

**All Saints Sunday
October 30, 2016
10:30 a.m.**

Chimes call us to worship Lucia Unrau, organist

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions Ruth Naylor, worship leader

Prelude “O, When Shall I See Jesus?” arr. Don Hustad

Call to Worship

***Invocation**
— PRAISING —

***Opening Hymn** “Come, thou Almighty King” HWB 41

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 84: 1-4

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my
flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah*

Special Music “Heaven Bound” Linda Lamb
Adult Bells

Time with Children
Hymn “All things bright and beautiful” (verse 1) HWB 156
Conversation Darryl Nester
Hymn “All things bright and beautiful” (verse 3) HWB 156

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Not One Sparrow is Forgotten” William Hawley
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Wanda Stopher

— PROCLAIMING —

Scripture Ephesians 1: 11-23 Ruth Naylor

Sermon “All Saints Day: I sing a song of the saints of God” George O’Reilly

***Hymn** “Who are these?” (*Sing twice*) HWB 270

— RESPONDING —

All Saint’s Observance

— SENDING —

***Hymn** “In the bulb there is a flower” HWB 614

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand (remain seated if that is more comfortable for you)
HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book STJ – Sing the Journey
Large-print hymnals and bulletins are available on the cabinet next to the parlor.
Please ask an usher if you need assistance.*

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: Walt Paquin, Vicki Laird, Cheryl Slotter

HOST: Mary Amstutz

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: SS – Melinda, Patrick & Rebecca Estell, Monica Harnish

Worship – Kyle and Tara Miller, Sunita Hooley

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK: SS – Gerald Mast, Mary Ina Hooley, Judy Buller

Worship – Bruce Steingass, Amy Freeman, Christopher Harnish

SOUND SYSTEM: Art Shelly

CHANCEL: Anita Lehman

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

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| Worship attendance last Sunday | 187 |
| Worship attendance at Maple Crest last Sunday | 8 |
| Sunday school attendance last Sunday | 72 |
| Spending plan giving Oct. 23, 2016 | \$7,049.00 |
| 2016 Proposed spending plan | \$418,276.00 |
| The offering Oct. 23 totaled \$8,247.63. Money was received for these special funds: Grades K-5 - \$8.63, Grades 9-12 - \$5, Sojourners - \$4, Faith and Life - \$2, Young Adults - \$4, Capital campaign - \$100, MCC Haiti - \$20, Mennonite Women - \$100, MDS - \$50, FIRST Night - \$578, Joan Bauman memorial - \$100, Deacon’s Benevolent - \$227. | |

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Wanda Stopher – 419-551-1079 (cell) -- fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
 Pastoral Associate – George O’Reilly – 402-619-7099 (cell) – fmc.george@bluffton.edu
 Youth Ministry Director – Shannon Thiebeau – fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu
 Director of Music – Mark Suderman Organist Coordinator – Lucia Unrau
 Custodian – Mick Hardy
 Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker - fmc@bluffton.edu

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.



Mennonite Disaster Service: The work in Detroit from the August 2014 flood continues this fall. Volunteers from First and Grace Mennonite churches are asked to serve in Detroit the week of November 13-18. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Lawrence Matthews at 419.303.8056.

Phil Hart of Columbus Mennonite, will perform on the third floor of the Bluffton Town Hall on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. He is looking forward to helping us shake Post Election Stress Disorder with the politics of Jesus! Donations at this event will benefit the Dare to Dream scholarship at Bluffton University.

The annual meeting of the MDS Western Ohio Unit will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Rosedale Bible College, Plain City area. Reports will be given from the binational office, Region 2, and western Ohio. A continental breakfast and cafeteria lunch are included. The meeting is open to anyone interested in MDS past, present, and future. Contact Lawrence Matthews if you would like to attend or for more information.

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS

Happy birthday to Royce Engle, 98, Nov. 2.

Happy anniversary to Esther and Keith Brauen, 69, November 6.

Adan Ortiz continues to face health issues and is in need of transportation to appointments. If you are available as a driver, please call Adan at 419.358-0955. He appreciates your prayers of support.

Lowell Hostetler recently had a partial knee replacement. All went well and he is now home, where he is doing his exercises as directed. Thanks for everyone's support.

– Marty and Lowell

Please pray for Khloe Brenneman, born October 25 to Mark Hostetler and Kami Brenneman. Khloe is hospitalized in the NICU unit at Promedica Toledo Hospital. Khloe's grandparents are Don and Joyce Hostetler.

Del and Susie Gratz are pleased to welcome their new grandson, Walter Gratz Johnson. Walter was born October 20 to their daughter Rebecca and her husband Dan. He joins three-year-old brother Harvey in Omaha, Neb.

