

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2015

10:30 a.m.

— GATHERING —

Chimes call us to worship

Lucia Unrau, organist

Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions

Ron Headings

Invocation

— PRAISING —

Opening Hymns

Laura Hartzler and youth

***Responsive Reading**

Psalm 138

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

C: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Time with Children

Hymn

“God who touches earth”

HWB 511

(Sing vs. 1 and 2 for coming forward)

Conversation

Linda Headings

Hymn

“God who touches earth”

HWB 511

(Sing vs. 3 and 4 for returning)

Special Music

“Great is the Lord”
Tad Steiner, trumpet

Michael Smith

Pastoral Prayer

Lavon Welty

Hymn

“The Lord’s Prayer”
(Inside back cover of hymnal)

James W. Bixel

— PROCLAIMING—

Scripture

Mark 3:20-35

Sermon

“Because We’re Family”

Gloria Hernandez Bucher

***Hymn**

“Where charity and love prevail”

HWB 305

— RESPONDING—

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Pass It On”

Mark Hayes

***Hymn of Dedication**

“Praise God from whom” (vs A)

HWB 119

***Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING—

***Hymn**

“Bless’d be the tie that binds”

HWB 421

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand, or remain seated if that is more comfortable for you.*

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

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: fmcbluffton.org

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

Christian Education Coordinator: Tuesday 9 a.m. - noon, Thursday Noon - 3 p.m.

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: Lori and Daryl Nester, Todd Rainey, Kathy and Phil Traucht

HOST: Mary Anne Moser

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: SS - Judy Diller, Carmen Ordonez

Worship - Tom and Sue Schaaf, Sunita Hooley

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK: SS - Tim and Jo Pannabecker

Worship - Phil Blount, Amy Blount, Douglas Nester

SOUND SYSTEM: Chris Moser

CHANCEL: Bev Simon

The video of the most recent worship service may be viewed on the church's homepage, www.fmcbluffton.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	217
Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD)	12
Sunday school attendance last Sunday	55
Spending plan giving May 31, 2015	\$4,710.00
Spending Plan Receipts as of May 31, 2015	\$154,740
Spending Plan Expenses as of May 31, 2015	\$157,251
2015 Proposed spending plan	\$419,469.00
Weekly offering needed for spending plan	\$7,663.46

The offering May 31 totaled \$6,576. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school-\$22, Kitchen Services-\$201, Capital Campaign-\$338, MCC Nepal-\$100, Mennonite Women-\$105, Deacons Benevolent-\$100.

CHURCH STAFF

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Organist Coordinator - Lucia Unrau

Custodian - Mick Hardy

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ending August 16 in Portland, ME. They will work on houses along the way, continuing efforts to end poverty housing around the world. **On July 29 we will provide a meal and host them at First Mennonite overnight.** There will be 30-40 bicyclists from all over the United States. This is the same group I joined last summer and I plan to join the group for the remaining journey to Portland. Visit this link on the Fuller Center website: www.fullercenterbikeadventure.org/summer/theriders/ and click on “Everett Collier” to donate to the Fuller Center. I have designated two housing sites we worked on last year for donations. More details will be forthcoming.
-- Everett Collier

Former FMC members Jerry and Leonor Kennell, now North American ambassadors to SEMILLA, Latin American Anabaptist Seminary, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, June 15 at FMC. Learn more about SEMILLA, including information about their unique joint programming relationship with Bluffton University, as well as a Guatemala learning tour.

Volunteers are needed Friday evening, June 19, and Saturday morning, June 20, at the Black Swamp Benefit in Wauseon. Add your name to the list on the table in Fellowship Hall if you can help. If you have any questions see John Rich.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, will hold “Companions on the Journey: Spiritual Care of Cancer Survivors” from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 in the Marathon Auditorium of BVH. This two-hour workshop will identify the broad changes in cancer survivorship, sources of psychological and spiritual distress, and practical strategies for addressing the needs of survivors and those close to them. Strategies will focus on proactive awareness and supportive responses. Registration is not required, but please RSVP to Tina Wood (grammasunshine02@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Kelly (ekelly@bvhealthsystem.org) if you plan to attend so that we have sufficient handouts.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Happy Birthday to Margaret Tiessen, 84, June 11; Eileen Kehler, 82, June 12; Joan Dailey, 86, June 13; Anne Buller, 90, June 14.

Happy Anniversary to Margaret and Richard Weaver, 72, June 8; Mary and Darrel Yoder, 65, June 10; Joyce and Donald Hostetler, 55, June 11.

Many thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, food and other acts of kindness following my recent knee surgery. You are an inspiration to me to do the same for others.

