

Deepening Our Hospitality: Residents/Families of MHCO

August 7, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Wendy Chappell-Dick

Prelude *Allegretto* F. Schubert
Ken Graber

Invocation

*Opening Hymns Marlyce and Jeff Gundy

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 50

One: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence;

Many: before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

One: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:

Many: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is judge.

Telling God's Story

Special Music *When I Go* Dave Carter
Jeff and Marlyce Gundy

Conversation with Children

Hymn VT 519 *God, Give Me Faith like a Child*
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 2 going back to seats)

Community Prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40 Makayla Suter

Message *Hospitality and the Residents/Families of MHCO*
Elizabeth Kelly and Chris Moser

Reflective Silence

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response HWB 479 *Lord of Our Growing Years*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory *Trio--Allegretto* F. Schubert

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 618 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - *Voices Together* (purple bound book)
HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (blue bound book)

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First Mennonite Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
Video: Ray Raeburn	7/24/22 - 7/31/22
Sound: Chris Gott	Reported Volunteer hours: 4.5
Chancel: Doug & Paula Luginbill	Attendance: 124 Online viewers: 32

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.



Residents/Families of MHCO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earlier this summer Linda was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. Despite her medical team's best efforts, her cancer has proven to be untreatable and she is currently receiving comfort care at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

All of us are with her (**Hans, Sam, Nick, and extended family**). We are grateful for your prayers and support as we companion Linda through this transition. Linda shares her gratitude for such a wonderful community as well. **From the Houshower family**

We will be collecting school kits until September 11. Supply lists are on the bulletin board by the library.

Would you like to participate in worship? Worship leaders, scripture readers, chancel displays, and children's time are all ways you can contribute and participate. Contact Wendy Chappell-Dick at mennofolkmusic@gmail.com.

Cassidy Bush would like to give her sincere **thanks** to everyone who came to her Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) fundraiser last Sunday. In total, \$1700 was raised for FMC's Voluntary Service fund! She looks forward to keeping you all updated on her adventures in San Francisco. You can offer your support to the fund at any time by making out checks to First Mennonite Church and writing "MVS" on the memo line.

We've got a new copier in the office! Caretaker Don Burris completed a long-running project to move toward a more cost-effective photocopier and service. The church purchased a refurbished machine from a local company with a solid reputation for providing timely service. Based on current paper usage and copies, in the first year, we should see a savings of \$6,500, and a savings of \$8,400 in subsequent years.

Camp Friedenswald Women's Retreat - September 16-18, 2022.

Join us for spirit-filled worship, relaxation among friends, trails to wander, and water to rest by. This annual retreat, planned by women from across Central District Conference of MC USA, seeks to provide a place of connection and gathering for women. This year's theme is "Embodying Courage: Healing Connections" featuring guest speaker Samantha Lioi. Register online at <https://friedenswald.org/retreats/>

Bluffton University is partnering with HomeTown Ticketing for all Bluffton University alumni, athletics and music/theatre events where tickets are required. Tickets can be purchased, reserved or transferred using the HomeTown Fan App available on Google Play or the App Store. Searching for specific events is easy through the app, and results may be filtered by athletics, alumni or music/theatre. Tickets can also be purchased at <https://www.bluffton.edu/about/happenings/tickets.aspx>

Supporters are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance of events. Tickets can either be presented at the door through printed copies or via a QR code scanned from a mobile device. This system will move ticketing at Bluffton University to a cashless system, and cash will no longer be accepted to purchase event tickets at the gate. However, tickets can be purchased at the gate with a credit or debit card. Tickets to Bluffton events are already available in the new format including football and volleyball games and Homecoming (Oct. 14-16). If you have questions, please email the Bluffton University Box Office at boxoffice@bluffton.edu.



Happy Birthday!

August 7 - Jeff Gundy
Lowell Hostetler

August 9 - Jan Wiebe

August 10 - Ron Lora

August 11 - Mary Steiner

August 12 - Dick Boehr

Jan Emmert

August 13 - Donald Pannabecker



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.

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Today, Sunday, August 7, 2022

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Sunday School open to all youth & adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

Worship: Elizabeth Kelly and Chris Moser preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday, August 9

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Next Sunday

Sunday, August 14

Worship – Kathy Dickson preaching

Lectionary: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

Welcome to our worship service today.

If you are a visitor, please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Wireless hearing aids are available. Worship bags and nursery space are available for young children during worship. Bags can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance, and parents are invited to stay in the nursery with their children.