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, OCT. 30, 2016

8:30 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Christian education; coffee hour, FH
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, George O'Reilly preaching

THIS WEEK

Monday (10/31) Volunteers leave for Our Daily Bread, 9:45 a.m.
Tuesday (11/1) Morning prayers, 7 a.m., sanctuary
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
MPS, 7 p.m., parlor
Wednesday (11-2) Congregational Discernment Team, 5 p.m., parlor
Cherub Choir, Adult Bells, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:45 p.m.
Youth Bells, Chancel Choir, 7 p.m.
Thursday (11-3) Worship, 7 p.m., parlor
Community dinner, 6 p.m., Senior Center
Saturday (11-29) TIME CHANGE – TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

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Bulletin deadline: Items for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office by **9 a.m. Thursday**. (This will be adjusted for holiday printing changes.)

Church facility reminders: When using a space in the church, please remember to leave it in the same order in which you found it. Replace tables and chairs, turn off lights and equipment and close doors.

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

Several adults have expressed an interest in exploring the meaning of baptism and how it represents a person's desire to commit their life to following Jesus. If you're interested in joining us or if you have questions, please see Pastor George or Pastor Wanda.

All Saints Day is one of the oldest feast days of the Christian Church Year. This festival day reminds us, not only of the "cloud of witnesses" named in Hebrews 11, but also of all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the body of Christ. Today we invite those who have lost loved ones since November 1, 2015, to light a candle to remember them and give thanks for their lives.

Bluffton community meals: This month's community meals are scheduled for Thursdays, Nov. 3 and 17 at the Bluffton Senior Citizens Center. Each meal is free but donations of canned goods or cash are accepted and benefit the Bluffton food pantry. All are encouraged to attend.

Teachable moment: All of us like to use everyday experiences to teach children. How about a bank visit with Mom or Dad to see how many pennies make a roll of pennies or how paper money turns into a roll of coins. Check out this experience before November 20 and donate your coins to our Noisy Offering on Stewardship Sunday. We'd love to hear about your bank visit.
-- *Stewardship Commission*

Get ready to shake and rattle your coins during our Noisy Offering, which supports the Sunshine Community and MCC Black Swamp Benefit. Collect your coins and let them roll into our noisy cans on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Sponsors needed: We are still looking for committed sponsors for both SHYF and JHYF. If you can commit 2-4 hours a month, are interested in learning, teaching, and having a TON of fun, and going on trips, please contact Shannon Thiebeau at fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu.

Adult volunteers are needed to go with the SHYF for a service weekend at Camp Friedenswald November 18-20. If interested please contact Shannon Thiebeau at fmc.shannon@bluffton.edu.

Margaret Thiessen's new address is 35 Pickwick Dr., Room 42, Leamington, ON N8H 4T5 Canada.

An exhibit, "Witnessing Martyrdom: The Dramatic Art of Jan Luyken," will be featured at Musselman Library, Bluffton University, from Oct. 31-Nov. 22. The focus of the exhibit is one of the newly discovered original copper plates used by Luyken to create the images for the 1685 edition of Martyrs Mirror. At a reception at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, David Weaver-Zercher, author of Martyrs Mirror: A Social History will discuss the influence of Luyken's engraving of Dirk Willems rescuing his persecutor. Weaver-Zercher will also speak in Forum at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1. in Yoder Recital Hall. Other events in the series include a presentation by Carrie Phillips, exhibit curator, on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in Musselman and a readers theatre, "I Have Not Forsaken the Word of God: Jacques d'Auchy's Confessional Struggle," on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in Ramseyer Auditorium.

Have you always wanted to get involved with foster kids? The Chappell-Dicks are expecting one to five children to join their household in the coming months. Wendy and Andy hope to create a team from FMC who can help with tasks like shopping, transportation, and play dates. If you want to learn more about what our community can expect from the new energy and experiences these children will bring, please meet with us on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sunday school teachers, parents and youth workers are especially encouraged to attend.

The capital campaign officially ended earlier this year, but contributions to meet our goal are still possible. Presently the campaign is \$9,800 short of meeting expenses. In consideration of this shortfall, Stewardship asks that people who still wish to support this effort may make donations before the end of October. This campaign has been a success and your giving has been appreciated. The very hard-working Trustees have done well.
-- *The Stewardship Commission*

Spending Plan Update: Through September 2016, spending plan receipts totaled \$265,545, while expenses/distributions have totaled \$291,404. By comparison, 2015 receipt and expenses/distributions were \$261,313 and \$238,984. Spending plan giving was very good in the last quarter last year. Can we do it again?
-- *Stewardship*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election Day communion will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Lima Mennonite Church. All are invited to pray, sing and gather around the table. For more information, contact Pastor Emily at 419-222-2120 or Pastor Paula at Salem Mennonite: 419-339-1505.