

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 12, 2016**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Chimes call us to worship** Lucia Unrau

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions** Ashton Cluts

**Prelude** “Pass it on” arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

**\*Invocation**

— PRAISING —

**\*Opening Hymns** Carol Welty, song leader

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 5:1-8

*For the director of music. A psalm of David to be played on flutes.*

L: Lord, listen to my words. Pay attention when I mourn.

**C: My King and my God, hear me when I cry for help. I pray to you.**

L: Lord, in the morning you hear my voice. In the morning I pray to you. I wait for you in hope.

**C: For you, God, aren't happy with anything that is evil. Those who do what is wrong can't live where you are.**

L: Those who are proud can't stand in front of you. You hate everyone who does what is evil.

**C: You destroy those who tell lies. Lord, you hate murderers and those who cheat others.**

L: Because of your great love I can come into your house. With deep respect I bow down toward your holy temple.

**All: Lord, I have many enemies. Lead me in your right path. Make your way smooth and straight for me.**

**Special Music** “Lord, listen to your children praying” Ken Medema  
*Christopher Harnish (guitar), Lucas Harnish (piano), Steve Harnish (recorder)*

**Time with Children**

**Hymn** “If you believe and I believe” STJ 32

**Conversation** John Rich

**Hymn** “If you believe and I believe” STJ 32

**Recognition of music leaders** Laura Hartzler, Ray Raeburn,  
Lucia Unrau, Mark Suderman

**Pastoral Prayer** Mark Weidner

— PROCLAIMING —

**Scripture** Acts 3:1-10

**Sermon** Wanda Stopher

**\*Hymn** “Healer of our every ill” HWB 377

— RESPONDING —

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** “What a friend we have in Jesus” arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Hymn of Dedication** “God of the fertile fields” (*vs. 1*) HWB 390

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING —

**\*Hymn** “O healing river” HWB 372

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand (remain seated if that is more comfortable for you)*  
*HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book STJ – Sing the Journey*

## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

101 S. Jackson Street

Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Phone: 419-358-5766

Website: [fmclubluffton.org](http://fmclubluffton.org)

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

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

Director of Youth Ministries – Shannon -- Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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**GREETERS:** Mark and Elaine Suderman, Ron Headings, Tim Schumacher

**HOST:** Mary Amstutz

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** *SS – No nursery available*

*Worship* – Bruce Steingass, Amy Freeman, Douglas Nester

**NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK:** *SS – No nursery available*

*Worship* – Amy Blount, Annette and Amelia Heslep

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Chris Moser

**Chancel:** Anita Lehman

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

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Worship attendance last Sunday 242

Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday 5

Sunday school attendance last Sunday N/A

Spending plan giving June 5, 2016 \$11,318.00

2016 Proposed spending plan \$418,276.00

The offering June 5 totaled \$13,640.50. Money was received for these special funds: Sunday school – \$72, Capital Campaign - \$100, SWAP - \$185, Deacons Benevolent - \$20, Clarence Kooker memorial - \$510, Kitchen Services - \$17.50, College Scholarship - \$183, Steve Yoder memorial - \$600.

### CHURCH STAFF

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



**Adriel is planning** some special summer activities for the children living there. Campus chaplain Erin Dye has requested donations of specific summer fun supplies. Items requested include: water balloons, bubbles, Playdoh, coloring books, washable markers, games, sidewalk chalk, Nerf balls and basketballs. For more information, see Erin's letter posted on the pillar nearest the office in the fellowship hall.

**You're invited to join us** for a retirement party to honor Zenebe Abebe, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Executive Director. The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 23, at 2 p.m. at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind. Please RSVP to [rom@mcc.org](mailto:rom@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133. We hope you will join us in thanking Zenebe for his five years of service to MCC and wishing him well. -- *MCC*

**Today, Linda Oyer** of Mennonite Mission Network leads a "walking church" in a 142-acre park near Paris, France. Pray for this annual tradition that makes it easy for people to invite their neighbors who would not easily enter a church. This year's theme is "The Symbolism of Water in the Bible." -- *MMN*

### GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

**Happy birthday to** Joan Dailey, 87, June 13; Anne Buller, 91, June 14.

**Today, June 12,** is Mel and Barb Stettler's 50th wedding anniversary! The wedding was also on a Sunday. They were married in Lima at Trinity United Methodist Church. Happy anniversary!

**To First Mennonite** - Words cannot express the gratitude from our family in the outpouring support in the loss of our dear son and brother. The memorial service was profoundly encouraging, enriching, and a wonderful reflection of the man we knew and loved. The gracious meal and time of reflection has helped our family as we struggle on this journey. --*The Yoder Family*

**All seems to have gone well** with Halle's hip replacement surgery. She is recovering at home. Visitors are welcome. Thank you for your prayers and caring.

