

## Anabaptist Heritage

### *Gathering*

Welcome and announcements	Gerald Mast
Ministry Minute	Mark Suderman
Prelude	Jackie Wyse-Rhodes
Invocation	
*Opening Hymn	VT 797 <i>We are People of God's Peace</i>
*Responsive Reading - VT 921 (Menno Simons)	
(Worship leader reads <b>dark print</b> and congregation reads light print)	

### *Telling God's Story*

Conversation with Friends	Linda Headings
Hymn VT 516 <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> (sing as children come forward and return to their seats)	
Special Music	VT 45 <i>O Gott Vater (Ausbund)</i> Chancel Choir (Congregation join on verse 1 in English after Choir sings two German verses)
Community Prayer	Steve Harnish
Scripture	Psalms 146:5-10 & Isaiah 58:5-9 Linda Headings
Message	<i>Anabaptists Closer to Home</i> Perry Bush

### *Living God's Story*

*Hymn of Response	VT 420 <i>God of the Bible</i>
Offering	
Words of Invitation	
Offertory	
Dedication Prayer	

### *Sending*

*Hymn of Sending	VT 807 <i>Hope of Abraham and Sarah</i>
*Benediction	
Postlude	

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)  
HWB - Hymnal: A Worship Book (Blue Bound Book)  
STJ - Sing the Journey (Green Spiral Book)  
STS - Sing the Story (Purple Spiral Book)*

*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.*



# Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 31, 2021

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
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## Church Staff

- Pastor Jeff Boehr –419-236-9150; [jeff@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:jeff@fmcbluffton.org)
- Director of Music/Interim Church Administrator –  
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## Office Hours

- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00am-3:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm

## Pastor Jeff Boehr

- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Video:** Ray Raeburn

**Sound:** Chris Moser

**Chancel:** Anita Lehman

**Nursery Care:**

*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.*

10/17/21 - 10/24/21

Reported Volunteer hours 46

