

Creativity: The Quintet
Creativity with Scarcity
June 30, 2024

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Elizabeth Kelly

Prelude *Chanson Sans Paroles (Op. 40, No. 2)* Jean Sibelius
Anne Marie Spelman

Invocation

*Opening Hymn *Gospel Round* (not in the hymnal)
Brethren We Have Met To Worship **HWB 8**
Beth and Jeff Boehr; Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar

*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 130
One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Many: Lord, hear my voice!
One: I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
Many: and in his word I hope.
One: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
Many: and with him is great power to redeem.
All: It is he who will redeem Israel.

Telling God's Story

Special Music *Farther Along* W. B. Stephens/J.R. Baxter, Jr
Beth and Jeff Boehr; Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar

Conversation with Children Pastor Phil
Hymn *Everlasting God, On You I Call* VT 630
(v. 1 coming forward & v. 3 going back to seats)

Ministry Minute – Oak Flat Accompaniment Paul Neufeld-Weaver

Community Prayer Victoria Woods-Yee

Scripture 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Jori Mast

Message *Generosity – A Creative Act* Pastor Phil

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response *Eat This Bread* VT 476
Repeat 7X in English

Offering

Words of Invitation
Offertory *excerpts from Impromptu (Op. 142, No. 2)* Franz Schubert
Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *God of the Fertile Fields* VT 750

*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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Phil's day off - Friday Carrie's day off - Thursday

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER
IN A WHILE GROCERIES
TAKING A SUMMER BREAK
SEE YOU IN THE FALL

Nursery Workers Today SS: --
Worship: --
Nursery Parents Take Mark S. --
Worship: --

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



6/16/2024 - 6/23/2024

Attendance last Sunday:	173	Video:	Adam Phillips
Reported Volunteer hours:	39	Sound:	Melissa Friesen/Jonah Sheets
Online views:	Live: 18 Recorded: 14	Chancel:	Lori Nester
	Total Viewing Hrs: 33		

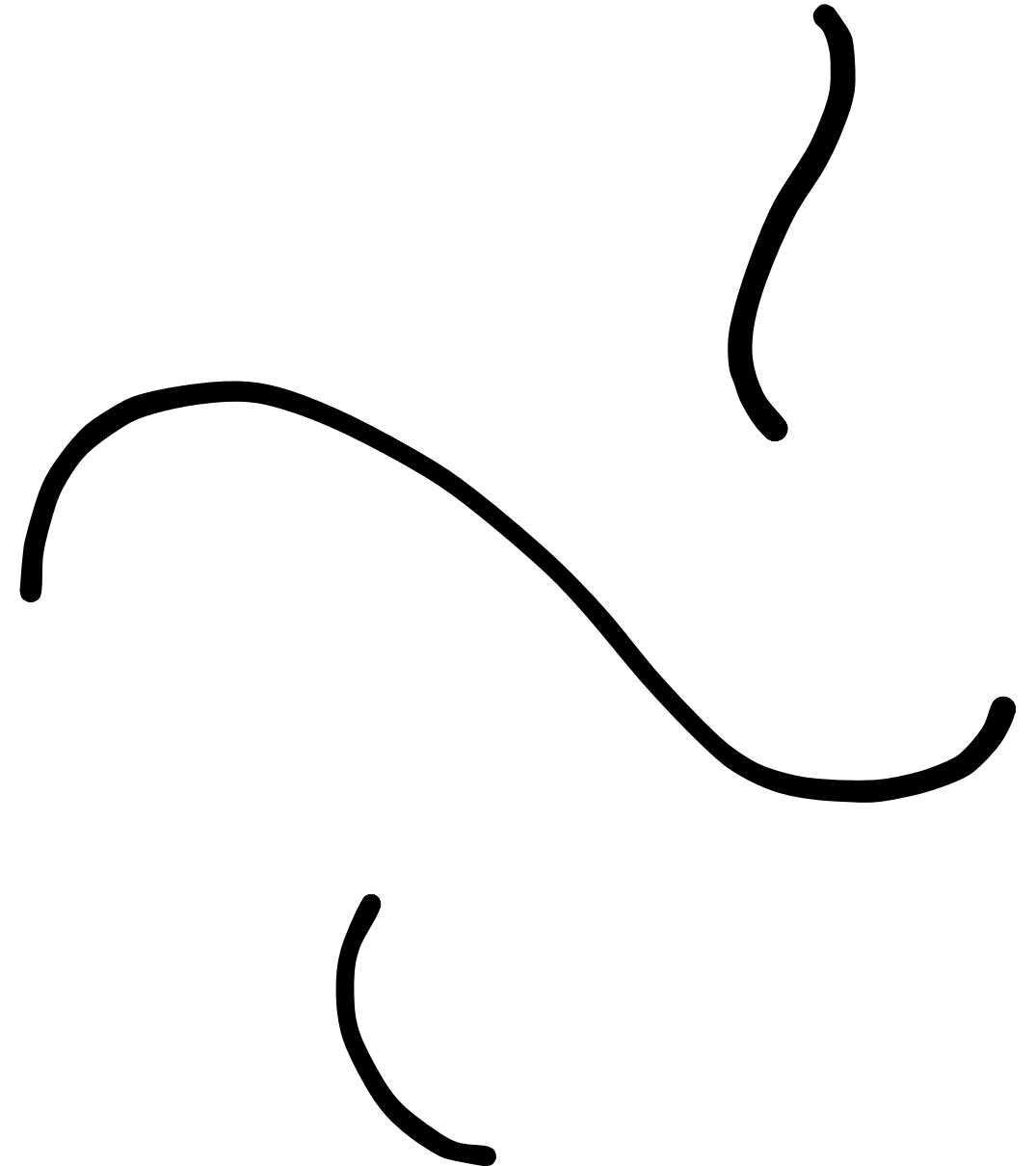
Leadership Circle	Moderator	Ray Person
	Moderator-Elect	Laurel Neufeld Weaver
	Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader	Kevin Nickel
	Connecting Ministry Circle Leader	Ken Shenk
	Christian Formation Circle Leader	Shelby Cluts
	Deacon	Victoria Woods-Yee
	Deacon	Kathy Dickson
	Deacon	Isaac Schumacher
	Treasurer	Rita Dietrich
	Recorder	Carrie Phillips