– *Amy Freeman, Bruce, Halle and Logan Steingass*

### Welcoming Statement

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.*

### TODAY, June 12, 2016

9 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian education; Adult fellowship, FH Option 1: Max Insurance, Phil Blount, FH; Option 2: Bible study, AR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Noon	Freudige/Sojourners potlucks, FH
Noon	SHYF/SWAP potluck, youth room
5:30 p.m.	Ashton Cluts' fundraising dinner for SALT, FH, all invited

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday (6-14)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary Staff meeting, 9 a.m.
Wednesday (6-15)	Blount/Clingerman Scout project, downstairs kitchen, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday (6-16)	Blount/Clingerman Scout project, downstairs kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Council, 7:30 p.m., AR
Friday (6-17)	Adriel Foster Care training, FH/kitchen, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

9 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education; Adult fellowship, FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Karla Minter preaching <b>Scripture:</b> I Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42, Galatians 3:23-29

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 downstairs. Worship activity bags for children are available.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**During today's worship service**, we will recognize our music leaders: Mark Suderman, music director; Lucia Unrau, organist coordinator; Ray Raeburn, bell choir director; and Laura Hartzler, director of children's choirs.

**Participants in the SHYF/SWAP trip** will meet at noon today in the youth room for a potluck. Each youth is to provide a dish or beverage or paper product. There will be information about Appalachia and what to expect, as well as the packing list and group covenant. Those unable to attend should contact Shannon Thiebeau.

**FMC e-mail notification:** Periodically, we e-mail information of interest/concern to church members. If you are not receiving messages but would like to be added to this contact list, please notify the church office by sending an e-mail to [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu).

**We have received cards and letters** of condolence from various individuals and organizations. We have posted these on the pillar nearest the kitchen (in the fellowship hall for all to read. We will post additional communications as we receive them.

**All are invited** to my fundraising dinner today at 5:30 p.m. in fellowship hall. This meal is to help me raise funds for my upcoming term with SALT through MCC in South Africa where I will be working at Camp El Olam and Hope Valley Farm School. The meal will include a variety of South African traditional foods that are popular at the camp. I also hope to share more about my assignment. Thank you for all of your support, thoughts, and prayers. (Online donations may be made at <https://donate.mcc.org/registry/ashton-cluts-south-africa>.) -- Thank you, Ashton Cluts

**Today is the day** to make your change count! We will have a "noisy" offering to collect coins for MCC water and food programs. Get out your coins to dump into cans we pass them down the pews. We'll then empty them into the big container for **My Coins Count**. Let's fill the jug before it goes to next weekend's Black Swamp Benefit.

**Everence has released** the second resource of its new series, "7 steps to integrating faith and finances." This month's topic, "Connect my faith with my spending plan," provides a biblical perspective on spending, along with practical planning tools to help us be faithful managers of God's resources. We encourage you to take a little time with this resource as

a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective. Each month, the church office will email these resource documents to those for whom we have an e-mail address. Paper copies will also be available in the fellowship hall. Our Everence advocate is Willis Sommer.

**Menno-Life schedule:** The Menno-Life will be distributed via mailboxes and e-mail on the following dates for the remainder of 2016. Please note deadline for submission of items in parentheses after each date.

June 5 (complete)

July 3 (June 24)

August 7 (July 29)

September 4 (August 26)

October 2 (September 23)

November 6 (October 28)

December 4 (November 25)

**Kallen Terry will be** spending the summer in Bluffton and is looking for ways to make extra money. She is available to dog walk, house and pet sit, as well as perform related tasks. If you are interested, please contact her at 419-302-7910.

**Mark and Elaine Suderman** no longer have a home phone. Please contact them at 419-230-5368 (Mark) and 419-230-1172 (Elaine).

**Margaret Tiessen** has moved to Leamington, Ontario, to be near her family. Her new address is: Chartwell Leamington Retirement Residence, 1 Henry Ave., Leamington, ON Canada N8H 5P1.

**Community Vacation Bible School** will be held at Emmanuel UCC, 8375 Phillips Rd, July 24-28, from 6-8 p.m. for preschool through grade 5. FMC is responsible for preschool Bible stories and games. We need four adult/HS volunteers each of the five evenings to help the preschoolers move from station to station. Please contact Mary Ina Hooley at 419-369-4040 or [hooleymi@bluffton.edu](mailto:hooleymi@bluffton.edu) to volunteer or for information. Registration forms are in the fellowship hall. Completed forms may be returned to Mary Ina. Children will sing VBS songs at the Community Worship Service on Sunday, July 31, on the Presbyterian Church lawn.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Bluffton English Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 111 Grove St., invites the community to an open house buffet for the church's new addition today from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Their new parking lot is open, with an accessible entrance into the building.