

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015
10:30 a.m.

— GATHERING —

Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

— PRAISING —

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” arr. Don Hustad
Lucia Unrau, organist

***Hymn** “Here in this place” HWB 6

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 104:24-30, 35b

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are
there, living things both small and great.**

L: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

C: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

L: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are
filled with good things.

**C: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their
breath, they die and return to their dust.**

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of
the ground.

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Special Music “Little Innocent Lamb” Arr. Greg Gilpin
Jubilate

Time with Children
Hymn “Jesus loves me” HWB 341
(Sing once for coming forward)

Conversation Kevin Cluts

Hymn “Jesus loves me” HWB 341
(Sing once for returning)

Reception of New Members HWB 794

Pastoral Prayer Steven Yoder

— PROCLAIMING —

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Silence my Soul” Francisco Feliciano
Lucas (saxophone) and Julian Harnish (piano)

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Sermon “Spirit Filled” Mark Weidner

***Hymn** “Holy Spirit come with power” HWB 26

— RESPONDING —

Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (*read in unison*)

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost
sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended
you and your laws. We have neglected our duties, and committed evil against you and
others. Lord have mercy on us. Fulfill the promise that if we confess our sins you are
faithful and just and will forgive our sins. Grant us a godly, righteous and radiant life.
As we partake of these elements, may we be filled with the fullness of Jesus Christ and
grow into his likeness. Amen

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

— SENDING —

***Hymn** “New earth, heavens new” HWB 29

***Benediction** “Blessing” Katie Moran Bart
3rd-9th Grade Choir

***Postlude**

**Please stand, or remain seated if that is more comfortable for you.*
HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book STS – Sing the Story STJ – Sing the Journey

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: fmcbluffton.org

Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Christian Education Coordinator: Tuesday 9 a.m. - noon, Thursday Noon - 3 p.m.

Youth Coordinator: Sunday 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Custodian's schedule: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; weekends as needed

Interim Pastors: Gloria - Monday, Thursday 9-4; Lavon - Wednesday 10-3; Mark - Friday 9-noon

Monday - Steve's day off

GREETERS: Tom and Sue Schaaf, Dave Moser

HOSTS: Ella Bazy

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: SS - Pat Sheidler, Shelby Cluts

Worship - Mary Ina Hooley, Sunita Hooley, Ana Neufeld-Weaver

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK: SS - Pat Sheidler, Shelby Cluts

Worship - Kevin Cluts, Sunita Hooley

SOUND SYSTEM: Chris Moser

CHANCEL: Kaye Phillips

The video of the most recent worship service may be viewed on the church's homepage, www.fmcbluffton.org. Videos normally are posted on the Tuesday following the service. Previously recorded worship service videos may be found at tinyurl.com/fmc-videos

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Worship attendance last Sunday	205
Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD)	13
Sunday school attendance last Sunday	86
Spending plan giving May 17, 2015	\$4,742.00
2015 Proposed spending plan	\$419,469.00
Weekly offering needed for spending plan	\$7,663.46
The offering May 17 totaled \$5,829.35. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school-\$18, Kitchen Services-\$3.50 Capital Campaign-\$140, Habitat-\$120, College Scholarships-\$25, MCC Nepal-\$500, Mennonite Women Hygiene Kits-\$100, MCC-\$30, CPT (Sara Chappell-Dick)-\$50.	

