

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

Preaching Worship Leader Pianist/Organist
Phil Yoder Emily Hilty LuAnn Stuckey

Gathering

Music calls us to worship

Welcome, announcements, & centering

Candle lighting

Prelude O Worship the King arr. J. Blersch

Invocation

*Opening Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 77

One: We will remember the deeds of the Lord and will remember your miracles of long ago.

Many: We will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

One: What god is as great as our God?

Many: You are the God who performs miracles.

One: You display your power among the peoples.

Many: With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,

One: your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters,

All: Though your footprints were not seen, you led your people like a flock.

Telling God’s Story

*Hymn The Glory of These Forty Days VT 305

Conversation with Children Teri Steinmetz

Jesus Loves Me VT 516

Community Prayer Isaac Schumacher
The Lord’s Prayer James W. Bixel
back cover of HWB

Scripture Luke 9:51-62 Carter Phillips

Message Cautious about Community

Living God’s Story

*Hymn of Response Count Well the Cost VT 577

Offering

Invitation

Offertory Air B. Culli


Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending Move in Our Midst VT 827

*Benediction

*Postlude Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing arr. J. Blersch

 *Please rise in body or in spirit – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)
: 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.– 12:30 p.m.
Phil’s day off – Friday Carrie’s day off – Thursday

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER
IN A WHILE CROCODILES
TAKING A SUMMER BREAK
WATER GATOR
SEE YOU IN THE FALL

Nursery Workers Today SS: NO NURSERY STAFFING
Worship: —
Nursery Volunteers: Take a break!
Worship: —
Nursery sign-up here: <http://fmcbluffton.org/nursery-volunteers>



Last Sunday – 6/22/2025		This Sunday – 6/29/2025	
Attendance last Sunday:	113	Video:	Adam Phillips
Reported Volunteer hours:	27	Sound:	Chris Moser
Online views:	Live: 25 Recorded: 15	Chancel:	Heidrun Awad
	Total Viewing Hrs: 25		

Leadership Circle

Moderator
Moderator-Elect
Stewardship Ministry Circle Leader
Connecting Ministry Circle Leader
Christian Formation Circle Leader
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Treasurer
Recorder

Laurel Neufeld Weaver
Jonathan Spelman
Kevin Nickel
Ken Shenk
Shelby Cluts
Victoria Woods-Yee
Kathy Dickson
Isaac Schumacher
Monica Harnish
Carrie Phillips

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 29, 2025



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Diller remains in rehab at Lima Convalescent Home where he is regaining strength. He hopes to be returning to Maple Crest soon. Visitors and prayers are welcome!

Geraldine De Meo celebrated her 100th birthday. Read more about it here <https://fmcbluffton.org/links/> or here 



The Bluffton/Pandora Swiss Community Historical Society will be hosting their annual **Swiss Day** at **First Mennonite Church** after worship today. Bring a hot and cold dish to share plus your own table setting.

Next Sunday is the annual **Tri-Church Worship Service** with **Grace & Lima Mennonite Churches**. We will gather at Pandora Park at **10 a.m.** for worship followed by a potluck lunch. Bring a lawn chair, food to share, and table service. Water will be provided.

The **church office** will be **closed** on **Friday**, July 4, in observance of the holiday.

Children & Youth Summer Camps at Camp Friedenswald continue! 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. This week's campers departing today, Sunday, are **Ellery Byers, Felix Combs, Anna Hartzler, Madelyn King, Junia Spelman, Quin Spelman, & Savannah Werling**. Summer camp staff include **Theo Andreas** and **Ben Hartzler**. Volunteers this week include **Ethan Blount & Amy Shadbolt**.

Submit your camp receipt to receive the 50% campership!

Ray Raeburn will be out of the office from **June 23 to July 1**. For all your Music worship & Tech needs please contact the church office at 419.358.5766.

Carrie Mast returns from visiting family on Monday, June 30. She will be departing the next day to serve as camp pastor at Camp Friedenswald **July 1-4**.



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, August 9, 2025



WHAT: Pool Party
WHERE: Bluffton Community Pool
TIME: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by the **FUN Committee**.
More details to come!

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Anabaptism at 500: Upcoming Activities
This year, 2025, marks 500 years of Anabaptism.

Sunday, July 6
- at 10:30 a.m.
Anabaptism at 500 Worship Series #7.
Tri-Worship with Grace & Lima Mennonite at Pandora Park.
-noon
Potluck lunch in Pandora Park



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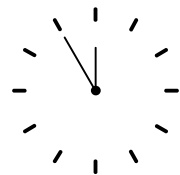
A big thank you to Central District Conference (CDC) delegates for representing FMC at the Annual Meeting last weekend: **Perry Bush, Melissa Friesen, Elizabeth Kelly, Gerald Mast, Lori Nester, Rachel Skilliter, Anne Marie Spelman, Jonathan Spelman, Chaska Yoder, Todd Rainey & Phil Yoder**. Big thanks also to **Trusty Schumacher, Sarah Phillips, & Carrie Mast** for providing the children's programming over the course of 3 days. And, of course, a big thank you to Conference Minister **Doug Luginbill** for his planning and leadership for the whole event.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge

This year's Mennonite Church USA convention, called **Follow Jesus '25**, is **July 8-12**. The following youth will be attending: **Ethan Blount, Rebecca Estell, Ellie Hartzler, Makenna Mohr, & Claire Phillips**. Youth sponsors are **Chris Gott & Pastor Carrie Mast**. Delegates include **Shelby Cluts, Laurel Neufeld Weaver, & Pastor Phil Yoder**. Other FMCers attending include **Melissa Friesen, Doug Luginbill, Gerald Mast, Lawrence Matthews, Louise Matthews, & Paul Neufeld Weaver**.

LAWN & WEEDING

Ministry Minute!



In the pew racks, there are cards to record volunteer hours and place in the offering plates. Some recent volunteer hours cards indicated the time spent was in the landscaping around the church. Taking care of the church lawn and landscaping is no small task. Over the years, many members of the Freudige SS class initiated care of the lawn, mulching, and trimming bushes and trees. This year, a number of people have been spotted in the yard and among the bushes. Thanks to all who tend to the outdoor care of FMC including: **Everett Collier, Tim Byers, Wendell Miller, Tom Schaaf, Mona Reichenbach, Diane Reichenbach, Janet Yoder, Jori Mast, Carrie Mast, & Zack Crawford.**



Best wishes
ON YOUR
DAY

June 29 - Karen Luginbuhl

June 30 - Alex Sider

July 1 - Monica Harnish

July 2 - Lois Wetherill

July 3 - Jim Lehman

July 5 - Chris Gott



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 29, 2025

Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Drawing Near Elective Sunday School for youth & adults, 9:15 a.m. Assembly Room

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

Swiss Day, noon, Fellowship Hall

This Week

Monday, June 30

Staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. Parlor

Tutoring, 4 p.m. Assembly Room

Tuesday, July 1

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Tutoring, 8:45 a.m. Assembly Room

Friday, July 4

Office Closed



Next Sunday, July 6

Worship: Tri-Church Worship, 10 a.m. Pandora Park

Potluck lunch at Pandora Park, noonish

Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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 are invited to accompany children in the nursery located in the basement at any time during the service.