

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 7, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

— GATHERING —

**Chimes call us to worship** Lucia Unrau

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions** Doug Luginbill, worship leader

**Call to Worship**

**Prelude** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” arr. Don Hustad

**\*Invocation**

**\*Opening Hymn** “Christ upon the mountain peak” HWB 232

— PRAISING —

**\*Responsive Reading** Psalm 71:1-6  
*(New International Reader’s Version)*

L: Lord, I have gone to you for safety. Let me never be put to shame.

**C: You do what is right, so save me and help me. Pay attention to me and save me.**

L: Be my rock of safety that I can always go to. Give the command to save me. You are my rock and my fort.

**C: My God, save me from the power of sinners. Save me from the hands of those who are mean and evil.**

L: You are the King and the Lord. You have always been my hope. I have trusted in you ever since I was young.

**All: From the time I was born I have depended on you. You brought me out of my mother’s body. I will praise you forever.**

**Special Music** “Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet” Joy Webb  
*Jubilate*

**Time with Children**

**Hymn** “Jesus, friend so kind and gentle” HWB 621  
*(Sing v.1)*

**Conversation** Jonathan Andreas

**Hymn** “Jesus, friend so kind and gentle” HWB 621  
*(Sing v.2)*

**Child Dedication** Jaden Drew Goings, son of Andrea and Tyson Goings

**\*Congregational Blessing** HWB 791

**Pastoral Prayer** Wanda Stopher

— PROCLAIMING —

**Scripture** Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

**Sermon** “Gifts of Glory” Carrie Mast

**\*Hymn** “God has chosen me” STS 114

— RESPONDING —

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Now the Silence” arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

**\*Hymn of Dedication** “As saints of old” HWB 386  
*(Sing vs. 3)*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING —

**\*Hymn** “Be thou my vision” HWB 545  
*(vs. 1,2,4,5)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

*HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book STS – Sing the Story*

## 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

Pastor – Wanda – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday

Associate Pastor – Steve – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday

Director of Youth Ministries – Shannon -- 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:** Cheri Slotter, Judy and Larry Diller, Mary and Fred Steiner

**HOST:** Gloria Hernandez Bucher

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** SS – Gerald Mast, Elaine Suderman

*Worship* – Annette and Amelia Heslep, Amy Blount

**NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK:** SS – Hannah Combs, Lu Derstine

*Worship* – Carrie Mast, Jacob Biesecker-Mast, Sabrina and Kurt Longworth

**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.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

Worship attendance last Sunday 239

Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday (FMC DVD) 12

Sunday school attendance last Sunday 100

Spending plan giving Jan.31, 2016 \$5,721.00

2016 Proposed spending plan \$418,276.00

The offering Jan. 31 totaled \$7,196.35. Money was received for these special funds: Grades P-5<sup>th</sup> SS – \$5,

Sojourners - \$3, Faith and Life - \$8, Deacons' Benevolent - \$405, MDS - \$400, Habitat - \$30, Kitchen

service - \$13.90, Rejoice - \$83.40, Capital Campaign - \$925.

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Wanda Stopher – 419-551-1079 -- [fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu)

