

# Installation of Pastor Carrie Mast

## World Communion

October 1, 2023

### Gathering

Welcome and announcements John Estell

Prelude *Prelude in B Major* Frederic Chopin  
Anne Marie Spelman

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn VT 22 *What Is This Place*

\*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 78

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**Many: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

One: things that we have heard and known,

**Many: that our ancestors have told us.**

One: We will not hide them from their children;

**Many: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and God's might**

**All: and the wonders that God has done.**

### Telling God's Story

Conversation with Children Pastor Phil and Pastor Carrie

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

Offering

Words of Invitation and Dedication Prayer

Offertory *Song Without Words, Op. 19 No. 4* Felix Mendelssohn

Community Prayer Pastor Phil

Scripture Ephesians 3: 8-12 Lori Nester

Message *Wisdom is Calling* Doug Luginbill

### Living God's Story

\*Hymn of Response VT 238 *Wisdom from on High Is Dawning*

Installation of Pastor Carrie Mast Doug Luginbill, Conference Pastor

Special Music *Ave Verum* W. A. Mozart

Chancel Choir, Mark Suderman (conductor), LuAnn Stuckey (organ),  
Anne Marie Spelman (violin), Monica Harnish (violin), Phil Yoder (cello)

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining.*

Communion

### Sending

\*Hymn of Sending HWB 430 *God Be With You*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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

~ HWB - *Hymnal: A Worship Book (Blue Bound Book)*

*To parents of young children: If you're feeling anxious about having them in church, God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress those wiggles. Consider sitting closer to the front, where it's easier for your little ones to engage. Quietly explain the parts of worship and actions of the worship leader, musicians, pastor, and others who are involved in the service. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn their behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

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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

**Nursery Workers Today SS:**

**Worship:** *Rebecca Estell/ Mary Edmiston*

**Nursery Workers Next Week SS:**

**Worship:** *Sunita Hooley*

Nursery sign-up here: <http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery-volunteers>

**Video:** Ray Raeburn

9/17/23 - 9/24/23

**Sound:** Melissa Friesen

Reported Volunteer hours: 37

**Chancel:** Isaac & Trusty Schumacher

Attendance: 145

Online views - Live: 27 Recorded: 22



**First Mennonite Church**

**October 1, 2023**



*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 is **World Communion Sunday** when churches connect across denominational and national boundaries around the world through a service of sharing the cup and bread. The day serves as a reminder of our connectedness with one another, joined together through the body of Christ. An opportunity for giving alms will be available and will support our friends and neighbors through the **Mutual Aid Fund**. Baskets will be available at either entrance to the sanctuary for donations. At the end of August, the balance in the fund was \$4,238.79. See the Ministry Minute on the back page for more information about the Mutual Aid Fund.

We welcome back to the FMC pulpit **Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference Minister** who is preaching today. Doug is a member of FMC and served as Associate Pastor from 1996-2002 before moving to Kansas to serve as Pastor at Hope Mennonite Church from 2002-09. Upon Doug's return to the Bluffton area, he worked at Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio for 7 years before taking on his conference leadership role. Doug will be leading the installation today. Doug is married to Paula and they have two adult children.

**All are invited** to join a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship today to celebrate Carrie Mast's installation as Associate Pastor here at FMC. It will feature appetizers from Greenhorn!

**TODAY:** Join the **Brazo en Brazo Fiesta Familiar** from **4-6 p.m.** This annual celebration (paused during COVID) has activities for all ages including a pinata, games, music, and great food! Join friends old and new at **Lima Mennonite Church, 1318 N. Main St., Lima** for a time to support this ministry of 4 area Mennonite churches to provide services for Latino immigrants in the greater Lima area. Donations to offset the cost of the meal will be accepted.

Please note a new email address for Jane Weaver: [jane.luginbuhl.weaver@gmail.com](mailto:jane.luginbuhl.weaver@gmail.com)

## Mennonite Public Educators

### “Being a Mennonite in public ed”

The first of four Zoom meetings

**Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023** - 7pm Eastern

There is no cost but registration is required to share the Zoom link. Contact [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org).

join us!

Let's have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. What do you do about the pledge of allegiance? What other issues stand in the way of peaceful witness in our schools? **Mennonite Public Educators** is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. For more information or to receive the RSVP link, contact [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org).

We are updating the **Shared Items** list on the website. If you currently have items on the list, check to make sure you still have the items noted. If there are changes that need to be made, contact the church office. Password: **fmcshares**

We are always working to **update our membership records**. If your contact information has changed or if you have an update on membership status, please let the office know.

**If you might** be interested in participating in a **CPR training** hosted by FMC sometime in October, contact the church office. Cost will be \$25 per person. Once interest is determined, a date will be set.

**Rehearsals for Bluffton University's** 129th performance of **Handel's "Messiah"** will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays each week starting Oct. 3 in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall on campus. There are a total of nine rehearsals, as well as the dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 9 and concert on Sunday, Dec. 10. Anyone interested in singing, from high school students to adults, is invited to join the chorus, which includes Bluffton students, faculty, staff and community members. There is no cost to participate. Rehearsals will lead to the traditional Advent-season performance in Yoder Recital Hall at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Dr. Bo Young Kang, director of choral activities, will conduct the performance, also featuring regional soloists and an orchestra. For more information, contact Dr. Kang at [kangb@bluffton.edu](mailto:kangb@bluffton.edu) or the music department office at 419-358-3347.

**The October 2023 Connector** from CDC is out. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall

# Ministry Minute!



The Mutual Aid Fund continues to be a significant way FMC lives into our priority of Following Jesus by supporting our church family, community members, and international connections. From January to mid-September, we have made 35 disbursements of food or payments to 23 individuals/families. Two of those were immigrant/international families, 5 were FMC members or family of members, and 16 individuals or households were from the community. Groceries and housing continue to be the most significant need. FMC distributes \$30 Community Market gift cards and food items from the little free pantry next to the church office. This pantry works in conjunction with the Bluffton Food Pantry by offering a place for

people to pick up items in between the scheduled distribution times of the food pantry housed in St. John's UCC. Grocery donations are always welcome, in particular Chef Boyardee items and cans with pull-tabs. This summer, Ray Person and Elizabeth Kelly began donating cartons of eggs to be distributed to people, as well.



- 2 - Jeff Strahan
- 4 - Jason Diller
- 5 - Kevin Cluts
- Elaine Suderman
- 7 - Savannah Werling

*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, October 1, 2023

Youth Choir, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Room  
Coffee Time, 9 a.m. & Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.  
Cherubs 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir Room  
Worship: Doug Luginbill preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
Reception, immediately following worship Fellowship Hall  
Brazo en Brazo Fiesta Familiar, 4-6 p.m. Lima Mennonite Church



## This Week

### Monday, October 2

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. JHY Room  
C.L.E.O, 10:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. Parlor

### Tuesday, October 3

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary  
Yoga with Emily, 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, October 4

Jubilate 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Room  
Noodle Night, come and go 4:45-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
Adult Bells, 6 p.m. Youth Bells, 7 p.m. Room #113  
Chancel Choir, 7 p.m. Sanctuary  
SHY, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, October 5

Bluffton Area Ministerial Association, 9 a.m.

### Saturday, October 6

Kerry (Bush) & Jeffrey Roseberry Wedding Reception, 4 p.m.

## Next Sunday, October 8, 2023

Worship: Pastor Phil preaching  
Baby Dedication

Lectionary: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46  
Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.



## 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.