

**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**May 31, 2015**  
**10:30 a.m.**

— GATHERING —

Chimes?

Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions

Melissa Friesen

Invocation

— PRAISING —

Prelude

“Invention #1 in C Major”  
Laura Hartzler

JS Bach

\*Hymn

“Crown Him with many crowns”

HWB 116

\*Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

**C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

**All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Time with Children

Hymn

“Jesus loves me”

HWB 341

*(Sing once for coming forward)*

Conversation

Chris Moser

Hymn

“Jesus loves me”

HWB 341

*(Sing once for returning)*

Pastoral Prayer

Gloria Hernandez-Bucher

Hymn

“The Lord’s Prayer”

James M. Bixel

— PROCLAIMING—

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Sermon

“Okay, I will go...”

Lavon Welty

\*Hymn

“Heart with loving heart united”

HWB 420

— RESPONDING—

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Bright Morning Star”

arr. Harnish brothers

*Lucas, Julian, and Christopher Harnish*

\*Hymn of Dedication

“Lord, thou dost love (vs 1)”

HWB 387

\*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of Pastoral Leadership Transition

*(See litany on insert)*

— SENDING—

\*Hymn

“God of our strength, enthroned above”

HWB 36

\*Benediction

\*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

101 S. Jackson Street

Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: [fmcbluffton.org](http://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, Everett Collier, Gene and Dottie Long

**HOSTS:** Ella Bazy

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** SS - Pat Sheidler, Shelby Cluts

*Worship* - Kevin Cluts, Sunita Hooley

**NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK:** SS - Judy Diller, Carmen Ordonez

*Worship* - Tom and Sue Schaaf, Sunita Hooley

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Don Pannabecker

**CHANCEL:** Kaye Phillips

The video of the most recent worship service may be viewed on the church's homepage, [www.fmcbluffton.org](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/fmc-videos)

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Worship attendance last Sunday	217
Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD)	12
Sunday school attendance last Sunday	79
Spending plan giving May 24, 2015	\$4,326.00
2015 Proposed spending plan	\$419,469.00
Weekly offering needed for spending plan	\$7,663.46

The offering May 24 totaled \$5,982.26. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school-\$13, Kitchen Services-\$10.26 Capital Campaign-\$325, Habitat-\$500, MCC Nepal-\$200, Mennonite Women Hygiene Kits-\$20, Deacons Benevolent-\$488, VS-\$100.

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor - Steven Yoder - 419-369-4753 (h) - [fmc.steve@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.steve@bluffton.edu)

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Organist Coordinator - Lucia Unrau

Custodian - Mick Hardy

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 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](mailto:grammasunshine02@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Kelly ([ekelly@bvhealthsystem.org](mailto:ekelly@bvhealthsystem.org)) if you plan to attend so that we have sufficient handouts.

## GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

**Happy Birthday** to Mary Ann Kooker, 85, June 1; Esther Brauen, 85, June 2.

**Happy Anniversary** to Phyllis and Ron Friesen, 54, June 2.

**We offer our condolences** to the family of Philip Kingsley, who died May 22 at Frieda House. He is survived by his wife, Judy, sons Daniel and Michael, brothers Keith, Karl, Mitch, Matthew, Frederick, and sisters Sue Ellen Kingsley and Jane Steinmetz. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27 at First Mennonite.

**Clarence Kooker** had minor surgery on May 26 and is recovering well at home. He and Mary Ann appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

**Expression of gratitude:** Just a little over a month ago, I lost my dad, Ernest W. Neufeld, April 13, 2015, at age 82. His death came quickly and yet, I was blessed to be there in his final moments. The love, prayers, support and words of encouragement that were expressed by so many was greatly appreciated.

