

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2015

10:30 a.m.

— **GATHERING** —

Chimes call us to worship

Lucas Harnish

Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions

Kevin Cluts

— **PRAISING** —

Invocation

Opening Hymns

Carol Welty, song leader

***Responsive Reading**

Psalm 48: 1-2, 7-10

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

C: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

C: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

Time with Children

Hymn

“With happy voices singing”

HWB 83

(Sing vs. 1 for coming forward)

Conversation

Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey

Hymn

“With happy voices singing”

HWB 83

(Sing vs. 3 for returning)

Special Music

“Akanamandla” Traditional South Africa
Wendy Chappell-Dick and friends

Pastoral Prayer

Lavon Welty

— **PROCLAIMING** —

Scripture

Micah 4:1-5

Sermon

“Working Together in God's Mission” Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey

***Hymn**

“You are salt for the earth”
Lucas Harnish, guitar accompanist

HWB 226

— **RESPONDING** —

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“You are salt for the earth”
Lucas Harnish, guitar Arr. Lucas Harnish

***Hymn of Dedication**

“Grant us Lord, the grace”

HWB 388

***Prayer of Dedication**

— **SENDING** —

***Hymn**

“The Lord lift you up”

STJ 73

***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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Website: fmclubluffton.org

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

Christian Education Coordinator: Monday, Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon

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 - Mon & Fri 9-4, Tues 8-noon; Lavon - Tues, 8-noon, Wed 9-4, Thurs, Noon-5

Monday - Steve's day off

GREETERS: Carlin and Sharon Carpenter, Steve Harnish,

HOST: Jo and Stan Clemens

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: SS - Monica Harnish, Meghan Coffman

Worship - John Mackey, Julie Mackey, Ana Neufeld-Weaver

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK: SS - Pat Sheidler, Elaine Suderman

Worship - Kevin Cluts, Alison King, Ellie Nickel

SOUND SYSTEM: Don Pannabecker

CHANCEL: Wendy Chappell-Dick

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	169
Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD)	13
Sunday school attendance last Sunday	NA
Spending plan giving July 5, 2015	\$9,849.53
2015 Proposed spending plan	\$419,469.00
Weekly offering needed for spending plan	\$7,663.46

The offering July 5 totaled \$12,831.41. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school-\$4, Capital Campaign-\$185, SHYF (convention fees and refund)-\$1,012.50, College Scholarships-\$550, Phil Kingsley Memorial-\$240, Kitchen Service-\$20.38, Deacons Benevolent-\$790, MCC-\$30, Habitat-\$50.

CHURCH STAFF

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Organist Coordinator - Lucia Unrau

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The Bluffton Area Ministerial Association and the Bluffton Area Community Assistance Program will again provide free school supplies to children who are on the free and/or reduced lunch program in the Bluffton school district. The supplies will be provided from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. John's United Church of Christ. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to call the church to enroll a child in this program. Call 419-358-5641 for more information.

All are invited to attend an ice cream social at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 8375 Phillips Road, Friday, July 17, from 4-7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under.

Volunteer needed at Willow Ridge: One of the elders at Willow Ridge is in need of a volunteer to help him with email correspondence. He has difficulty using his computer and would like someone to type what he dictates. This would be just once a week and the volunteer would use the elder's computer. Anyone interested in helping with this should call Mary Ann Ring, volunteer coordinator, at 419.358.1015, ext 248.

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction will be held July 31 and August 1 at the Buckeye Event Center in Dalton. Brochures are available on a table in the fellowship hall. Among the events this year are a 24-hour bike ride, 50th anniversary variety show, 5K run and walk, wood and tool auction, and quilt auction. Access a preview of auction items, learn how to bid and get directions to the sale at www.ohiomccreliefsale.org.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

We want to share our deep appreciation and gratitude to all who have extended their condolences, their support, and their love during this time of losing Phil. There are so many in our church family who served Phil and his family during this adventure. As Phil would have, even though he may not have verbalized it, we thank you.

