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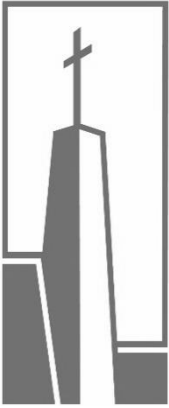
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10 a.m.
September 26, 2021
Camp Retreat Sunday

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Luke 3:21-22)

Sarah Diener

Erin Unruh

Caleb Diener

While everyone was being baptized,
Jesus was also baptized.
While he was praying,
heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit came down on him
in bodily form like a dove.
And there was a voice from heaven:
**“You are my Son,
whom I dearly love;
in you I delight.”**

*Prayer

*Singing

Tree By the River
Be Thou My Vision
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Reese Hefley

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Tom Harder

RESPONDING

Celebrating the Ritual of Baptism

Pastors Hank and Tom

Meeting the Candidates: Caleb Diener and Reese Hefley

The Baptismal Questions

*Hymn As I Went Down to the River to Pray

Proceed to the River and Baptism

Congregational Reading

*Hymn

Guide My Feet

*Benediction

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are worshiping with us this morning!*

COVID-19 protocols: The FMC Covid response team is urging the following regarding the Covid virus: 1. Masks are required when we gather indoors, 2. FMC should reduce capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to 50%.

The FMC ministry fund is currently running a deficit of approximately \$10,000 with fiscal year to date income of approximately \$70,000 and expenses just shy of \$80,000. Please keep this in mind as you plan your giving over the several months.

Bethel College's Fall Festival is Sept. 30-Oct. 3, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger.

See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

Pastor Term Vote: The FMC Ministries Council has set **Sunday, October 3** for a brief congregational meeting following the Sunday worship service. At this time, a yes or no vote of members will be taken answering the question: Do you wish Pastor Tom to be affirmed for a second three-year term as lead pastor of First Mennonite Church? Our constitution specifies: "A lead pastor is called by affirmation of at least a two-thirds majority of the members present at a congregational meeting and the absentee ballots." Those members who anticipate they cannot be present for that meeting should arrange now to submit their ballot during the week prior to October 3 by contacting Kara Unruh at the church office or their Care Committee member. In anticipation of this vote, FMC members are encouraged to review the Pastor/Congregation Review document by Marv Zehr (April 15, 2021), the Amended Final Assessment Report by KIPCOR (August 19, 2021), and the KIPCOR transcript of the congregational meeting on Sept. 8. These are available in the church office.

Note Kara's office hours and the evening hours available on Sept. 29:

Monday 9:00-12:30pm

Tuesday 3:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 1:00-5:00pm (but on Wed. Sept. 29, 3:00-7:00pm)

Thursday 3:00-5:00pm

Friday 9:00-12:30pm

Marion County Core Community invites you to its graduation

Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Mennonite Church of Hillsboro. Please join the celebration to congratulate the graduates! A reception will follow the ceremony.

Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the 3rd MCC Color of Compromise webinar featuring Sandra Maria Van Opstal on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT. From the depth of her experience ministering to the Hispanic and Latino community, writer, speaker and co-founder of Chasing Justice movement, Sandra Maria Van Opstal will speak about the impact of the church's complicity in racism on the Hispanic and Latino community here in the U.S. Register now! For more information on past webinars in the series, visit mcc.org/color-of-compromise.

Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border. [Take action today!](#)