

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 19, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Chimes call us to worship LuAnn Stuckey, pianist

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions Kevin Cluts, worship leader

Prelude “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” arr. R. Hillert

Call to Worship

***Invocation**

— PRAISING —

Opening Hymns Wanda Stopher, song leader

Responsive Reading Psalm 42

L: A deer longs for streams of water. God, I long for you in the same way.

C: I am thirsty for God. I am thirsty for the living God. When can I go and meet with him?

L: My tears have been my food day and night. All day long people say to me, “Where is your God?”

C: When I remember what has happened, I tell God all my troubles. I remember How I used to walk to the house of God. The Mighty One guarded my steps. We shouted with joy and praised God as we went along with the joyful crowd.

L: My spirit, why are you so sad? Why are you so upset deep down inside me? Put your hope in God. Once again I will have reason to praise him. He is my Savior and my God.

C: My spirit is very sad deep down inside me. So I will remember you here where the Jordan River begins. I will remember you here on the Hermon Mountains Mountains and on Mount Mizar.

L: You have sent wave upon wave of trouble over me. It roars down on me like a waterfall. All your waves and breakers have rolled over me.

All: During the day the Lord sends his love to me. During the night I sing about him. I say a prayer to the God who gives me life.

Time with Children Hymn “If you believe and I believe” STJ 32

Conversation Carlin Carpenter

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Pastoral Prayer Wanda Stopher

Hymn “Through our fragmentary prayers” HWB 347

— PROCLAIMING —

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

Sermon “Happenings on the road...” Karla Minter

***Hymn** “Like a mother who has borne us” STJ 91

— RESPONDING —

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “The Church's One Foundation” arr. A.K. Organ

***Hymn of Dedication** “God of the fertile fields” (vs. 2) HWB 390

***Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING —

***Hymn** “Lead on, O cloud of Presence” HWB 419

***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: fmcbluffton.org

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

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

Pastoral Associate – George – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday

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

GREETERS: Sally Roth, Brent and Leah Schroeder, Diane Reichenbach

HOST: Mary Amstutz

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: *SS – No nursery available*

Worship – Amy Blount, Annette and Amelia Heslep

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

Worship – Kevin and Alison King, Kevin Cluts

SOUND SYSTEM: Art Shelly

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	251
Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday	5
Spending plan giving June 5, 2016	\$5,441.00
2016 Proposed spending plan	\$418,276.00
The offering June 12 totaled \$7,801. Money was received for these special funds: Capital Campaign - \$145,	
Habitat - \$20, MCC - \$100, MCC projects - \$100, MDS - \$100, College Scholarship - \$1,500, Steve	
Yoder memorial - \$375.	

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Wanda Stopher – 419-551-1079 -- fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
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artwork highlights portraits of LGBTQ people within the Mennonite Church, including our congregation, affirming that they are not strangers but belong in our community. First Mennonite will host the art display through the month of July and we will close with a Blau Rock Cafe July 24 from 4-7 p.m. The theme of the café is “Strangers no More,” although not everything must connect to the theme. Spoken word, skits, magic, music and more are welcome. Contact wendy@mennofolk.org if you would like to perform.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Swiss Community Historical Society will celebrate the life of John U. Amstutz, a prominent local farmer, entrepreneur and community servant at its annual June Swiss Day. The public is invited to attend the event on Sunday, June 26 at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. The day begins with displays of local artifacts at 12:30 p.m. prior to a potluck dinner at 1 p.m. Bring table service and a hot and cold dish to share. A presentation on John U. Amstutz will begin at 2 p.m. At the conclusion of the program, the Schumacher homestead, 8350 Bixel Rd., will be open for visitors.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Happy birthday to Marilyn Diller, 85, June 21; Elnore Yost, 89, June 23.

Thank you friends at FMC for helping with Steve’s memorial service...to the staff, those who prepared the delicious meal, took care of the sound system and cleaned up. We are grateful to the church for journeying with us the past four years as Steve was on the transplant list. We grieve our loss of Steve – husband, father, grandfather. A memory: Steve and I were reflecting this past year about our time in Chicago while Steve was attending Bethany Seminary from 1990 to 1994. I worked three out of four weekends and Steve took our young sons to Oak Park Mennonite Church in the city. He told me that their pew was a busy place during worship! May the God of compassion and grace be with us all.
-- With love, Janet Yoder and family

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 19, 2016

9 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian education; Adult fellowship, FH Option 1: MMN, Karla Minter, FH; Option 2: Bible study, AR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Karla Minter preaching
Noon	Community class potluck, FH

THIS WEEK

Tuesday (6-21)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor Deacons, 7:30 p.m., parlor
Wednesday (6-22)	Annual WCE board meeting, AR
Thursday (6-23)	Central District Conference, Columbus Mennonite (June 23-25)
Friday (6-24)	Deadline for Menno-Life submissions

NEXT WEEK

9 a.m.	Coffee time, FH
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education; Adult fellowship, FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, George O’Reilly preaching Scripture: Colossians 3:1-3; Revelation 2:17

We are delighted to welcome George O’Reilly in his new role as Pastoral Associate here at First Mennonite Church! If you were not in attendance last Sunday, a copy of the announcement of George’s coming and a bio are available on the table outside the church office. **George will be commissioned during worship Sunday, June 26.** We look forward to learning to know George and his wife, Karen in the days and weeks and months to come. George’s contact information is included on the back of the bulletin.