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.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

JUNE 30, 2024



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elfrieda Ramseyer expects to be released from Blanchard Valley to Willow Ridge this weekend. Elfrieda & Dick and their family appreciate our prayers as they adjust to this transition.

LuAnn Stuckey encountered some health issues while traveling in Europe and made plans to travel home this Friday, June 28, instead of her original trip end date of July 8. LuAnn appreciates the prayers and support of FMC.



Note about the chancel display - Artisans around the world often live where resources are scarce or expensive. They rely on found objects, things that have been discarded by others, or readily available natural objects from the area to use in their creations. Today's chancel includes a Haitian piece of wall art created from a used metal drum. The large hamper basket was made using recycled sari fabric in Bangladesh. To see more items available at Ten Thousand Villages, stop in our local store, or search "recycled" at the website: tenthousandvillages.com/bluffton.

The bulletin cover is waiting for you to put scarcity to work in your creative vision! Will you curve your sermon notes around the curved lines? Will you incorporate the curves into a doodle or drawing? What do you notice about the degree of creativity you use when faced with limited lines? Do you feel hampered, or perhaps you find yourself digging into your creative depths to bring to life what you can imagine incorporating these swooshes?

TODAY: The Swiss Historical Society will host the annual "**Swiss Day**" **Potluck and Annual Meeting** in the FMC Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish and your own table setting. All are welcome for delicious food and fellowship.



Junior Camp begins today at Camp Friedenswald! Campers heading north for the week include **Noah DeMarco, Milena King, Quinn Longworth, Simon Phillips, Junia Spelman + friends. Pastor Carrie** will be the camp pastor for the week. Prayers for safe travels and a deep connection with the Peaceful Woods! While at camp June 30-July 5, Carrie will likely be delayed in responding to email and texts due to the lack of cell reception at camp.



The **FUN Committee** is hosting **Croquet and Picnic** July 3 at 5 p.m. at Tim & JP Schumacher's house (161 Riley St). Multiple croquet matches will be going, and food including vegan options will be provided (**pulled pork sandwiches, mac n cheese, salads, fruit and more**). Come enjoy good food and great company. Bring your own lawn chair. Sign up with this QR code or in the Fellowship hall so we know how many people to cater for.



Director of Music Camille will be away June 26 - July 8 as she travels to Italy to see the first days of the Tour de France in Florence and then heads to Amalfi to conduct and sing in a choral festival. She will return for Sunday, July 14.

