

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2015  
10:30 a.m.**

**— GATHERING —**

**Chimes call us to worship** Laura Hartzler, organist

**Call to Worship, Announcements, Introductions** Carrie Mast

**— PRAISING —**

**Opening Hymns** Laura Hartzler and youth

**Invocation** “Jesus, stand among us” HWB 25

**\*Responsive Reading** **Psalm 9:9-14**

**L:** The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**C:** Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

**All:** Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

**Time with Children Hymn** “God who touches earth” HWB 511  
(Sing vs. 1 and 2 for coming forward)

**Conversation** Carol Welty

**Hymn** “God who touches earth” HWB 511  
(Sing vs. 3 and 4 for returning)

**Child Dedication**

**Madelyn Kate King,**  
Daughter of Alison and Kevin King  
**Savannah Jo Werling,**  
Daughter of Betsi and Joe Werling  
**Evan Alexander Sider,**  
Son of Kathy Dickson and Alex Sider

**\*Congregational Commitment** HWB 791

**Special Music** “Blessings” Laura Story  
*Kendra and Ellie Nickel, vocalists; Laura Hartzler, pianist*

**Pastoral Prayer** Steven Yoder

**— PROCLAIMING—**

**\*Scripture** Mark 4:35-41

**Sermon** “Calming Stormy Seas” Lavon Welty

**\*Hymn** “The Lord is my light” STS 97

**— RESPONDING—**

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Children’s Medley” Arr. Marilyn Ham

**\*Hymn of Dedication** “Praise God from whom” (vs A) HWB 119

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Search Committee announcement** Kendra Nickel and Darryl Nester

**— SENDING—**

**\*Hymn** “Move in our midst” HWB 418

**\*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

101 S. Jackson Street

Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: [fmcbluffton.org](http://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, Andrew, Ray and Beth Raeburn

**HOST:** Jo and Bill Croft

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** SS - Darby and Jen Benroth

*Worship* - Annette Heslep, Amelia Heslep, Christopher Harnish

**NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK:** SS - Ruth Naylor, Joyce Hostetler

*Worship* - Carrie Mast, Karen McCullough, Jacob Biesecker-Mast

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Walt Paquin

**CHANCEL:** Gary and Lois Wetherill

*The video of the most recent worship service may be viewed on the church's homepage, [www.fmcbluffton.org](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/fmc-videos)*

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

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| Worship attendance last Sunday  | 253          |
| Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD)   | 8            |
| Sunday school attendance last Sunday  | NA           |
| Spending plan giving June 14, 2015  | \$4,697.25   |
| 2015 Proposed spending plan   | \$419,469.00 |
| Weekly offering needed for spending plan  | \$7,663.46   |
| The offering June 14 totaled \$7,166.75. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school-\$21, Capital Campaign-\$515, Heifer Int. (in memory of Orletta Templin)- \$100, MCC (in memory of Orletta Templin) - \$50, SHYF (Convention Deposit) - \$725, Deacons Fund - \$1,000, Coffee time - \$8.50, College Scholarship - \$50. |              |

### CHURCH STAFF

Associate Pastor - Steven Yoder - 419-369-4753 (h) - [fmc.steve@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.steve@bluffton.edu)

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Youth Ministry Director - Shannon Thiebeau - [shannonthiebeau@gmail.com](mailto:shannonthiebeau@gmail.com)

