

**Healthy Boundaries
First Mennonite Church
June 17, 2018**

Music call us to worship Laura Hartzler

Welcome and announcements Daryl Nester

Introductions

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymns** Wanda Stopher

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 20:1-4, 7, 9 (IB)

L: May Yhwh answer you in the day of distress! May the name of the God of Leah, Rachel and Jacob protect you!

**C: May God send you help from the sanctuary and sustain you from Zion!
May God remember all your sacrifices, and accept your burnt offerings!**

L: May God give you your heart's desires and fulfill all your dreams!

C: Some trust in political power, some in military might, but we trust in the name of our God!

All: Save us, Oh God, answer when we call.

Conversation with Friends

“When we walk with the Lord” (v. 1) HWB 544

Conversation

“When we walk with the Lord” (v. 4) HWB 544

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture I Thessalonians 2:1-12 Shannon Thiebeau

Sermon “The Gift of Boundaries” Laurel Neufeld Weaver

***Hymn** “Beauty for brokenness” STS 115

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Laura Hartzler

***Hymn** “As saints of old” - verse 3 HWB 386

***Prayer of Dedication**

Commissioning of SHYF

***Hymn** “Guide my feet” HWB 546

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book STS – Sing the Story

Please ask an usher for assistance in locating large print hymnals.

First Mennonite Church
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Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
 Pastor – Wanda – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday
 Pastor – Theda – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday
 Director of Youth Ministries – Shannon -- Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Custodian’s schedule: 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; weekends as needed

GREETER: Todd Rainey
NURSERY THIS WEEK: SS – Anita and George Lehman, Elaine Suderman
Worship – Kendra and Ellie Nickel, Kevin Cluts
NURSERY NEXT WEEK: SS – Mitch Kingsley, Judy Diller
Worship – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, Melissa Friesen, Ana Neufeld Weaver
SOUND SYSTEM: Melissa Friesen **CHANCEL:** Gary and Lois Wetherill

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-187, MC-4
Spending plan giving June 10, 2018 (includes e-giving)	\$8,775.97
Special fund giving June 10, 2018 (includes e-giving): <i>Pk-5-\$9.22; Freudige-\$20</i>	\$2,077.22
<i>Sojourners-\$65; SHYF-\$50; Flooring-\$205; College scholar-\$326; Kitchen-\$2</i>	
<i>Deacons benevolent-\$350; MW-\$50; MCC Guatemala-\$1,000</i>	
Total giving June 10, 2018 (includes e-giving)	\$10,853.19
Total spending plan receipts as of May 31, 2018	\$160,317.09
Spending plan expenses as of May 31, 2018	\$160,652.81
2018 spending plan	\$427,441.00

CHURCH STAFF

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 Custodian – Mick Hardy

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.



Pray for members of Central District Conference as they travel to Goshen College for the annual meeting June 21-23. Pray they are given patience and guidance to make the best decisions and that the worship times refresh those who attend. First Mennonite's delegates include Wanda Stopher, Theda Good, Carrie Mast, Gerald Mast, Ruth Naylor, Lawrence and Louise Matthews.

For those who were unable to attend the Appreciative Way Congregation-Pastor Review on May 20, this link is to the recording of the report. It is about 24 minutes long. Thanks to Kendra Gott for recording and Ray Raeburn for making it available. <https://vimeo.com/user16346560/review/272473917/0a319b9820>

~ *Staff Relations: Ken Shenk, Rich Bucher, Annette Heslep, Elizabeth Kelly*

On this Father's Day, praise God for all fathers who pattern their lives on the One Jesus called "Abba." Pray for fathers who are separated from their children due to work, incarceration, or other circumstances. May God's love bring healing in these families.

~ *Mennonite Mission Network*

Bill Swartley, a former FMC member, will present "Pacifist in a War Zone" at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Mennonite Healthcare Annual Gathering at Bluffton University. Swartley will speak about his experiences as a nurse anesthetist in a forward surgical hospital near Mosul, Iraq, in 2017 while working with the relief organization, Samaritan's Purse. Included will be a review of the religious and political environment, images of the facilities, and stories of patients who presented for care. He will also share his response as a Mennonite to short-term work in a setting of prolonged violence, and how that response could relate to life in the church in the United States.

Congratulations to Emily Huxman and Cory Hilty, who were married yesterday near Findlay. Wanda Stopher officiated at the wedding.

The Swiss Homestead, 8350 Bixel Road, Bluffton, will be open 1-5 p.m. every Saturday, June through August. Learn more at swissmennonite.wordpress.com.

Welcoming Statement

In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.

CALENDAR

Today, June 17, 2018

9:15 a.m.	SS, coffee time
10:30 a.m.	Worship, Laurel Neufeld Weaver preaching
Noon	Community class potluck
1:30 p.m.	Pew removal begins (through approx. 7 p.m.)

