

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2015
10:30 a.m.**

— GATHERING —

Chimes call us to worship Phil Schey

Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions Tig Intagliata

— PRAISING —

Invocation

Opening Hymns Bill Swartley

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

All: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Time with Children

Hymn “Lord, we bring to you our children” STJ 90
(*Sing vs. 1 for coming forward*)

Conversation Chris Gott

Hymn “Lord, we bring to you our children” STJ 90
(*Sing vs. 2 for returning*)

Recognition of Melinda Estell as Coordinator of Christian Education

Special Music “The King of love my Shepherd is” Harry Rowe Shelley
Carol Welty and Andrea Welty Peachey, vocalists
Phil Schey, accompanist

Pastoral Prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher

— PROCLAIMING—

Scripture John 6:35, 41-51; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon “Living Bread” Lavon Welty

***Hymn** “Beloved, God's chosen” STJ 38

— RESPONDING—

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Allegro” Telemann
Isaac Andreas, violin, Phil Schey, accompanist

***Hymn of Dedication** “Lord of all good” STJ 60

***Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING—

***Hymn** “Take my life” HWB 389
(*Sing vs. 1-3, 6*)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: fmclubluffton.org

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

Interim Pastors: Gloria – Mon & Fri 9-4, Tues 8-noon; Lavon – Tues, 8-noon, Wed 9-4, Thurs, Noon-5

Monday – Steve's day off

Director of Youth Ministries: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

GREETERS: Rich Bucher, Janine Paul, Cheri Slotter

HOST: Ernie Porzelius

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: *No SS* – International potluck brunch

Worship – Jen and Darby Benroth, Douglas Nester

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK: *SS* – Carmen Ordonez, Pat Sheidler

Worship – Annette Heslep, Amelia Heslep, Alison King, Christopher Harnish

SOUND SYSTEM: Don Pannabecker

CHANCEL: Anita Lehman

The video of the most recent worship service may be viewed on the church's homepage, www.fmclubluffton.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 226

Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD) 8

Sunday school attendance last Sunday NA

Spending plan giving July 26, 2015 \$8,880.46

2015 Proposed spending plan \$419,469.00

Weekly offering needed for spending plan \$7,663.46

The offering August 2 totaled \$10,297.20. Money was received for these special funds: SS - \$2.74,

Deacons Benevolent - \$100, Kitchen Services - \$1, VS Fund - \$10, Facility Use - \$100.

CHURCH STAFF

Associate Pastor – Steven Yoder –419-369-4753 (h) - fmc.steve@bluffton.edu

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Youth Ministry Director – Shannon Thiebeau – shannonthiebeau@gmail.com

Director of Music – Mark Suderman

Organist Coordinator – Lucia Unrau

Custodian – Mick Hardy

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



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brazo en Brazo: Brazo en Brazo will hold a baptism for Alex Hernández at 5 p.m. today at Lima Mennonite and then the group will move to Ottawa Metro Park Beach for the baptism at 6:30. All are welcome to attend the service, baptism and carry-in picnic to follow.

The Swiss Community Historical Society's celebration of the first church in the Swiss Community, 175 years ago, will be held Sunday, August 30. Each Mennonite church has been asked to provide 20 pies and eight volunteers to help at the event. Please contact wendy@mennofolk.org if you are willing to help. Tickets are available for purchase today in the fellowship hall.
-- Wendy Chappell-Dick

Mennonite Disaster Service continues its work in Detroit, where some homes have not yet been cleaned, including homes of elderly, disabled, those with special needs and without resources. The MDS website (www.mds.mennonite.net) includes a link to a short video of the MDS response in Detroit. Contact Lawrence Matthews at Detroit@mds.mennonite.net or 419-303-8056 to schedule.

Theory Expats, a band featuring Goshen College students Andrew Pauls, Ethan Setiawan, and Sadie Gustafson-Zook, will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 on the third floor of the Bluffton town hall. They performed on the Mennofolk stage of the Kansas City MC USA Convention. There is no admission; donations will be taken for the musicians.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Houts, 93, August 12; Richard Boehr, 84, August 12; Bob Flick, 87, August 14.

Happy Anniversary to Dottie and Gene Long, 54, August 13.

Please remember Irene Hamman and her family in your prayers. Irene is under Hospice care at the Mennonite Memorial Home.

Please offer prayers for Dave and Jane Hooley. On Tuesday, Dave was transferred to the Hospice unit at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay. Bridge Hospice is helping to find a care facility opening, preferably at Heritage, at which time Dave will be transferred there.

Congratulations to Andrea and Tyson Goings on the birth of their son, Jayden Drew, born August 3 at St. Rita's Medical Center. Jayden's brother and sister are Braylon and Ariana. He is the grandson of Anita and George Lehman.

