

Hospitality & A New Pastor

August 28, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Perry Bush

Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Lori Nester

Prelude

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
LuAnn Stuckey

arr. R. Hillert

Message

Finding Our Best Selves

Rich and Gloria Bucher

Invocation

Living God's Story

*Opening Hymn

VT 120 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Hymn of Response

VT 36 *Let Us Build a House*

*Responsive Reading - #661 from *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

One: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

Many: We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way.

One: We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

Many: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.

All: Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

arr. K. Kosche

Dedication Prayer

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children

Rich and Gloria Bucher

Hymn

VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me*

(sing coming forward & going back to seats)

*Hymn of Sending

VT 827 *Move in Our Midst*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Community Prayer

Adam Phillips

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

Sending

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First Mennonite Church Office Hours

- Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Video: Ray Raeburn
Sound: Melissa Friesen
Chancel: Wendy Chappell-Dick

8/14/22 - 8/21/22
Reported Volunteer hours: 40.5
Attendance: 119
Online viewers: 27

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.

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'Finding Our Best Selves'

Worship Service Live Stream - <http://fmcbluffton.org/live-stream/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear FMC friends,

On behalf of my family, thank you for your many expressions of support during Linda's illness and in the days following her death. We thank you for the many cards, emails, phone messages and texts we received and for the wonderful flowers, food and fellowship that were part of her service of remembrance and celebration on Saturday, August 20. Linda was a deeply spiritual person and the FMC community was an important touchstone for her for many years. So again, thank you for your love and support.

-Hans Houshower

To the First Mennonite Church Family. A big thank you from Heather and I for the support from during Heather's surgery and recovery. The prayers, cards, best wishes, the efforts put forward for transportation and puppy walks. It has really emphasized the theme this summer of **Hospitality**. We are very grateful. She is doing well. Thank you.

-Heather & Ginger Theis.

Today, Sunday, August 28, we will have a documentarian, Eddie Arruza filming during our worship service. Mr. Arruza is producing a piece about Bluffton and various aspects of our community, including faith communities. We are asking him to be as unobtrusive as possible during our worship, and he will basically be filming from behind to help keep some anonymity. We do ask you to consider sitting mainly in the lower section in front of the balcony to help with filming. After church, for those who wish to be part of a **choir** for this documentary, please join in a potluck in the Assembly Room followed by the filming of the choir rehearsal. We will be singing **James Bixel's "The Lord's Prayer."** **All are invited** to be a part of this, whether or not you typically sing in the Chancel Choir.

This Fall **Seth Andreas** will be studying at (WCSC) Washington Community Scholars' Center in Washington, DC. We encourage you to keep the students and leaders in your prayers.

As students of all ages and teachers at all levels **transition to the school year** routine, prayers for creativity, energy, and curiosity are welcome.

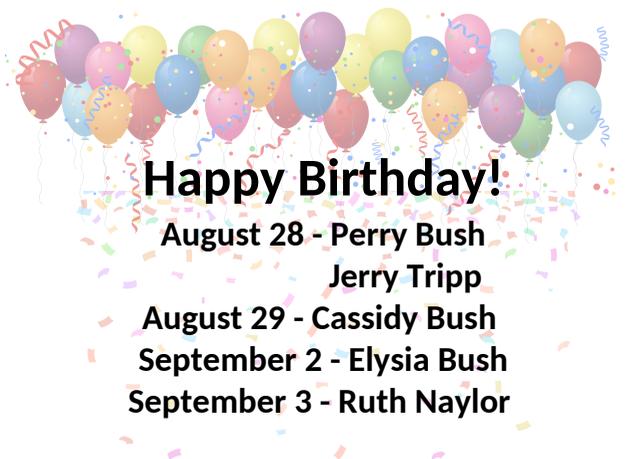
Music Ensemble Rehearsals to begin: note the dates, times, locations, and ages for the church's music ensembles. Please consider offering your musical gifts to this important part of worship for our congregation and encourage others to join. We gladly welcome new additions to the ensembles and will greatly enjoy the return of former members.

- Chancel Choir** (adults of all ages) begins on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. (Mark Suderman, director) – sanctuary.
- Adult** (adults of all ages) and **Youth** (Grades 7-12) **Bells** - both begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively (Ray Raeburn, director) – Assembly Room.
- Information about **Cherub Choir**, **Jubilate**, and **Youth Choir** coming soon!

Happy Anniversary!



September 2 - Jonathan & Anne Marie Spelman
10 Years



Happy Birthday!

August 28 - Perry Bush
Jerry Tripp
August 29 - Cassidy Bush
September 2 - Elysia Bush
September 3 - Ruth Naylor

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.

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Today, Sunday, August 28, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School open to all youth & adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

Worship: Rich and Gloria Bucher preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Freudige SS Class potluck, after worship, Fellowship Hall

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday, August 30

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, August 31

Final Photo Day with Don

Thursday, September 1

Bluffton Senior Center Community Meal hosted by FMC, 6 p.m.

Next Sunday

Sunday, September 4

Worship - Ray Person/Elizabeth Kelly preaching

Lectionary: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

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. Worship bags and nursery space are available for young children during worship. Bags can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance, and parents are invited to stay in the nursery with their children.