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

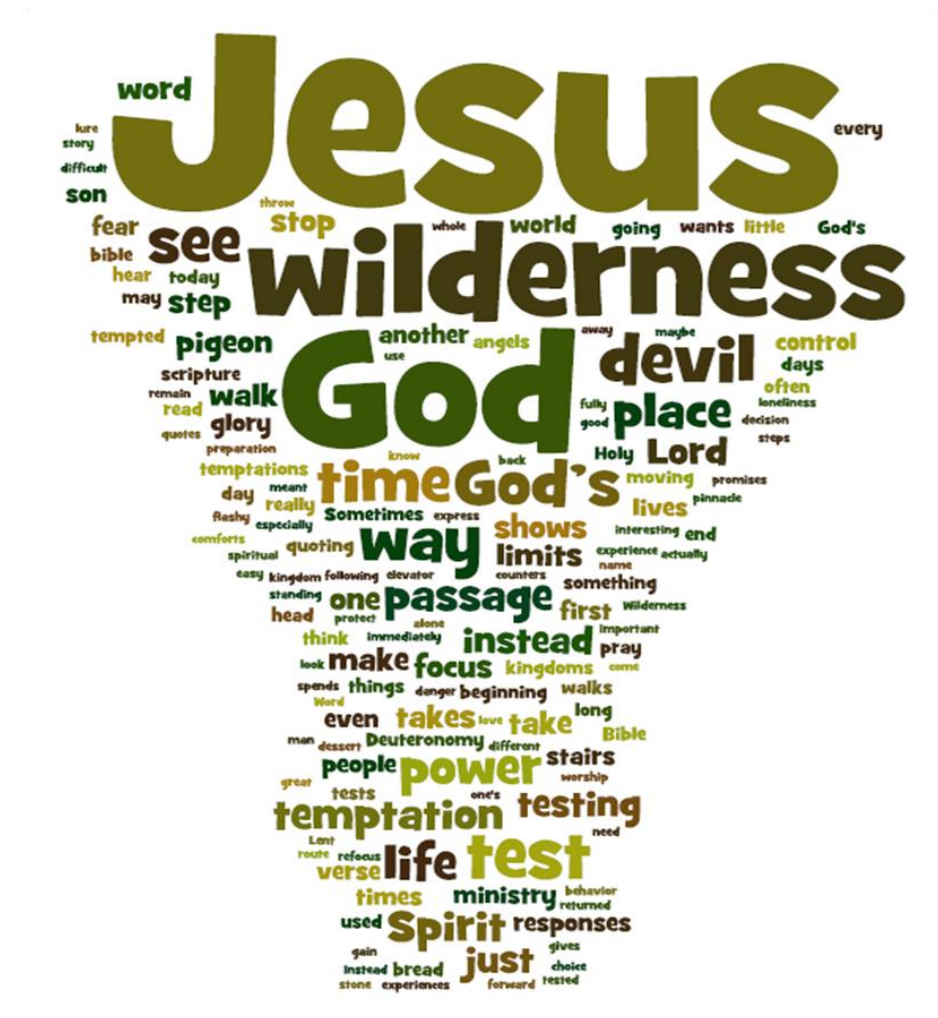
Youth Ministry Director – Shannon Thiebeau – [fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu)

Director of Music – Mark Suderman

Organist Coordinator – Lucia Unrau

Custodian – Mick Hardy

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



Brazo. They know people who want to study English who need transportation and /or child care. Classes are Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. If you are interested, call us at 937-849-9778. -- Paul and Ann Conrad

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Salem Mennonite Church** wishes to hire two individuals to work with their children's program on Sunday mornings, June through August, 2016. The lead instructor is responsible for preparing the lessons for both Sunday school and children's church and overseeing the classroom. The assistant instructor will assist the lead instructor during the Sunday morning classroom time, approximately 2 hours. This is an ideal position for college students looking for summer experience with children. For more information or to apply send a resume and letter of interest to Beverly Armstrong at [labearmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:labearmstrong@gmail.com) or 419-989-0487.

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio** is accepting applications for the Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship is meant to promote the career of nursing and is available to anyone pursuing a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a Registered Nurse, or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The scholarship is to be used to pay school-related expenses toward any of these degrees, offers a minimum award of \$500. Applications are available from the Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817; 419-358-1015. Applications are also available at [mhcoliving.org](http://mhcoliving.org) and clicking on "What's Happening." A completed application must be postmarked and/or returned to the above address by March 31.

## GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

**Happy birthday to** Barbara Bauman, 85, Feb. 16, and Treva Stratton, 85, Feb. 16.

**Steve Yoder continues** to receive care at Cleveland Clinic. His blood calcium level is coming down slowly, and he had a heart catheterization on Thursday. He is currently in the ICU and his condition is stable. Steve and Janet deeply appreciate your prayers.

**Please keep Ernie Porzelius** in your prayers. Ernie had surgery on February 2 to repair his artificial hip. He anticipated moving to MMH on Friday, Feb. 5 for several weeks of rehab.

