

GATHERING

Prelude to Worship
 Welcome and Announcements
 Interlude
 Candle Lighting

* Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn *Come, thou Almighty King* HWB 41

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
 Hymn *God of the Bible* STJ 27
 Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20
 Sermon
 Reflection

RESPONDING

* Hymn *Abide with me* HWB 653
 Offering and Offertory
 Sharing Joys and Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer

SENDING

* Hymn *Go now in peace* HWB 429
 * Benediction
 Postlude

* *All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*

Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated.

HWB – blue hymnal STS – purple hymnal STJ – green hymnal

*Preacher: Charles Bontrager Worship Leader: Jenny Newcomer Haas
 Accompanist: John Gamin*

Welcome to First Mennonite Church If you are new here today, we're glad you can worship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you!

Today following Worship Service there will be a brown bag lunch and planning session for our church to plan for the next few months. Everyone is encouraged to stay and participate!

Tuesday is the final **Woman's Poolside Bible Study** of the summer, 7:00pm at the Croyle's house. The study focuses on how we experience God's presence during the transitions in our lives.

Wednesday 6:00pm you are invited to a **Fellowship Meal** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share as we become better acquainted in a casual setting.

Saturday we will have a **church yard sale** from 9am-2pm. Donations can be brought to the church Wed., Aug. 30- Fri., Sept. 1. You do not need to mark items as we are asking for donations. All proceeds will go toward youth programs/events.

Sunday School will resume Sept. 10 with the book study of *Human Sexuality in Biblical Perspective*. A sign-up sheet is posted for those interested in purchasing the study guide for the 10-week course. Please sign-up by next Sunday, Aug. 27.

Today in Wooster, OH at Public Square at 6pm is a **Unity Rally**, held in response to recent activity by local hate groups, "to express communitywide commitment to diversity and inclusion, and to stand against hate." The rally is nonpartisan and will feature a lineup of speakers including Wayne County Republican and Democratic Party chairpersons, Orville NAACP President John Clay, College of Wooster President Sarah Bolton and others.

*Our **MISSION** is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.*

THIS WEEK August 27 – September 3

TODAY 9:30am Sunday School hour
10:45am Worship Service
12:00pm Brown Bag Lunch Planning Session
👤 *Jessica Moss*

Tuesday 7:00pm Women's Poolside Bible Study (at Croyle's)
👤 *Lily Moss*

Wednesday 6:00pm Potluck Fellowship Meal – all are welcome!

Thursday *Announcements & calendar items for Sunday due by NOON to: chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com*
👤 *Ron Chamberlin*

Friday 👤 *Angie & Darren Newcomer anniversary*

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But *whom* say ye that *I am?*
and *Simon Peter*
answered and said,
Thou art the
Christ,
the Son
of the
Living God.
Matthew 16:15-16