-- Don Hostetler

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, June 7, 2015

9:00 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school classes for children and youth, adult Bible study (AR), fellowship time (FH)
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Gloria Hernandez Bucher preaching
Noon	Connections class potluck

THIS WEEK

Monday (8)	Library Committee, 7:30 p.m., library
Tuesday (9)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor Trustees Commission, 7 p.m.
Wednesday (10)	Stewardship Commission, 7 p.m., 301 Pastoral search Committee, 7:30 p.m., parlor
Thursday (11)	Nurture Commission, 7 p.m. parlor Weekday Christian Education annual board meeting, 7 p.m., AR Education Commission, 7 p.m., 301

NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday school classes for children and youth, adult Bible study (AR), fellowship time (FH)
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Alex Sider preaching 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

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

FMC staff update:

Pastor Gloria will be on vacation June 8-23. **Pastors Lavon and Steve** will attend the Central District Conference meeting in Elkhart, Indiana, June 11-13. **Mary Pannabecker Steiner** will be on vacation June 12-15, and **Carmen Ordonez Moser** will be working in the office during that time. If you are in need of pastoral care Friday or Saturday, June 12-13, Tim Schumacher of the Deacons Commission will be available to assist at 419-230-1252.

Summer Sunday school schedule begins today:

Coffee time – Fellowship Hall
Preschool through fifth grade – Rooms 104/105
Junior high youth – Room 304
Senior high youth – Room 305
Adult Bible study – Assembly Room

Volunteers are needed to help out in the nursery during Sunday school and/or church. Interested persons may e-mail Jen Benroth at jesommer2000@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to FMC's 2015 graduates: **Elysia Bush**, Bluffton University; **Jackson Bush**, Goshen College; **Kerry Bush**, Bluffton University; **Ashton Cluts**, Baldwin Wallace University; **Andrea Goings**, MBA, Bluffton University; **David Hooley**, Eastern Mennonite University; **Kendra Nickel**, MBA, Bluffton University; **Isaac Schumacher**, Bluffton University; **Joseph Schumacher**, Bluffton High School.

Mennonite Women's Spring Breakfast for women and children will be held **Monday, June 8, at 8:30 a.m.** at the Buckeye Park shelter (at Snider Street end of the Buckeye.) In the event of rain, it will be held in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be potluck style, so bring food to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided. This month's theme is "Practicing Presence: In Feeding the Hungry" with Dottie Long sharing our devotions. Beth Theisen will present a program on, "The Wonderful World of Nature."

Judy Kingsley's address is 812 Red Maple Ct., Bluffton. Her cell phone number is 419-236-5678. Note that these are changes to the address and phone number listed in the November 2014 FMC directory.

Central District Conference's annual meeting will be held June 11-13 at Southside Fellowship on the AMBS Campus in Elkhart, Indiana. The theme is "Transformed Through Text and Table." Pastors Steven Yoder and Lavon Welty will attend, as will our delegates: Perry Bush, Wendy Chappell-Dick, George Lehman, Anita Lehman, Ruth Naylor, Darryl Nester, Lori Nester, Ray Person, Todd Rainey, Mark Weidner, Kay Weidner, Lavon Welty, Carol Welty, Steve Yoder, Jo Pannabecker, Carrie Mast and Gerald Mast.

Delegates to MC USA assembly in Kansas City are Melissa Friesen, George Lehman, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Perry Bush, Steve Harnish and Hannah Chappell-Dick. A meeting to discuss the resolutions to be presented at the assembly will be held in the FMC fellowship hall on Wednesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend this gathering.

The 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention is scheduled June 30-July 5 in Kansas City. FMC delegates to Kansas City 2015 include Steve Harnish, Melissa Friesen, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Hannah Chappell-Dick, George Lehman, and Perry Bush. Information about the conference can be found at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

Carpooling for Camp Friedenswald: Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall for parents and caregivers. Please indicate which camp your child/youth is attending, if they need a ride to or from camp and if you can provide transportation to or from camp. A \$20 car pool fee is requested of each child/youth for the driver they are riding with each way. This is to cover the cost of gas, wear and tear on vehicles and travel time. Please contact Melinda Estell with any questions (fmc.melinda@bluffton.edu).

Camperships for one-half of the registration fee are available for FMC children and youth attending Camp Friedenswald this summer. When registering online for camp, choose "pay later" then send a check for half of the registration fee to the camp by mail or with your child. If the full amount has already been paid, Friedenswald will reimburse you either through your credit card or by check. Register online at www.friedenswald.org/programs_online/registration or call the camp at (269) 476-9744. Please contact Melinda Estell with any questions (fmc.melinda@bluffton.edu).

This year's Fuller Center for Housing /Bike Adventure began their journey across the United States on Friday, June 5, from San Diego, CA. They will travel 4,000 miles,