*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, Feb. 7, 2016

8:30 a.m.	Youth choir
9:00 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian education
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Carrie Mast preaching
Noon	Connections class potluck

## THIS WEEK

Monday (2/8)	Mennonite Women, 7 p.m., FH Library committee, 7 p.m., library
Tuesday (2/9)	MORNING PRAYERS cancelled for Feb. 9 Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor Education, 6 p.m., parlor
Wednesday (2/10)	Pastoral visit with MMH residents, 2:30 p.m. Cherub choir and Adult bells, 6 p.m.; Jubilate, 6:45 p.m.; Chancel choir and Youth bells, 7 p.m.
Thursday (2/11)	Ash Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., FH MPS, 6:30 p.m., parlor Nurture, 7 p.m. library

## NEXT WEEK

9:00 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education; Adult Fellowship, FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Wanda Stopher preaching <b>Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13</b>

*We welcome Carrie Mast as our guest preacher today. Carrie is a member of First Mennonite and previously served as our Christian Education Coordinator.*

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 downstairs. Worship activity bags for children are available.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wanda Stopher's plans** have changed. She will leave after worship today and return to the office Wednesday morning Feb. 10. Please call Tim Schumacher at 419-230-1252 for pastoral care during this time.

**Tuesday morning prayers** are cancelled for February 9. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

**Please notify the church office** to be included on an e-mail list for midweek congregational updates.

**Ash Wednesday introduces** the season of Lent. A service of prayer, song, scripture and imposition of ashes will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the fellowship hall.

**Lent brochures are** in mailboxes today. Please note the schedule for FMC services, as well as community services.

**The January 31** congregational meeting included extensive discussion of the proposed Welcoming Statement and Policy Statements. In response to that discussion, a few alterations were made to the proposed statements. The revised statements have been placed in church mailboxes, and a vote on adopting those statements is planned for Sunday, February 21 (following the worship service). If you would like to have a copy sent to you via email or US mail, or if you would like an absentee ballot, please contact the church office ([fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu).)

**"Scripture is a God-Breathed Work of Creativity,"** is the theme for Mennonite Women, Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Joanne Niswander will share her experiences of writing, tying it into the devotional, which she will also lead. Refreshments will be provided and served by Ginger Theis and Kay Huber. Please check our Mennonite Women pillar bulletin board for the report and photos of the January Creativity Fair. Each month, minutes and photos are posted there from the previous month's program.

**The Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Willis Sommer serves and the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

**First Night** returns Feb. 17-March 16; we will have supper, with a program to follow. The schedule is as follows. -- *Nurture Commission*

**5:30 p.m. Supper begins**

**6-6:30 p.m. Program**

**6 p.m. Cherub Choir dismissed to rehearse**

**6:30 p.m. Jubilate**

**6:20-7:15 p.m. Adult Bells**

**7:15-8:15 p.m. Youth Bells/Chancel Choir**

**Cameo stories sought for First Night:** During Advent we heard a story from Jesus' childhood and his being found in the temple, deep in conversation with teachers there. A childhood cameo such as this is a short story about the child which foreshadows the adult that the person will become. You are invited to share your own cameo story at First Night on March 9. Please see Wanda Stopher (419-551-1079) for more information and to be included in the list of those who will share their cameo stories.

**Hey Parents!** Enjoy a night off! The SHYF is hosting a Parents Night Out fundraiser. On Saturday, Feb. 20, from 5-9 p.m., you can drop off your children (up to age 10) in the nursery and we will babysit for a donation. A light snack will be provided. Please register your children by contacting the church office. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall. A registration form must be completed before or when you drop your children off. For more information, please contact Shannon Thiebeau at [fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu). -- *Shannon Thiebeau*

**All are invited** to attend a CDC Regional Gathering on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Community Mennonite (Markham, IL), Saturday, Feb. 20 at Faith Mennonite Goshen, IN), or Saturday, March 5 at Emmaus Road Mennonite (Berne, IN). The day includes scripture and song, congregational sharing, a choice of sessions on the recent MCC-sponsored tour to Palestine/Israel or a discussion using the Human Sexuality study guide developed by Gerald and Carrie Mast. **A group from FMC will attend the March 5 gathering in Berne. Please see Wanda Stopher for more information or to indicate that you plan to attend.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Brazo en Brazo:** During the business meeting Jan. 31 at Lima Mennonite Church, we reported on the work of Brazo en Brazo. We asked for questions and comments. Georgia Adams, an English teacher at Apollo, reported a need that relates to Brazo en