

Blessings & Concern

- Pray for Phil & Esther Birkey. Esther has anemia and is having a procedure this Monday the 5th.
- Praise God for the birth of Josephine Marie Timpe, daughter of Brian and Robin Timpe, sister of Hazel, born Monday, July 29.
- Praise God that Mary Birkey is cancer-free at this time and able to lead an active life. Mary lives in Indiana and is Phil Birkey's mother.
- Pray for Neil Kehler and his family. Neil's wife, Eileen passed away at 2 pm on Wednesday, July 31. Neil is a member of First Mennonite, Bluffton and has been attending Grace for the last year.
- Pray for Frank and his friend Laurie, as Laurie struggles to make it through chemotherapy.
- Marisa Smucker, who has been working for Mennonite Mission Network's Church Relations team, began serving as the Mennonite Voluntary Service program director in June. Pray that God will provide wisdom, energy and joy for Marisa as she serves in this capacity.
- Please pray for encouragement and hope for all the farmers in our county, region and world whose livelihood is being directly affected by climate change this season. Pray for all people everywhere for wisdom and courage to make the necessary changes in our relationship with God's creation so that our one planetary home in the cosmos will continue to be habitable for future generations.



Grace Mennonite Church



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Parish Notes

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 August 4, 2019

Calendar

Sunday August 4	9:00 am - 9:10 am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 10:15 am 10:30 am After worship	Prayer time in prayer room Coffee and snacks Sunday school Worship service MCC project fundraiser meal
Tuesday August 6	7:00 pm	Council meeting
Sunday August 11	9:00 am - 9:10 am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am-10:15 am 10:30 am	Prayer time in prayer room Coffee and snacks Sunday School Worship service
Samaritan House itemsspaghetti or tomato sauce		
Ottawa Food Pantry.....spaghetti sauce		
Noisy OfferingSchool & hygiene kit items..... Today		

Church News

Today after the church service, there will be a fundraiser lunch to benefit an MCC project providing Immigration Detainee Care Kits. *Elizabeth Nisly*, who has been working with immigrants in Arizona this summer, will be on hand to give us information about what is happening at our southern border. If you cannot attend but would like to donate, you may put a check in the regular Sunday morning offering. Make the check out to Grace Mennonite Church with "MCC: CS Kits" in the memo line. Hope to see you there!

If you have extra produce, please bring it to the church each Tuesday by 6:30 pm. (Put it under the walkway near the foyer entrance.) I will deliver to several Lima locations on Wednesday mornings. Thank you! *Tim Luginbill*

Worship at Frank's farm 4376 CR 37, Rawson, on **Sunday, August 18**. Worship at Frank's is a special opportunity to enjoy a time of church "retreat" where we worship and fellowship together in a beautiful natural setting. Worship at Frank's has also been a time of receiving new members through baptism. This year's retreat will be extra special as we will be receiving *Greta Kauffman*, *Madelyn Renner* and *Sophia Smucker* into full membership through baptism! Lunch will be provided by Community Connections.

Rejoice! Devotional for September – November is now available on the literature table in the foyer.

Are you tired of the hot summer days? Looking for something fun and educational to do?

Friday, August 23 – "Quilt Gardens . . . along the Heritage Trail" in northern Indiana. - We will be leaving the church at 7:00 a.m. We will travel to Elkhart to start the tour. We will have lunch along the trail and continue seeing the remainder of the gardens. We will eat supper and head back to Pandora. Probably arrive in Pandora around 9:00 p.m. If we have a large enough group, we may reserve a small bus for this trip. This trip is not just for women, men are also welcome.

If you are interested in this outing, please contact Jill Hilty at 419-384-3390 or jhilty@fairpoint.net.

First Fruit Offerings 7/28/2019

Budget.....\$1,545.00

Assisting with 8-11-2019 Service

Worship leader.....	Jeff Lugibihl
Scripture reader.....	Sophia Kauffman
Organist.....	Jenny Fish
Children's time.....	Esther Birkey
Nursery.....	Amy Sprunger
PowerPoint.....	Greta Kauffman
Ushers.....	Anna or Ross Kauffman & Sophia Kauffman & Jim Kempf & Andrew Suter
Pre-SS Greeter.....	Tom Schumacher
Pre-Worship.....	Brent Clum
Post Worship Greeters	Foyer.....Angie Renner
	North.....Pastor Matthew Yoder

Church Related News

The Bluffton & Pandora Police Departments are once again in the planning stages for their 6th annual *National Night Out* celebration which will be held on **Tuesday, August 6** at the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm where free pool admission will be offered all day. The Chamber of Commerce will again cap off the evening with Fireworks at approximately 9:30 pm. To continue to put this event together for the community, they will again be in need of numerous volunteers and are again seeking monetary and "in-kind" donations. If you would like to make a donation by way of food, drink, or other needed items, please contact Lieutenant Oglesbee at the Bluffton Police Department. Lt Oglesbee can be reached at 419-358-2961 or email oglesbeem@bluffton-ohio.com. If you are able to volunteer please contact Officer Abby Michael at Michaela@bluffton-ohio.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build in Elida. The building has begun and we are seeing great progress. **WE CONTINUE TO NEED VOLUNTEERS each Saturday:** Construction workers, Meals for volunteers, and Donations. To volunteer, go to the Habitat website: www.habitatlima.org. On the very first page you will see a picture of the work in progress and a link to "Get Details and Sign Up." Follow the directions on that link to get trained for the work, to sign up for work or meals, or to donate to help fund the build. You can also call the Habitat Office to volunteer: (419)222-4937. We will have major build days every Saturday for a couple of months. We will also need volunteers on Wednesdays. If you can come on a Wednesday, please call our office. Thank you for helping make decent, affordable housing a reality in our area.

MennoCon19: Find post-convention resources, including worship speaker videos and worship songs: convention.mennoniteusa.org/post-convention-resources.

At MennoCon19, delegates approved the addition of youth delegates and passed the Churchwide Statement on the Abuse of Child Migrants resolution. Catch up on our compiled MennoCon19 news, photos and highlights at mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce.

The next annual **Mennonite Arts Weekend** in Cincinnati is scheduled for February 7-9, 2020. You can find information for this event at www.mennoniteartsweekend.org.