



# First Mennonite Church

## Midweek E-Newsletter

June 15, 2022

### From Pastor Tom

#### What Are Your Favorite Hymns?

We all have 'em. Hymns have a way of attaching themselves to us, triggering feelings of peace and warmth, eliciting memories of childhood, or other former, important chapters in our lives. Some hymns are special because of their season, be it Christmas ("Silent Night," anyone?), or Easter ("Up from the grave he arose, he arose!"), or harvesttime ("We plow the fields and scatter"). Others are special for their words and images ("Oh, Have You Not Heard of the Beautiful Stream"). Some remind us about a favorite attribute of God ("Great Is Thy Faithfulness"), or story from the Bible ("Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"). Some of our favorite hymns are old ones ("In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"), and some are new (I really like #1 in the new hymnal; see if you can guess why!).

Hymnals, of course, come and go. And sometimes one of our favorite hymns goes with them (what hymn are you especially missing in *Voices Together*?). And sometimes, if we're lucky, a favorite hymn that had been missing in a previous hymnal will come back in the next one! (See if you can find one!)

Now it's your turn. I invite each of you to send me an email in which you list 3-5 of your favorite hymns. If you want, tell me why one or more are among your favorites (but you don't have to!). I will make a master list (or ask the secretary) to do so, and on Sundays to come (starting ASAP and continuing into the fall or as long as need be) we/I will include at least one of these in Sunday morning worship services. And if one or more of yours aren't in *Voices Together*, don't worry; we'll find a way to sing it anyway!

I look forward to hearing your stories and especially, to singing your songs! (I encourage you to sometime ask Deryll Amstutz why VT 209 is one of his).

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere. (VT 594)*

### Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

☞ This week continue to pray through the directory

☞ **Pray for God's leading for Vision Council - meeting on Tuesday, June 21**

☞ **Pray for our farmers** (and of course, their families) as wheat harvest begins. Pray that their combines and other equipment won't break down at inopportune times, and that their yields will be abundant!

## Upcoming Events

☞ **Creativity Camp Open House** – come tomorrow at 2:30 pm to see our creations and welcome families.

☞ [Special Sessin of the Deleate Assembly: what now? July 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. CT on zoom.](#) A webinar hosted by Glen Guyton, with Linda Dibble and Jon Carlson will recap Mennonite Church USA Webinar and Delegate Assembly Recap - MC USA will be offering a webinar on July 18 entitled: "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?". Click below for more information, a link to register, and other resources that give a recap of the May 27-30 Special Delegate Session...

## Other Announcements

☞ **The adult Sunday School Plan for summer:**

### **June 19-July 17**

**Half truths** : God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible doesn't say / Adam Hamilton.

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian -- like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include: Everything happens for a reason; God helps those who help themselves ; God won't give you more than you can handle ; God said it, I believe it, that settles it ; Love the sinner, hate the sin. 5 sessions

### **July 24-August 28**

**Simply Enough** : straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on Simple, Just Living Features a conversation between Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne, plus pertinent songs on prophetic themes of peace, justice and simplicity. Six sessions on these topics: Lifestyle, Food, Celebrations, Stuff, Money, Justice.

**Everyone is invited. Drop in for one or come for all. . .There will be a short video clip followed by discussion. No advance preparation necessary.**

Contact Mark and Sandy Hiebert if you have questions

☞ **Check out the “family news” bulletin board!** I would love to post photos or words about your family’s summer fun on our bulletin board also. Please email [secretary@fmchillsboro.com](mailto:secretary@fmchillsboro.com)

☞ **Mennonite Disaster Service news:**

- Work is being done in Mayfield, Kentucky to help with devastation from a Dec. tornado.
- A construction project tech program at Mount Academy in Esopus, NY. had 24 students.
- A home with 3 ft. of water was help in Princeton, B.C.

## **Verse of the Week:**

**Acts 2:42-43**

***“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.”***

(This is “ordinary time” after Pentecost!)