CHURCH STAFF

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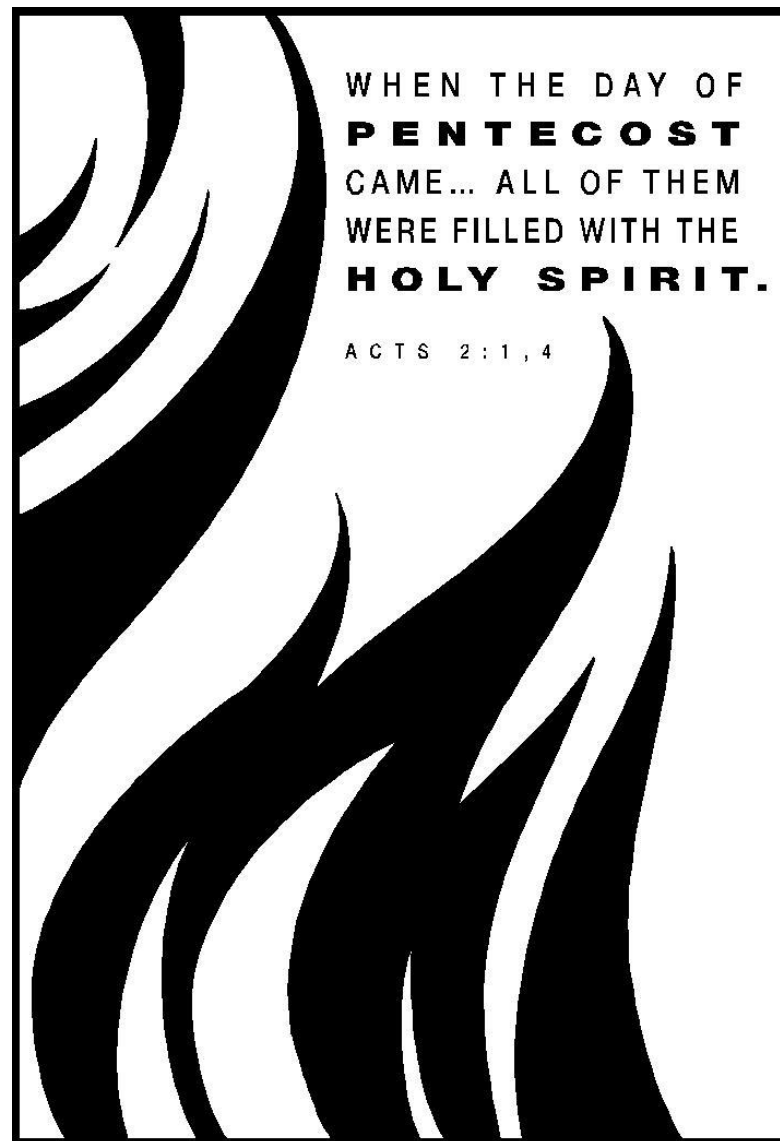
Youth Coordinator - Greg Hartzler - gregphartzler@gmail.com

Director of Music - Mark Suderman

Organist Coordinator - Lucia Unrau

Custodian - Mick Hardy

Administrative Assistant - Mary Pannabecker Steiner - fmc@bluffton.edu



needs of survivors and those close to them. Strategies will focus on proactive awareness and supportive responses for companioning people on their journey through survivorship. Registration is not required, but please RSVP to Tina Wood (grammasunshine02@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Kelly (ekelly@bvhealthsystem.org) if you plan to attend so that we have sufficient handouts. For more information, contact Tina or Elizabeth. There is also additional information on a sign on a pillar in the fellowship hall.

Michael Markus, Port Said, Egypt, is being given serious consideration for acceptance into the August 2015 cohort of the Bluffton University MBA program. Michael is 29, single, a network administrator at Port Said State University and is a member of the Coptic Orthodox Church. He is interested in living with a host family (he prefers a Mennonite family) while studying at Bluffton. If you are interested in hosting Michael, please contact Ted Bible at 419-358-3304 or at biblet@bluffton.edu or Carrie Mast at 419-358-3065 or at mastc@bluffton.edu.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Happy Birthday to Robert Stratton, 89, May 28, and Stanley Naylor, 83, May 29.

Happy Anniversary to Pauline and Harvey Bauman, 71, May 28.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Genevieve Fast, who died May 17. Your continuing prayers for her family are much appreciated. Plans for a memorial service are incomplete.

Continuing prayers are appreciated for Wanda Pannabecker, who continues rehabilitation at Mennonite Memorial Home. She welcomes your visits.

Don Hostetler had knee replacement surgery and is recuperating at home.

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.