We are sad to share that **Shawna Yoder** submitted her resignation as custodian. We have appreciated Shawna's work in the church over the last year, and the connections we developed through her participation on our staff team. We will all miss her wisdom and perspectives and wish her well in redirecting her energy to new endeavors. *thank you*

Custodian wanted: Interested in a side job for approximately 10 hours a week? Or working with an outstanding staff? 😊 Contact Pastor Phil with questions or suggestions.

Soundboard Operators wanted: Are you someone who likes to learn new things? Push buttons? 🖱️ Keep yourself occupied during the sermon? This job might be for you! If interested in exploring what it means to be a soundboard operator, contact Ray Raeburn at ray@fmcbluffton.org or 419.230.2769.

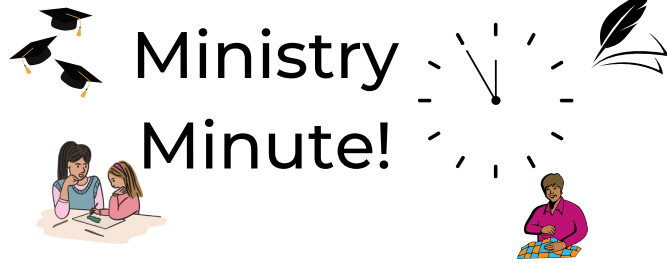
The **Tri-Church Worship service** with Grace and Lima Mennonite Churches is Sunday, **July 28** at Pandora Park. A **Tri-Church Choir** directed by Carolyn McDaniel will meet for 2 rehearsals on July 17 & 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Mennonite in the basement fellowship hall. A **brass ensemble** is also being organized by Don Hooley. Contact Don at hooleyd@bluffton.edu or 567.226.1247.



Financial Update: The treasury team has completed the monthly report of May. It is posted in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a personal copy or have questions, please feel free to contact Rita Dietrich or Monica Harnish.

Grace Mennonite Church is seeking an additional Administrative Assistant for 15 - 18 hours per week. Duties include general office tasks for the church and pastor and working with a co-worker on larger projects. The pay starts at \$13 per hour and the work is in a pleasant environment. Please send resume to Pastor, P.O. Box 387, Pandora, Ohio 45877 or to pastor@gracepandora.org.

Paul Neufeld Weaver and **Vix Hurt** (a current Bluffton University student) will be spending time this summer at **Oak Flat** in Arizona accompanying Apache Stronghold, which is working to stop a proposed copper mine on land they consider sacred to Apaches. The accompaniment has been organized by Community Peacemaker Teams and the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. Sarah Augustine, who was with us last spring, shared about the work at Oak Flat. Donations to help support the ongoing accompaniment at Oak Flat can be made through FMC.



Ministry Minute!

Last week's Capital Campaign discussion reminded us of the many members and groups who use our building outside of Sunday morning. **Caring for our building is an integral part of our larger mission, peace, and service efforts.** Some of the recent activities, individuals, and groups you might encounter while picking up your mail mid-week or stopping by for a restroom break while on your walk or run include:

- Tutoring for elementary students
- Wedding showers
- Vendors and guests from the Farmer's Market
- Quilting and comforter knotting
- Swiss Historical Society meetings
- Homeschool presentations
- Graduation parties
- Writers group
- Piano lessons
- Freudige SS class women's coffee
- Violin recital



Happy Birthday!

- June 30 - Alex Sider
- July 1 - Monica Harnish
- July 2 - Lois Wetherill
- July 3 - Jim Lehman
- July 5 - Chris Gott



If you can't find the **sound cabinet** on Sunday, it's not because you need a vision assist! The cabinet has been relocated to the other side of the Fellowship Hall. The move is intended to help with people flow before and after worship.



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, Sunday, June 30, 2024

Coffee Time, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sunday School:

Option #1: Salt & Light series, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

Option #2: The Artist's Way, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Worship: Phil Yoder preaching, 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Swiss Historical Society potluck, 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall

This Week

Monday, July 1

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tuesday, July 2

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 3

 Croquet & Picnic, 5 p.m. at Schumachers', 161 Riley St.



4th of July

Independence Day - Office closed

Next Sunday, July 7

Worship: Carrie Mast preaching

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48,

2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

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. Caregivers are also welcome to stay with children in the nursery located in the basement.