

Tri-Church Gathering

August 13, 2023

Grace Mennonite ~ Lima Mennonite ~ First Mennonite

Prelude	Georgia Adams, native flute
Welcome and announcements	Pastor Matthew Yoder
*Hymn	STJ 2 <i>Come Walk With Us</i>
Centering Prayer	Pastor Jeff Boehr
Children's Time	Evan Blount, Pastor Phil Yoder & Pastor Carrie Mast
<i>Who at My Door is Standing?</i> <i>We Shall Walk Through the Valley</i>	arr. Mosie Lister adapted W. Appling Tri-Church Men's Choir ~ Directed by Mark Suderman
Scripture	Hebrews 10:24-25, Psalm 133 Pastor Matthew
*Hymn	STJ 19 <i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
Litany (on reverse side)	Pastor Jeff
Community Prayer	Pastor Carrie
*Hymn	STJ 71 <i>Alleluia the Great Storm is Over</i> v. 1, 2, & 4
Offering	Pastor Phil
Offertory	STJ 1 <i>We Sing To You, O God</i>
Benediction	Pastor Matthew
*Hymn of Sending	STJ 27 <i>God of the Bible</i>

**Please rise in body or in spirit ~ STJ = Sing the Journey*

Sound - Terry Schey

Video - Ray Raeburn

Chancel Display - John Templin & Wendy Chappell-Dick

Happy Birthday!

August 13 - Donald Pannabecker

August 15- Barb Stettler

August 17 - Bill Hanefeld

Lisa Shelly

Kim Suter

August 19 - Christie Suter

Neil Kehler

Happy Anniversary!

August 13 - Brian & Robin Timpe

Gene & Dottie Long

August 14 - Jon & Denise Dorman

August 15 - Bill & Donna Suter

August 17 - Ken & Marcia Lugibihl

August 18 - Doug & Paula Luginbill

August 19 - Stan & Jo Clemens

Jane & Jim Weaver

Worship Litany

(adapted from Fran Pratt's Litany for Creation Care)

Guide:	Creator God, whose art and beauty are evident in every molecule of Creation, You made the universe - planets and solar systems, earth-home, seas, mountains, plants, creatures - and called it good.
Younger Ones:	You made human life the pinnacle of that work, even choosing to incarnate that work in the Person of Jesus; and giving humanity those great and terrible gifts: choice and dominion.
Elder Ones:	We confess we have regarded the gift of Creation as a resource to be spent, not enough as a gift to be stewarded. We acknowledge those that lived and cared for this land before us and the broken relationship imposed on the people and the land. We are challenged to contemplate new ways of being in relationship.
All:	Let's not forget our own brief span of participation, that other generations will come after us needing a home. Grant that we may come to a new hope and understanding of Your Creation, our relationship with it, and our role within it.
Younger Ones:	Grant that we may find ways to participate in its healing and renewal.
Elder Ones:	Grant that we may become willing to develop new habits and ways of interacting with the world that consider its beauty, welfare, and God's sustaining ways.
Younger Ones:	Grant that we may re-imagine prosperity, economy, and civilization, in light of the stewardship of Creation. Grant that we may more deeply understand Creator's nature through Creation.
Elder Ones:	Grant that we may more deeply understand the interdependence of humanity and earth. Grant that we may extend the work of Christ on the cross to a creation groaning and waiting expectantly.
All:	Grant that we may have a renewed hope for the future of Creation - redeemed, reconciled, restored to God's purposes and function onward to generations. May gratitude and the love of Christ govern our every interaction with each other, creatures, and the earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: Annual Tri-Church Worship Service: First, Grace, and Lima Mennonite Churches will gather together for the second annual Tri-Church worship service. **Worship will be held at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Pandora Village Park** with a **potluck** following. Bring your own chairs, blankets, table service, and a dish to share. Outlets for crock pots will be available but limited. There will be a pick-up one pitch softball game (using tennis balls), and a disc golf tournament. There are also basketball and shuffleboard courts. (Bring your equipment.) Bring an envelope for your offering or designate your check accordingly. Members can designate offerings to their home congregation or as a love offering to the Village of Pandora. Hymn accompaniment is organized by **Wendy Chappell-Dick** and will consist of anyone who wants to play an instrument or sing showing up at 9:30 a.m. If you would like information on what songs will be sung, contact the church office. Worship location is accessible. If the weather is bad, we will worship in Grace Mennonite Church. There will not be transportation offered for Maple Crest Residents. Tri-church Men's choir will be singing two songs. If you would like to be a part of it, come and practice at 9:50 a.m. Copies of the music are available in the office.

SATURDAY: St. John's United Church of Christ, 223 West College Ave., is inviting the community to its 150th anniversary Street Fair **THIS Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The street fair will take place on West College Avenue between S. Lawn and S. Jackson right next to the Church. Featuring food, entertainment, kids' activities, crafts, games and historical displays, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

TUESDAY: Our Daily Bread volunteers will meet at the church this Tuesday, August 15 at 10:45 a.m. Heidrun Awad will be driving.

Congregational Meeting: As moderator, I am calling a congregational meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, Aug. 27th** for the sole purpose of consideration of the following motion from Leadership Circle:

First Mennonite Church, Bluffton calls Carrie Mast as Associate Pastor to begin a 3-year term starting on Sept 1, 2023.

~Ray Person

MCC School Kit Drive: "Back to School" sales are starting up again. School kit supplies are much cheaper, and easier to find, at this time. MCC is hoping to collect 10,000 school kits during the month of August. We will collect kits starting now through the end of August.

Lists are on the bulletin board by the library or on the MCC website. One change this year is 4 pens, instead of just 2. We will have metal sharpeners available in the supply bin for you to add to your kits, if you want to use them. (If you have extra metal sharpeners that you purchase, you feel free to add them to our supply.) *If donating money, please write "MCC KITS" on the memo line.

Bluffton Schools will host **nine high school students** and a teacher from **Japan** from **Thursday, Sept. 21 though Sunday, Sept. 24.** Would you be interested in **hosting a student?** Contact **Ken Shenk** this week for more information at kenshenk@aol.com or 419-889-1804.

Ministry Minute!

What's **black** and **white** and **red** all over? A newspaper!! Many of us aren't getting hard copy newspapers like we used to anymore. Sometimes though, a newspaper is just what is needed for that messy job, crafting project, window washing job, or packing material. To help supply us with newspapers when needed, a bin has been placed under the table outside the office door. Feel free to put any extra newspapers that you don't want in it or take some newspapers if you need some.