TODAY, May 24, 2015

8:30 a.m.	Youth Choir, sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Communion, Mark Weidner preaching
Following church	New member photos and photo updates, parlor

THIS WEEK

Monday (25)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday (26)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary
Wednesday (27)	Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Thursday (28)	Pastoral search committee, 7:30 p.m., parlor
Saturday (30)	Deacons, 7 p.m.
	Orletta Templin memorial service, 11 a.m., FMC

NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Lavon Welty preaching
	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, 35b, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Welcome to our worship service today. Please sign and pass the friendship pads in the pews. Wireless hearing aids are available. If you would like your children watched over while you worship, our staff will care for them in the nursery available downstairs. Worship activity bags for children are available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25. We will reopen Tuesday morning for morning prayers.

Today is Pentecost Sunday and we observe communion. One aspect of communion is the giving of alms, which we do by giving to the Deacons Benevolent Fund. Almsgiving is a way of demonstrating how our life together is energized by the life and ministry of Jesus when he healed the sick, fed the hungry and brought relief to the poor. We seek to live faithfully by using our Deacons Benevolent Fund to assist those within the church and in the community. Offering plates are located at the exit doors in the sanctuary or you may put it in the offering.

Today we welcome new members to First Mennonite. They have been participating in a new member class with Pastor Steve Yoder during the past few Sundays. Please see the insert for their statements, and welcome them following the worship service.

Photo updates: Following today's worship service, Fred Steiner will be taking photos of new members, as well as updates of families/individuals for the FMC photo gallery located on the wall in the fellowship hall. Fred will be located in the parlor after church.

The JHYF and SHYF will meet tonight at 8:30 p.m. to play persecution. Please wear clothes that you can run in and get dirty. We will finish at 11 p.m. **NOTE TO CONGREGATION:** Do you have a free evening tonight? Would you consider playing persecution with the SHYF and JHYF? We are still looking for safe house operators and persecutors. Not a runner? Don't worry! We could use persecutors on bikes and hidens. Contact Greg or Laura if you are interested.

Today is the last day to bid on the artwork on display in Fellowship Hall. Artists Sara Chappell-Dick and Isaac Schumacher are raising funds for their involvement in Christian Peacemaker Teams (Sara) and Mennonite World Conference (Isaac). If you want to make a donation to their fund without participating in the auction you may do so by writing a check to First Mennonite Church and write Voluntary Service Fund in the memo line.

If you want to post any announcements or flyers on any church bulletin board at First Mennonite Church please bring it to the church office before posting it. Thank you – *Staff Relations Committee*

Do you have an item to donate for the Black Swamp Benefit? It's not too late! Donations should be in by June 1 to be included in the auction book. Join us June 19-20 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds for an auction of quilts and handcrafted wood items, crafts, shopping, food, and more! The children will enjoy the inflatables, toy auction, and pony rides. Admission is free. Proceeds from the sale support the local work of Sunshine Communities of Northwest Ohio and the international relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee.
-- *John Rich*

Volunteers are needed to help sell meat and cheese on Friday evening, June 19, and Saturday morning, June 20, at the Black Swamp Benefit in Wauseon. Also, help is needed to carry auctions items across the stage on Saturday morning. Add your name to the list on the table in Fellowship Hall if you can help. If you have any questions see John Rich.

SHYF recently received a check for \$255.11 from Community Markets for our participation in their cash back program. We receive one percent cash back on qualifying purchases. Please help SHYF in their fundraising efforts by placing your CM receipts in the horizontal box at the top of the mailboxes. Any receipt dated after May 1, 2011 is eligible.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from Brazo en Brazo: After *Encuentro Familiar* (family camp) this past weekend at Camp Luz, we guided the Vega family, Crispina and her sons, and Genaro Hernández around Kidron, Orrville and Smithville to see churches, homes and schools important in our growing up. We also pointed out Central Christian School, MCC Connections and the Heritage Center. As we parted to return to Lima, they commented, "We feel honored that you shared this part of your life with us."

-- *Paul and Ann Conrad*

Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, will hold "Companions on the Journey: Spiritual Care of Cancer Survivors" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 in the Marathon Auditorium of BVH. This two-hour workshop will identify the broad changes in cancer survivorship, sources of psychological and spiritual distress, and practical strategies for addressing the