

**Baptism**  
**1st Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 4, 2023

**Gathering**

Opening Music	<i>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</i> Hannah DeMarco	Helen Marlais
Welcome and announcements		Kaleigh Coffman
Prelude	<i>Prelude No 1 in C Major</i> Anne Marie Spelman	J.S. Bach
Invocation		
*Opening Hymn		VT 420 <i>God of The Bible</i>
*Responsive Reading - Luke 3:21-22		VT 447
Conversation with Children Hymn		Pastor Phil VT 752 <i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah</i> (sing coming forward & going back to seats)
Community Prayer		Carrie Mast
Introduction to Faith Statements		Phil Yoder

**Faith Statements**

Theo Andreas	Micah 6:8
Kaleigh Coffman	Psalm 6:1-10
Rebecca Estell	Psalm 46:5
Jax Gott	Psalm 9:9-10
Ben Hartzler	I Corinthians 13
Ellie Hartzler	Matthew 20:1-16
Ethan Nickel	Proverbs 3:5-6
Claire Phillips	Isaiah 40:31
Makayla Suter	I Corinthians 13:4-8
John-Paul Yoder	Matthew 6:25-26

**Living God's Story**

*Hymn of Response		VT 777 <i>Seeds</i>
Offering		
Words of Invitation		
Offertory	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Jax Gott	Traditional
Dedication Prayer		
*Hymn of Sending		VT 703 <i>Rain Down</i>
*Benediction		VT 932
*Postlude		

**Sending**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*~ VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*

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**First Mennonite Church Office Hours**

- Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Phil's day off - Friday
- Carrie's day off - Thursday

5/14/23 - 5/21/23

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Kevin Cluts

Chancel: Wendy Chappell-Dick

Reported Volunteer hours: 26

Attendance: 118

Online views: Live: 20 Recorded: 22

*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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Today After Worship - Baptisms and BBQ!** Following the service, everyone is invited to go to the DeMarco's pond where the baptisms will take place (start time around 12:15). Following the baptisms, everyone is invited to stay for a BBQ including vegan options. Bring a side to share, a drink for yourself, a lawn chair, swimming gear (life vests for young kids), fishing gear, sunscreen, and yard games. Freshly grilled burgers and vegan burgers will be provided. The DeMarco's address is **20674 White Hawk Way**, Bluffton. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Kami Brenneman** and **Mark Hostetler** are much encouraged by the loving support of this church family. Muscle control therapy for Khloe will begin in July. Thank you.


**Welcome** to our new custodian, **Shawna Yoder**. As you see her around the church during the week, make sure to introduce yourself!

**Next Sunday, June 11:** Join us for our 6th Social Justice Sunday, *What Then Shall We Do?: Pride*. Worship will be followed by a **potluck lunch** discussion to continue the conversation around justice for the LGBTQ community.

During worship, we will be having **communion**. An opportunity to give alms to support the **Mutual Aid Fund** will be available. Baskets for this offering will be located at the entrances to the sanctuary. The Mutual Aid Fund provides assistance for individual needs in our church and community. In the last months, this fund has provided housing, groceries, and gas money to many people. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Summer Worship Series: Jubilee.** Leviticus 25 describes the year of Jubilee - where every 50 years land is given rest, debts are forgiven, and liberty is proclaimed. A nearly unimaginable law for our times. What does it look like to celebrate Jubilee in our time? What would a world look like where a spirit of forgiveness was prevalent, and people were prioritized over money? Are we ready to embrace the idea of Jubilee? Join us for worship this summer to reimagine our lives as we explore faith through the lens of Jubilee.

**Mitch Kingsley** will spend the month of June working for MDS at the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota.

You are invited to the celebration of  **50** years of marriage for **Linda Falk Suter & Bob Suter** on Friday, June 16, 2023, any time between 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Kreider Room in Marbeck Center on the Bluffton University Campus. This is a casual come and go event. Please no gifts or cards. Your presence will be a gift! There will be light refreshments, and close parking is available at the Sommer Center (access from Elm St) and at the Sauder Art building (access from Spring St). If you have questions, you can reach out to Bob & Linda: [suterlr@bluffton.edu](mailto:suterlr@bluffton.edu), 419-230-2744.

**From our conference...** La Posada Immigrant Aid Resource: La Posada is located in Elkhart, IN and has obtained recognition and accreditation from the United States Department of Justice. This distinguished acknowledgment grants their accredited representative, Irma Ramirez, the authority to represent immigration clients under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CDC congregations donated toward this effort and one of the board members, Mark Claassen, attends Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. CDC congregations are welcome to share: [Legal Services](#) | [La Posada Immigrant Aid](#) | [Elkhart \(laposadaaid.com\)](#).

**MCC Virtual Visit** to the DR Congo on June 5th: Learn about the impact a clean water project has had in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—and how you can help bring it to more communities. In this virtual visit, we will hear from Jacob Yoder, country representative, and Gracia Faló, program assistant, about the need in DR Congo, and their hope for its future. Linda Espenshade and Christy Kauffman will share stories and photos from a recent trip. Join us for this free webinar on Monday, June 5 at 12 p.m. EDT. Register for the Zoom link at [mcc.org/dr-congo-webinar](https://mcc.org/dr-congo-webinar).

**Our MCC Relief and Hygiene Kit** drive has concluded with a total of 30 relief kits and 71 hygiene kits collected and/or purchased. This is a tremendous result! (Remember, each relief kit equals about 6 hygiene kits in cost.) Thank you for your generosity!

**Camp Friedenswald** is in need of new double and queen size knotted comforters. If you are interested in sharing your gifts this way, please contact Jess at [Camp@Friedenswald.org](mailto:Camp@Friedenswald.org). The comforters are provided on each bed in camp lodges, providing comfort, warmth and color! Thank you for helping us share hospitality with all who come to Camp Friedenswald.



# Ministry Minute!

Thank you for all your generous donations towards our little free food pantry in the Fellowship Hall. These donations have positively impacted many members of the Bluffton community, and they extend their gratitude. We have an ongoing need for donations. Popular items are peanut butter, microwavable items, ravioli, canned fruits, vegetables, and meats. It is helpful if canned items donated have a pull tab so a can opener is not required. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall, next to the piano.

*Happy Anniversary*

June 10

**Jean & Wendel Miller - 45 years**



June 8 - Kaye Phillips

June 10 - Jonah Hilty

*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, June 4, 2023**  
 Coffee Time, 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School open to all youth & adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room  
 Worship: Catechism Class Faith Statements, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
 Baptism & Lunch, 12:30 p.m. DeMarco residence  
 20674 White Hawk Way, Bluffton

**This Week**  
**Tuesday, June 6**  
 Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary  
 Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

**Next Sunday, June 11**  
 Social Justice Sunday #6: What Then Shall We Do? Pride  
 Worship: Phil Yoder preaching  
 Communion  
 Social Justice potluck, 12:00 p.m.  
 Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12; Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15;  
 Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-25

**Welcome to our worship service today.**

Visitors are invited to sign one of our guest sheets located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Wireless hearing aids** are available.

**Worship bags** for children can be found hanging on wooden pegs at each sanctuary entrance. Parents and caregivers are invited to use the **nursery** with their young children during Sunday School and worship. The nursery is located in the basement.