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**October 23, 2022
Centennial Worship Celebration**

**First Mennonite Church
CENTENNIAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION
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GATHERING

Prelude Peggy Stucky, Pauline Buller

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Call to Worship (VT 20) – Psalm 100 Delon Martens

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all you lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.**

Know that the Lord is God,
our maker to whom we belong;

**we are God's people
and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord
with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise;

**Give thanks and bless
God's holy name.**

Good indeed is the Lord,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,

**whose faithfulness endures
from age to age.**

HYMN *O God, our help in ages past* v.1-3 VT 203 (chosen by LaVerle Schrag)

Organ: Pauline Buller

Song leader: Calvin Buller

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for God's Peace to Come on Earth

Julie Esau, Pastor Tonya

March 22, 1959 Cornerstone Dedication & Litany

HYMN *Living Stones* S&R 60

(chosen by Marlin & Betta Kym)

Piano: Peggy Stucky

Bass Guitar: Gardell Stucky

Songleader: Pastor Tonya

Children's Time

DeAnna Goering

Special Music *We Shall Be Known* (written by MaMuse)

Maggie Pounds and Lauren Storm

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD THROUGH SCRIPTURE, PRAYER & SONG

Scriptures and prayers of blessing from former and current pastors...

Jim Unruh (May 2020-current Minister of Community Outreach)

1 Thessalonians 3:12

LaVerle Schrag (November 1998-November 2004)
Hebrews 12:1

CHOIR *Across the Lands You're the Word of God* Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arranged by Brad Nix

Calvin Buller, director
Pauline Buller, accompanist

Marlin & Betta Kym (June 1986-August 1995)
1 Peter 2:4-10

Miles Reimer (August 2005-August 2012)
2 Corinthians 3:6
HYMN *O Thou, in Whose Presence* VT 600
(chosen by Miles Reimer)

Piano: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger

Debbie Schmidt (Sept 1995-Nov 1995; Feb 1996-June 2009)
Genesis 12:1-3; Ephesians 4:1-6

Nathan Koontz (October 2013-September 2019)
Luke 13:18-21

HYMN *You are salt for the earth* VT 297
(chosen by Nathan Koontz)

Guitar: Bryan Kehr

Tonya Ramer Wenger (August 2010-present)
Galatians 5:13-14
Meditation

CHOIR *Glorious is the Lord Almighty*
Joseph Haydn; arranged by Elwood Coggin

Calvin Buller, director
Pauline Buller, accompanist
Susan Graber, soloist

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tonya

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

HYMN *Sing a new world into being* VT 809
(chosen by Debbie Schmidt)

Organ: Pauline Buller
Song leader: Calvin Buller

Benediction & Instructions for Lunch
HYMN *Praise God from whom* VT 70

Delon Martens
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger

Postlude

Peggy Stucky

Receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Lunch begins at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. You are all invited!!



Our new history book is available today after worship for \$25 (check or cash) or \$28 (credit card) at the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU!

Centennial Planning Committee: Delon Martens, Julie Esau, Russ Gaeddert, Julie Goering, Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Planning Team: Maggie Pounds, Calvin Buller, Star Gipson, Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

History Book: June Galle Krehbiel (editor), Bonnie Swenson, Delon Martens and others, including all who shared stories and pictures!

History Wall: Julie Goering, Julie Esau (quilted wall hanging)

Memorabilia Museum: Jean Gaeddert, Marlene Thode and all who donated items to display!

Saturday Afternoon Outdoor Activities: Adam and Maggie Pounds, Nick and Cathia Krehbiel, Joel and Hilda Iwashige, Alex Carvalho and Jade Piros de Carvalho

LightHouse Ministry: Russ Gaeddert, Pauline Buller

Faithful Community Coordination Team (Sunday lunch): Susan Combs, Joretta Martens, Mary Wade

Saturday Borscht Supper Coordinators: Julie Esau, Jennalee Boggs, Esther Regier, Marlene Thode

Photographers: Jamar Crable (Sat), Kristy Ehart (Sun)

Compilation of Church Membership History: Cheryl Warkentin

Food Donations & Volunteers this weekend: too many to list!!

Greeters: Bonnie Swenson, Jennalee Boggs, Russell Goering

Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper, Diane Ziemer, Jalen Crable,

Gardell Stucky

Nursery Volunteers: Stephanie Gehring

Livestream Tech: Sadie Nisly

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger

Memory Trees

*(written by Julie Esau, inspired by
the wall hanging she hand quilted for our 100th anniversary)*

Fragments of color, scraps of light and darkness,
leaves of love and sadness
memories, woven and stitched into the roots
of strength and hope
Holding my grandma's hand, snuggled into the pew
hanging from the crabapple out front
green velvet, candles, and Stille Nacht
Memories flutter through my mind,
rustling in the breeze of time
Terror and joy walking down the aisle, the exquisite grief
of retracing those steps
for grandparents and parents
Babies are born and new memories leaf out
The salty tang of homemade playdough,
halos and wings and wooly sheep, the drop off at
Mennoscah and suddenly it's Peace Essay time
God's breath swirls through the trunks and rattles the
leaves, turning the memories glorious bronze and scarlet
and aspen-gold
They twirl down to the earth
already the new buds are quietly swelling, the new
memories waiting to emerge

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