number of each copy for future use/reference.

Please remember to keep **sending your pictures that represent joy** for our summer worship series **Joy Ride**. Please send your picture(s)/video to Mary in the [church office](#) or via text (319-430-1296) by WEDNESDAY NOON each week.

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, messages, and letters during my recent eye procedure. They were much appreciated. I'll get to go through all of this again!

■ Arnold Christy

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Our Mission: God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a community of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Find **FMC Events, Announcements, and Information** at

firstmennoniteiowacity.org

FMC follows Safe Church practices:

<https://www.firstmennoniteiowacity.org/safe-church-policy.html>

Office hours: Mary (T – F, 8 AM – 1 PM) Karen (T–TH, 9-Noon) Terry (T, W, F, 9-Noon)

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastors: Terry and Karen Martens Zimmerly. Pastoral concerns may be shared with the pastors or one of the Elders: Erma Coppinger, Isaiah Goertz, Nancy Halder, Isaac Hooley, Roger Schrock, Maya Kehr Yoder.

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

From the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Committee (MCC):

- At the annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale meeting on Tuesday, attendees voted to send \$100,000 to MCC from this year's Sale proceeds. The online auction raised \$39,690; meals \$10,815; My Coins Count \$3,212; and general donations were \$47,863. The Board solicited ideas for the 2022 Relief Sale. Thank you to FMCers who donated \$827.44 for the My Coins Count project and \$5,570 for MCC and the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. If you are interested in helping plan the 2022 Relief Sale, contact FMC's rep Susan Gingerich.

From Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA):

- The Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership's new Bible-based curriculum, *Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy*, is now available. This curriculum centers the experiences of women of color and challenges the church to live out faith by embracing the gifts that women have to offer. Read more about the curriculum here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy>. Don't know where to start when using this resource? Watch this webinar, featuring the authors of this curriculum: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/training-dismantling-patriarchy>.
- Please **pray** for the congregations and leaders of South Central Mennonite Conference as they gather for their annual assembly on July 23-25.
- MennoSnapshots:** In the 18 years since Arloa Bontrager became the Servant Project coordinator for the Mennonite Church USA convention, 23,533 people have served through 420 local agencies during convention. Read her reflection on her experience in her blog, *Shattering stereotypes through service*: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/shattering-stereotypes-through-service>

From MennoMedia:

- Staying Connected:** Listen to the latest -ing podcast "Ordaining" (a round-table discussion with 5 ordained women), and jump start online or in-person Bible study conversations this summer with new, short introductory teaching videos that enrich our new *Salt & Light* curriculum series. These videos can be used either for teacher prep or to introduce each weekly session. The videos are free and available online on [MennoMedia's YouTube channel](#).

From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):

- Read more about the new video series, *Stir Up Peace*, where you'll learn the nonviolent direct action tools to seek positive change in your community, and [more here](#).

From Pleasantview:

- SAVE THE DATE!** Plans are being made for a "normal" annual **Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale November 5 and 6** at Hillcrest Academy. Please consider what you might like to contribute to the bake sale and auctions. We are also in need of a beef or donations towards the purchase and processing of a beef which will be sold in frozen packages. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Nyle Kauffman (354-3304) or Larry Swartzendruber (656-2421). Finally, we are asking for a few volunteers to serve on the Friday evening dinner or Saturday morning breakfast committees. Be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend in November!

Attendance 7-11-2021	Online viewing: 30 /In person: 67
Offering	\$8,126.00 general fund

July 18 worship: Joy Shines

9:55 Music & slides of Joy

10:00 Centering Music (Tony)

Welcome/Call to Worship #20 Psalm 100

Hymn: #22 What is this place?

Children's time

Scripture: Philippians 2: 12 – 18

Message: *Joy Shines!*

Sharing and Prayers of the People (Tony plays 1 min)
#644 Healer of our every ill (anointing)

Blessing

(Worship via Zoom ends)

Songs outside: #816 Guide my feet (Verse one, then verse 2 = "I'll find joy ..." followed immediately by #847 You shall go out with joy