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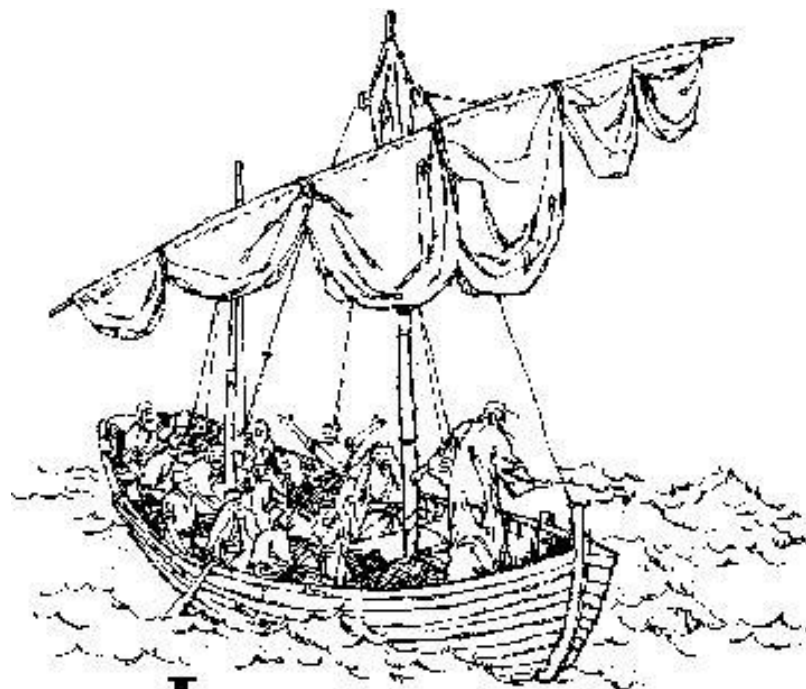
Youth Coordinator - Greg Hartzler - [gregphartzler@gmail.com](mailto:gregphartzler@gmail.com)

Director of Music - Mark Suderman

Organist Coordinator - Lucia Unrau

Custodian - Mick Hardy

Administrative Assistant - Mary Pannabecker Steiner - [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)



Jesus <sup>calming</sup>  
the storm

The team will hold a bake sale in front of Citizens National Bank on Saturday, July 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. If you would like to help or provide baked goods, contact Coral Lamb 419-905-9363 or email at [coralnate@yahoo.com](mailto:coralnate@yahoo.com). Here is the link to donate online: [https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/SPageServer?pagename=WLK\\_BP\\_walk13\\_pc2&pc2\\_page=center&fr\\_id=10964](https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/SPageServer?pagename=WLK_BP_walk13_pc2&pc2_page=center&fr_id=10964)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Swiss Community Historical Society** invites the public to attend the annual Swiss Day potluck, at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Ebenezer Mennonite Church, 8905 Columbus Grove Rd, Bluffton. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Background music will be provided by the band "Silver Threads among the Gold." The program will include the Swiss National Anthem, an update on Phase II of the Capital Campaign "Bringing alive the past by building for the future" and plans for the 175th anniversary celebration of the first Mennonite Church in the Bluffton-Pandora area.

-- Rich Bucher, for the Swiss Community Historical Society

**"Mennonite World Conference Assemblies** come with many parts. Two of them are Assembly Gathered and Assembly Scattered," says Liesa Unger, chief international events officer for MWC. Information about MWC and registration is located at <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015>

**Adriel and Shine FM** will hold a four-person golf scramble Monday, Aug. 5, at Liberty Hills Golf Course. Proceeds benefit abused and neglected children in Ohio and will help purchase new studio equipment for Shine FM. For more information, call Adriel at (937) 465-0010, ext. 113 or go to [www.adriel.org](http://www.adriel.org).

**The annual Ohio Relief Sale** takes place July 31-August 1 at the Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry Street, Dalton, Ohio. Food is available, booths open and a program is held on Friday. A 5K run and walk begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by the wood, tool, and art auction at 9 a.m., and a quilt auction at 10 a.m. Visit the Ohio Relief Sale [website](#) for more details.

## GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

**Happy Birthday** to Marilyn Diller, 84, June 21; Elnore Yost, 88, June 23.

**Happy Anniversary** to Margrita and Herbert Klassen, 66, June 22.

*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 21, 2015

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| 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, Lavon Welty preaching   |
| Noon       | Community class potluck  |

## THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday (23)   | Morning prayers, 7 a.m., Sanctuary<br>Staff meeting, 9:00, Parlor                  |
| Wednesday (24) | Search Committee, 7:30 p.m., Parlor  |
| Thursday (25)  | Deacons Commission, 7 p.m., Parlor   |
| Saturday (27)  | Phil Kingsley Memorial Service, 11 a.m., Sanctuary; visitation from 9:30-10:30, FH |

## NEXT WEEK

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| 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, Steven Yoder preaching<br><b>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43</b> |

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 dedicate three children:** Madelyn Kate King, daughter of Alison and Kevin King; Savannah Jo Werling, daughter of Betsi and Joe Werling; and Evan Alexander Sider, son of Kathy Dickson and Alex Sider.