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

Today we welcome Karla Minter to the pulpit, as well as leading one of the adult Sunday school options. She is a church relations associate for Mennonite Mission Network. Karla graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2012, after deciding to pursue a call she felt toward Christian formation. Previously, she worked in public health nutrition, specializing in maternal and child health. She received a master's degree in public health from University of North Carolina and received her bachelor's degree in foods and nutrition from Goshen (Ind.) College. Karla and her husband, Bill, live in New Paris, Ind. She worships with Open Table Mennonite Fellowship, an emerging house church in Goshen.

Karla will be telling the story of Jesus appearing to two disciples as they walk to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35. She suggests you consider these questions for reflection:

- Hear the word that is addressed to you; hear the word, phrase, or image that captures your attention.
- How does the passage seem to touch your life?
- What invitation does the passage offer you? What direction for the next few days?
- Rest in God's presence. Wait silently. Thank God for being with you

Menno-Life schedule: The deadline to submit items for publication in the July Menno-Life is Friday, June 24.

Getting Started

Pastor Wanda and Pastor George are both very glad to be partnering together with the people of First Mennonite in the ministry in which you have been engaged over the years. While Pastor Wanda and Pastor George will work collaboratively together across shared areas of ministry we have together begun identifying and clarifying some of each one's particular responsibilities for various aspects of our work. As we begin working to do this, we do want to helpfully inform the fellowship as we have more "definition."

One area for which Pastor George will have primary responsibility will be in the areas of Crisis Care and Funerals. Pastor George will serve as first contact person for calls or contacts around these areas of concern or need. Pastor George has considerable experience in these areas of congregational life, and knowing well the importance of

finding support when such concerns arise, finds these to be satisfying arenas of ministry to use his gifts among God's people.

Please call on us as you have need or questions: Office (419) 358-5766

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Pastoral Associate George O'Reilly: Cell (402) 619 7099

May God bless and lead as we join in this partnership of being God's People together.

The Board of Central District Conference has named Doug Luginbill as the new Conference Minister beginning August 15. Doug has 14 years of pastoral ministry experience, seven years of experience as Director of Camp Friedenswald and over six years as Director of Resource Development and Church Relations at Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio. He holds a BA in sociology and religion from Bluffton University and a Master of Divinity degree from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. In the interview process, Doug shared his understanding of CDC's vision as: "Living as a conference of churches that is centered in God, disciplined in Christ, and commissioned in love." Doug and his wife, Paula, both members of FMC, are the parents of two adult children: Jonathan (Kara Marang) and Carissa. ***We wish Doug well in his new position!***

Central District annual conference will be June 23-25 at Columbus Mennonite Church. FMC delegates include: Darryl and Lori Nester, Carrie and Gerald Mast, Ray Person, Pat Sheidler, Mark and Kay Weidner, Shannon Thiebeau, Wanda Stopher and George O'Reilly.

The second resource of Everence's 7-part series on integrating faith and finances has been e-mailed to FMC members for whom we have addresses. Paper copies are on a table in the fellowship hall. Our Everence advocate is Willis Sommer.

Camp Friedenswald senior high camp was held June 13-18. FMC youth attending included: Seth Andreas, Anna Biesecker-Mast, Isaac Andreas, Christopher Harnish, Antony Kingsley, Douglas Nester, Levi Schumacher, Cassidy Bush and Elizabeth Nisly.

During worship on Sunday, June 26, we will have a "send-off" for those going on the SHYF SWAP service trip to Harlan, KY. Youth will then meet at 7 p.m. to load vehicles and wrap up any loose ends before departing on Monday, June 27. FMC youth participating include: Seth Andreas, Anna Biesecker-Mast, Isaac Andreas, Christopher Harnish, Antony Kingsley, Douglas Nester, Levi Schumacher, Cassidy Bush, Elizabeth Nisly. Adults include Shannon Thiebeau, Mitch Kingsley and Heather Theis.

FMC will observe Peace Sunday on July 3 with the theme "Strangers no More" as we host Jackie Wells' art display of that title, and Mark Rupp as our guest preacher. Jackie's