

Preaching Phil Yoder

Worship Leader Rachel Skilliter

Pianist/Organist LuAnn Stuckey

Gathering

Music calls us to worship

Welcome and announcements

Come Holy Ghost, Lord and God F.W. Zachau Prelude

Invocation

*Opening Hymn Holy Spirit Come with Power VT 57

*Responsive Reading - selections from Psalm 104, Acts 2 and John 14

One: O Lord, your works are wonderful! The earth is full of your handiwork. When you open your hand, we are filled with good things. When you take away our breath, we return to dust. Put your Spirit within us, O God, and renew us as your people. In rushing wind and cleansing fire,

Many: God's Spirit lead us here.

One: In courage found and faith renewed,

Many: God's Spirit fills our hearts with longing.

One: In visions seen and dreams made real, Many: God's Spirit takes away our fear.

One: In rushing wind and cleansing fire ...

All: God's Spirit sends us to share Christ's love.

Telling God's Story

*Hymn New Earth, Heavens New VT 377

Welcoming New Members VT 959-961

Conversation with Children Jesus Loves Me Phil Yoder/New Members VT 516 Child Dedication **Parents**

Sutton Hilty Emily & Cory Hilty

Responsive Reading VT 970

*Hymn Child of Blessing, Child of Promise VT 508

Community Prayer Carrie Mast James W. Bixel The Lord's Prayer back cover of HWB

What is God Like? Poem

Acts 2:1-21 Scripture Deron Martin

Message Finding New Language

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response Holy Spirit, Come to Us VT 58 Sing 4 times: 1 - All, unison 2 - All, SA

4 - **All**, SATB

3 - **All**, SAT

Offering Invitation

In Thee Alone, O Christ Offertory J. Pachelbel

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending The Lord Bless You and Keep You VT 846

*Benediction

*Postlude Come down, O Love divine R. V. Williams

> - VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book) *Please rise in body or in spirit Anabaptist Heritage Hymn

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles. Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage. Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

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



Warsery sign up here: http://thicbluffloh.org/nursery,valunteers

Last Sunday - 6/1/2025

This Sunday - 6/8/2025

Attendance last Sunday: Video: Ray Raeburn Reported Volunteer hours: 47 Sound: Jonah Sheets Live: 23 Recorded: 18 Chancel: **New Members** Online views:

Total Viewing Hrs: 27

Moderator
Moderator-Elect
Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader
Christian Formation Circle Leader
Deacon
Deacon
Treasurer
Recorder Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader Kevin Nickel
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader Ken Shenk

Jonathan Spelman Shelby Cluts Victoria Woods-Yee Kathy Dickson Isaac Schumacher Monica Harnish

Carrie Phillips

Laurel Neufeld Weaver

No checks or cash in your pocket? Consider online giving.



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 8, 2025





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Youth Summer Camps at Camp Friedenswald begin today! Prayers for safe travels and deep learning in creation through this year's theme of *The Wisdom of Trees* for all campers, drivers, and summer staff.

The Gifts Discernment & Ministry Participation ministry team will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

The **church office** will be closing at **12:30 p.m.** on Friday afternoons during the summer months. Pastor Carrie will be working but likely out visiting. She can be contacted at 419.230.1568.

Summer Music: Instrumentalists, singers, song leaders, musicians of all ages and types: there are lots of opportunities for offering your musical gifts during the worship services this summer (June-August). Contact Ray Raeburn at rayefmcbluffton.org or text 419.230.2769.

Calling all sewing people! Our MCC school kit collection drive begins in mid-March. We need 100 or more kit bags for this project. Pre-cut packages and directions are available or use your own supplies. Please help us out if you can.

Safe Church Training: If you work with kids or lead a ministry at FMC, you need to complete our online safe church training. Additionally, everyone is invited to do the brief training to better understand our policy fmcbluffton.org/safe-church



Venice, Florida will be the location of a Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Unit for Youth this summer. I will spend 2 and a half weeks there as Project Director starting in mid-June. The storm damage to homes in Venice was caused by Hurricane Milton in Fall 2024. Pray for the youth and their leaders to have fruitful encounters with clients, with each other, with the culture, and with God's Spirit. - Mitch Kingsley



Have you observed any changes to our church walls? They now boast a fresh coat of paint, thanks to Klausing Painting. Since starting this project, they have already used 35 gallons of paint, with 20 more gallons left to apply. We appreciate your patience during this transformation.



- 7 p.m.

Anabaptism at 500: Upcoming Activities

This year, 2025, marks 500 years of Anabaptism.

100 Years of Mennonite Women: a Musical

A century of archived meeting minutes from FMC's Women In Mission are set to music by Wendy Chappell-Dick in this lively dramatic production, ready to make you laugh and cry. Join us for a review of hymns and pop songs that trace our changing culture through the 1900s. Come to celebrate and learn, and be prepared to sing along!

This event takes place at FMC during the Central District Conference Annual Meeting weekend and is free and open to everyone.

Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Anabaptism at 500 Worship Series #6. Worship with Deborah Yoder at FMC.

- noon

Fundraiser lunch for the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

The May issue of the CDC Connector is available on the literature table in the Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to three worship services as part of the Central District Conference Annual Meeting. Worship services are open to everyone regardless if you are participating in other parts of the meeting. Child care is available following the children's time.

- On Thursday evening, June 19, we will gather at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora. Perry Bush will invite us to reflect on our Anabaptist history and how that has shaped who we are today. Enjoy fellowship and ice cream following the service.
- On Friday afternoon, June 20, we will worship around tables at Marbeck Center on the **Bluffton University** campus at 1:45 p.m. We will share stories about what it means to be Anabaptist today. We will also share communion together.
- On Saturday morning, June 21, we will worship in Yoder Recital Hall on the Bluffton University Campus at 8:30 a.m. **Melissa Florer-Bixler**, pastor at Raleigh Mennonite Church, will help us imagine the Anabaptist church of the future.

Come and Listen! Wisdom is calling.



2nd Saturdays

The Swiss Community Historical Society is hosting 2nd Saturdays in June, July, & August from 1-4 p.m. Explore the farmhouse, garden, worship, barn and Heritage Center. Learn about the skills and resources used in the Swiss Settlement during the 1800s.



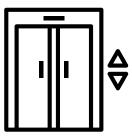
June 14: Blacksmithing

• July 12: Hunting & trapping

• August 9: Hearth cooking

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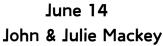
Do you like pushing buttons?? How about helping people up the stairs?? Then the Elevator Ministry is looking for you! The ministry is extending an invitation to anyone interested in joining their team operate the elevators on Sunday mornings before and after worship, as well as special events and funerals. If you have any questions about expectations, contact



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8 - Kaye Phillips

10 - Jonah Hilty

12 - Marie Dyck

13 - Judy Diller

Cameron Shadbolt
Denny Sheidler

14 - Jenny Moser

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 8, 2025

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Drawing Near Elective Sunday School for youth & adults,

9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

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

Sojourners SS potluck, noon Assembly room

This Week

Monday, June 9

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor Tutoring, 4 p.m. Assembly room Poetry Group, 5 p.m. Parlor

Tuesday, June 10

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary Tutoring, 8:45 a.m. Assembly room Gifts Discernment, 7 p.m. Parlor

Next Sunday, June 15

Worship: Pastor Carrie Mast preaching Lectionary: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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. Child care is available during Sunday School and worship for young children in the nursery located in the basement.