June 18-23

Tuesday (6-19)	Morning Prayers, 7 a.m. (prayer room upstairs) Staff meeting, 9 a.m.
Thursday (6-21)	MPS, 8 a.m., parlor Council, 7 p.m., parlor
Friday (6-22)	Menno-Life deadline

Next Sunday, June 24

9:15 a.m.	SS, Coffee time
10:30 a.m.	Worship, Gloria Bucher preaching, Middle School cafetorium

Reminders:

Check the literature rack and the Here and Now pillar in the fellowship hall for recently posted items. New on the Here and Now pillar: MDS Beyond the Hammer and "We Make the Road by Walking" information.

Due to the sanctuary project, Morning Prayers will be held in the prayer room upstairs throughout the summer. Fellowship following will take place in the assembly room.

Welcome to our worship service today. If you are a visitor, please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. 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 downstairs. Worship activity bags for children are available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Laurel Neufeld Weaver to the pulpit today. Laurel is a licensed independent social worker and clinical director of Creating Hope Counseling, Bluffton. In 2017, she participated in a train the trainer conference for Mennonite Church USA for carrying out “Healthy Boundaries,” a required curriculum for all credentialed persons. “Healthy Boundaries” is a curriculum from FaithTrust, a national training organization working with preventing and ending sexual violence, and provides faith communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the faith and cultural issues related to abuse. In partnership with other facilitators, she has trained over 190 pastors, lay pastors and seminary students. She served for eight years as rape crisis and anti-human trafficking program director at Crime Victim Services, Lima, and as a diversity educator and pregnancy and adoption therapist. In addition she has worked Casa Alianza, which responds to the needs of street children in Mexico City. She lives in Bluffton with her husband, Paul, and daughter Ana. Their son, Justin, serves with MVS in Chicago, and daughter, Erin, lives in Dayton.

Worship location changes on June 24: Beginning Sunday, June 24, our worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Bluffton Middle School cafetorium. Please enter by the double doors across the street from the FMC Jackson Street entrance (NOT the elementary school doors.) Sunday school classes and coffee time will meet in the basement of First Mennonite Church. **The nursery will operate as usual during SS and worship in our nursery.**

FMC youth attending high school camp at Camp Friedenswald June 11-16 were Christopher Harnish, Anna Biesecker-Mast, Seth Andreas, Jan Christopher, Ana Neufeld Weaver, Grace Paquin, Sophia Gott, Patrick Estell, Jacob Biesecker-Mast and Annalise Nisly.

Please keep the SHYF in your prayers as they travel to Pine Ridge, SD, June 23-July 1 for the summer service trip with MDS. Youth and sponsors participating are: Christopher Harnish, Patrick Estell, Jacob Biesecker-Mast, Anna Biesecker-Mast, Jake Suter, Sophia Gott, Jan Christoph Shultze, Ana Neufeld Weaver, Gary Wetherill, Laurel Neufeld Weaver, Paul Neufeld Weaver and Shannon Thiebeau.

Summer Worship 2018--Practicing Faith

This summer, our worship series focuses on some of the spiritual practices that draw us and tutor us in relationship with God and with one another. This series is not a to-do list or recipe for spiritual life, nor does it cover the breadth of spiritual practices that Christians throughout the ages have incorporated into their lives as they strive first for the kingdom of God. Instead, it offers glimpses into ways to practice faith. See the literature rack for the schedule of themes in this series.

The Pew Restoration Project needs you! Throughout the project there will be tasks for all. We hope to achieve our goal carried over from the Flooring to Flourish Campaign of 100% participation! Phase 1 of the pew removal and restoration project begins today at 1:30 p.m. We will remove bolts from the pew supports, lift pews onto furniture dollies, and roll the pews to their storage location. For an overview of the project see the salmon sheet in the literature rack. The following are needed: power driver for Phillips and flat head screws, open-ended 7/16” wrench and medium-sized boxes in which to store hymnals. See Jerry Tripp with questions.

Sanctuary renovation schedule: *Please note that some of these steps/dates may change as work proceeds. We will provide updates when necessary:*

- June 17-July 24: Removal of pews, removal of organ and some pipes, plaster repair (if needed), painting, new light bulbs
- June 24-August 26: Our worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Bluffton Middle School cafetorium. Please enter by the double doors across the street from the FMC Jackson Street entrance. Sunday school classes and coffee time will meet in the basement of First Mennonite Church.
- July 25-August 5: Construction of steps and railings
- August 6-19: Hardwood flooring put in (front of sanctuary floor and stage area), sanding and clear coating of wood floor under and in balcony
- August 20-25 or 31: Carpet installed, along with new rubber stairs by Church Street door

You're invited! Plan now to join FMC as “We Make the Road by Walking.” If you've not yet done so, check your mailbox for details:

- Brochure introduction and invitation
- Sept. 2018-Aug. 2019 Worship schedule with scripture texts
- Sheet of ideas for using “We Make the Road...”

Note: *One copy (paper or digital) of the book will be made available to each family. To reserve your copy: Sign up in fellowship hall outside the office door OR email the church office at fmc@bluffton.edu.*