-- *Judy Kingsley, Mitch and Ann Kingsley, Jane Steinmetz and families*

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, July 12, 2015

9:00 a.m. Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m. Sunday school classes for children and youth, NO adult Bible study (AR), fellowship time (FH), Nancy Frey teaching children's class, Bruce Yoder speaking to adults (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder preaching
Noon Sojourners/Freudige class potlucks

THIS WEEK

Monday (13) Library committee, 7:30 p.m., library
Tuesday (14) Morning prayers, 7 a.m., Sanctuary
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., Parlor
Education, 7 p.m., Parlor
Thursday (16) Council, 7 p.m., Parlor

NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m. Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m. Sunday school classes for children and youth, NO adult Bible study, fellowship time (FH), MC USA convention report, FH
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Steven Yoder preaching
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 28, 2 Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

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

Today we welcome our Mission Partners, Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey, and their children, Jeremiah and Deborah, as our guests on this Mission Sunday. The Frey Yoders are partnering with Mennonite and African Initiated church partners across West Africa. Their ministry is primarily in biblical and theological training among church leaders.

Our chancel arrangement is made of items from Burkina Faso. These items may be purchased at Ten Thousand Villages in Bluffton. Artisans and Ten Thousand Villages agree on a fair price that covers the cost of labor and materials and enables artisans to earn fair compensation for their work.

Congregational meeting: Today, immediately following the worship service, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on extending a call to Wanda Stopher to serve as our pastor.

Sunday school events for July:

- **Today:** There is no Adult Bible study today. Our mission partners, Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey, will present to adults, youth and children.
- **July 19:** There will be no Adult Bible study. The senior high youth will report on the MCUSA convention to adults in the fellowship hall. Junior high youth will report to class as usual. Elementary and preschool children will be learning about the Middle East with Heidrun Awad.
- **July 26:** The Community Worship Service will be held at the Bluffton Presbyterian Church, so there will be no Sunday school or services at FMC.

The Adult Bible Study taught by Jackie Wyse Rhodes will not be held during the remainder of July, due to presentations by our mission partners on July 12 and MCUSA presentations on July 19. There are no services at FMC on July 26 because of the community worship service. Bible study will resume on August 2 and continue until August 16.

Melinda Estell's office hours have changed. She will be in the office from 9 a.m.-noon on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Bluffton Community Worship Service will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 26 on the Bluffton Presbyterian Church lawn. Participants are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the middle school cafeteria. Pastor Gloria Hernandez Bucher will participate in leading the service.

Note: There will be no Sunday school or worship service at First Mennonite that day.

School kits: We're beginning the drive for school kits with the goal of 200 kits by the end of September. Supplies are discounted from now until the end of September. Cards with supplies listed and instructions for making bags are on the bulletin cupboard in the fellowship hall. Boxes for complete kits, supplies for kits and empty bags to be filled are on the pew in the fellowship hall. More information will be provided in the August Menno-Life. -- *Ginger Theis*

Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-23, from 6-8 p.m. at Bluffton Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall. Registration is free for youth age four to grade five (grade completed). Please return completed forms to Melinda Estell's mailbox.

Are you looking for a place to serve the church and the Lima community? First Mennonite Church needs someone to represent the church on the board of Brazo en Brazo. Please contact Wendy Chappell-Dick or Pastor Steve Yoder if you would like to know more about this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people in the Hispanic community in Lima.

MWR congregational reporter needed: As Ron Geiser has transferred his membership from FMC, he is no longer providing FMC reports to Mennonite World Review. Reports are submitted six times per year. If you would like to take on this responsibility, please contact the church office for more details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brazo en Brazo: Twelve years ago on July 5, Genaro Hernández had a serious car accident. He, his wife and six children were returning home to Texas from a church conference in Indiana. His wife died and all others in the car were severely injured requiring long hospitalizations. Last Sunday, Genaro stood in the congregation and cited his participation with Brazo en Brazo these last six years as vital in bringing him to healing and restoration. He is now feeling whole and looking forward. -- *Paul and Ann Conrad*