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, August 9, 2015

9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Noon
4 p.m.

No SS, International potluck brunch
Worship Service, Lavon Welty preaching
Recognition of Melinda Estell
Sojourner/Freudige class potlucks
Shelly family reunion, FH

THIS WEEK

Monday (10)
Tuesday (11)

Wednesday (12)
Thursday (13)

Library Committee
Morning prayers, 7 a.m., Sanctuary
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., Parlor
No Trustees meeting
Swiss Mennonite 175th Choir rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir room
Stewardship, 7 p.m., 301
Nurture, 7 p.m., Parlor

NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Noon
7 p.m.

Coffee time, FH
Sunday school classes for children and youth; Adult Bible study
AR; Safe Sanctuary training, sanctuary; fellowship time, FH
Worship Service, Gloria Hernandez preaching
Commissioning of Voluntary Service workers
Community class potluck
Shizuo Tachibana speaking, FH
Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35; 41-51

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

All are invited to the international breakfast potluck 9:15 a.m. today to celebrate our international Sunday school theme and Mennonite World Conference. Please bring a main dish, fruits, breads or cheeses from other countries, as well as your own table service. We encourage you to wear clothing from other countries for this event.

-- *Christian Education Commission*

Today we welcome Phil Schey as our accompanist. Phil and his wife, Krysti, own and operate Krysti's Music Studio, Bluffton. A Bluffton University graduate, Phil is also a piano tuner.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, Megan Coffman will lead our annual Safe Sanctuary training in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15). All who work in the nursery or with our children and youth programs are required to come to this session to learn about our Safe Sanctuary policy and to hear Megan talk about issues relating to keeping our children and youth in a safe environment here at First Mennonite Church.

First Mennonite Church is committed to supporting our young adults who commit to spend at least 10 months to a voluntary service assignment. This year we have four Voluntary Service workers. Jackson Bush will serve with the Pittsburgh PULSE program, Jennifer Steinmetz, Mennonite Voluntary Service (Seattle), David Hooley, MCC SALT program (Kenya), and Lily Schumacher, Service Venture Program (MNN), Albuquerque. Funds available in the MVS Fund are not sufficient to cover their costs of participation (\$1,500 each). If you are able to contribute, make your check out to *First Mennonite Church* with *VS Fund* written on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

First Mennonite Church will host Shizuo Tachibana of Japan on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Shizuo (the first member of the Hiroshima Mennonite Church) will speak about the effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in August of 1945. He will share stories of hibakusha (survivors of the A-bomb). He teaches in a private pre-school based on the Steiner method. Bob and Alice Ruth Ramseyer will host Shizuo during his stay in Bluffton. All are welcome.

Do you have an interest in our youth ministry but don't know how to get involved? Consider being a youth sponsor! We need sponsors for both middle school and high

school youth fellowships. If interested, please contact Shannon Thiebeau at 419-773-9446 or at shannonthiebeau@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Event: The Storm Conference is a one-day interdenominational "mini-convention" taking place Saturday Aug. 22 in Continental, Ohio. The tickets are only available in advance at \$35/person which includes meals, games, speakers, worship, and a concert by Hawk Nelson in the evening. For more details, please contact Shannon Thiebeau at 419-773-9446 or at shannonthiebeau@gmail.com

Elaine Rich has a new address. (Note that this is a different address from the one we printed in several July bulletins and the Menno-Life.) Her address is: Elaine Rich, Timbercrest, Box 501, North Manchester, IN 46962.

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 would 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 2 at 7:00 p.m. (Mark Suderman, director) – sanctuary
- Adult and Youth (Grades 7-12) Bells - both begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively (Ray Raeburn, director) – assembly room
- Cherub Choir (ages 3-grade 1) will begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Laura Hartzler, director) – children's choir room. Parents of 3 year olds are encouraged to come to the first few rehearsals.
- Jubilate (Grades 2 - 5) will begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:45-7:30 p.m. (Laura Hartzler, director) – children's choir room.
- Youth choir (6th grade and up) will meet on Sundays from 8:30-9:15 a.m. (Laura Hartzler, director) – children's choir room.

Please consider filling a school kit, donating fabric or making bags. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be written to FMC with "MW school kits" on the memo line. Cards with a list of supplies and instructions are on the bulletin cupboard in fellowship hall. Boxes for complete kits, supplies for kits, and a box for empty bags are on the pew in the fellowship hall. To date, we have 50 kits. -- *Ginger Theis*

Our supply of quilts, comforters, and afghans for child dedications must be replenished. Interested persons may knit, crochet, quilt, or contribute a purchased item. Finished items should be put in the quilt room in the box labeled Child Dedication Items. Questions may be directed to Sarah Basinger. Thank you for your contributions!