*Thank you, Laurel Neufeld Weaver and family*

**My dad finally had** bypass surgery this past Wednesday, May 27 – the surgeon did five bypasses instead of three. After 24 hours in ICU, he has been moved to third floor on the cardiac unit for ongoing therapy and recovery. The healing process will be a long one. On behalf of my family, I extend my gratitude to you all for your loving and prayerful support from a distance. I note too that there have been several deaths at FMC of late .... All the best as you walk with one another in these times of remembering.

*Peace to you, Louise Wideman*

*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 31, 2015

9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Lavon Welty preaching

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday (2)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Wednesday (3)	Pastoral search committee, 7:30 p.m., parlor
Thursday (4)	MPS, 8 a.m. Community Meal, 6 p.m., Senior Center (FMC responsible for meal – volunteers needed) Worship, 7 p.m.

## NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school for children/youth, fellowship time, FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Gloria Hernandez Bucher preaching <b>I Samuel 8:4-20, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35</b>

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

**Volunteers are needed** to help cook and serve for the community meal at Bluffton Senior Citizens on Thursday, June 4. See John Rich or sign the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**Mennonite Women's Spring Breakfast** for women and children will take place **Monday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Buckeye Park shelter (at Snider Street end of the Buckeye.) In the event of rain, it will be held in the fellowship hall. This year, breakfast will be potluck style, so bring food to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided. Our theme this month is "Practicing Presence: In Feeding the Hungry" with Dottie Long sharing our devotions. Beth Theisen will present a program on, "The Wonderful World of Nature."

**Camperships for one-half of the** registration fee are available for FMC children and youth attending Camp Friedenswald this summer. When registering online for camp, choose "pay later" then send a check for half of the registration fee to the camp by mail or with your child. If the full amount has already been paid, Friedenswald will reimburse you either through your credit card or by check. Register online at [www.friedenswald.org/programs\\_online/registration](http://www.friedenswald.org/programs_online/registration) or call the camp at (269) 476-9744. Please contact Melinda Estell with any questions ([fmc.melinda@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.melinda@bluffton.edu)).

**Summer Sunday school schedule** begins June 7: Jackie Wyse-Rhodes will lead the MennoMedia Adult Bible Study in the Assembly room. Coffee time will be in the fellowship hall from 9-10:15 a.m. Senior high youth will meet in room 305. Junior high youth will meet in room 304. Children preschool through fifth grade will be combined into one class and meeting in rooms 104/106. The children's Sunday school lessons will focus on a different country each week, highlighting the country's culture, language, music and food, as well as the presence of the Mennonite church. During June, the children will be learning about India, Bolivia, Poland and New Zealand.

-- Melinda Estell, Christian Education Coordinator

**Volunteers are needed** to help out in the nursery during Sunday school and/or church. Interested persons may e-mail Jen Sommer at [jesommer2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jesommer2000@yahoo.com).

**If you wish to post** any announcements or flyers on any church bulletin board at First Mennonite Church please take them to the church office before posting.

*Thank you, Staff Relations Committee*

**Former FMC members** Jerry and Leonor Kennell, now North American ambassadors to SEMILLA, Latin American Anabaptist Seminary, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, June 15 at First Mennonite. Learn more about SEMILLA, including information about their unique joint programming relationship with Bluffton University, as well as a Guatemala learning tour. Based in Guatemala City, SEMILLA serves over 650 students from Mexico to Panama and 250 students from North American Anabaptist colleges and universities.

**What's New in the Library?** Be sure to check out the new books in the library. Among them are: *Saving the Seasons: How to Can, Freeze, or Dry Almost Anything* by Mary Clemens Meyer & Susanna Meyer, *Seasoned with Peace: Fall* by Susan Mark Landis, *An Alzheimer's Primer: Lessons for Living, Dying and Living Again* by Joanne Niswander, *Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For Kids* by Sarah Young, *Bob and Larry's Book of Prayers* by Peggy Schafer, *Veggie Tales DVD: God Made You Special*, *Veggie Tales DVD: The Little Drummer Boy*, *Sophie Under Pressure: Book 3* by Nancy Rue.

**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.