**Reminder to those wishing to post signs in the church:** If you wish to post any announcements or flyers on any church bulletin board at First Mennonite Church you must first request approval from the church office. Thank you – *Staff Relations Committee*

**Farewell, Elaine!** Plans are underway for Elaine Rich to move to the Timbercrest Retirement Community in North Manchester, Ind., a Church of the Brethren retirement community. In this move she will be living closer to her son, Andrew, who is on the faculty at North Manchester College. A temporary address for Elaine is c/o Andrew Rich, 100 Peasant Way, North Manchester, Ind., 46962. A permanent address will be provided when known.

## Kansas City 2015

**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. Details about the conference, as well as schedules, can be found at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>. The convention program for adults will include worship, work, opportunities for learning and more. The youth program includes two worship sessions per day, seminars on topics such as stewardship and how we live as faithful followers of Jesus in our day-to-day lives, as well as opportunities to serve throughout the city, and lots of time to hang out with other Mennonite youth. As well, Pink Menno, an LGBTQ support group will hold a symposium of workshops and seminars at convention. Kerry Bush is part of Pink Menno's leadership team and Sara Chappell-Dick has received a scholarship from Pink Menno to attend the convention. Details about Pink Menno's schedule may be found at <http://pinkmenno.org>.

**A memorial service** for Phillip Kingsley will be held on Saturday, June 27 at First Mennonite Church at 11 a.m. The family will be at the church for visiting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and pre-service music will begin at 10:40. All guests are invited to a luncheon after the service, followed by a time of sharing memories and visiting with the family.

**FMC children attending** Primary Camp at Camp Friedenswald June 15-17 included Ethan Nickel, Mia Pannabecker, Xavier Diller, Kaleigh Coffman, Rebecca Estell, Ellie Hartzler, Makayla Suter and Ethen Blount. The following youth attended Junior High Camp from June 15-20: Grace Paquin, Ana Neufeld-Weaver, Patrick Estell, Seth Andreas, Danielle Novak and Sophia Gott.

**Hygiene Kits Update** - We did it! Our goal for hygiene kits was 100. We ended up with 103 plus some additional items to be added to kits at MCC. Thanks to all who contributed in any way. Watch the bulletin for information about school kits, as retailers will begin discounting school supplies on July 1. We will need bags to be made; they should be made of sturdy fabric. -- *Ginger Theis*

**FMC will hold an information/refresher** course on the use of our Automated External Defibrillator. The one-hour program is open to all who would like to learn or review operation of the device. David Maroscher, training officer at Blanchard Valley Hospital, will lead the class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, in the fellowship hall. -- *Bill Swartley*

**Mission Sunday is July 12.** We will welcome our Mission Partners, Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey, and their children, Jeremiah and Deborah. Please join us on Saturday, July 11 at 7 p.m. for an informal conversation with the Frey Yoder family, who will share about their work and life serving in Burkina Faso. On July 12, Bruce will lead adult Sunday school, and Nancy will be with the children's Sunday school. They will give both the sermon and children's time during the worship service. The Frey Yoders are partnering with Mennonite and African Initiated church partners across West Africa and they minister in biblical and theological training among church leaders.

**Fran Core has a new address:** 26 Pinebrook, Bluffton. Her phone number and e-mail address have not changed.

**A team is being organized** for the ALS Columbus Walk in honor of Phillip Kingsley. This event takes place on Sunday, September 27. If you would like to donate or join the team, you can find more information at ALS Columbus Walk under the Team Name "Fast Talker Kingsley" or call Melanie Lehman at 567-204-4117 for more information.