

Body Speaks
First Mennonite Church
October 20, 2019

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes
Welcome and Announcements JP Schumacher
Prelude
Invocation
*Opening hymn "Unto thy temple, Lord, we come" HWB 4
*Responsive reading Psalm 81:8-13 (NRSV)
L: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
C: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
L: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
C: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.
L: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
ALL: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
Chancel Choir "O Thou In Whose Presence"
arr. J. Harold Moyer; Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar
Jan Wiebe, flute; Darryl Nester, solo

Conversation with friends Shelby Cluts
"Lord, we bring to you our children" STJ 90
(vs.1, coming forward; vs.2, returning to seats)
Community prayer Theda Good
Scripture Acts 15:1-41 Ana, Laurel and Paul
Neufeld Weaver
Sermon "Listen to your body" Wanda Stopher
*Hymn "One is the body" STJ 72
Presenting our tithes and offerings
Offertory "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
Adult Bells arr. Valerie Stephenson
*Hymn "God of the fertile fields" vs. 2 HWB 390
*Prayer of dedication
*Hymn "Breathe on me, breath of God" HWB 356
*Benediction
Postlude
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*
HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story
Please ask an usher for large print hymnals.

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.

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Church Staff

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
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Greeter: Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Nursery today: Melinda, Patrick & Rebecca Estell

Worship today: Kevin Cluts, Kristen Niekamp, John Paul Yoder

Nursery next week: Rachel Diller, Amy Freeman

Worship next week: Sue & Tom Schaaf, Kendra Gott

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-167, MC-8
Volunteer hours	97
Spending plan giving 10-13-19 (w/e-giving)	\$9,238.68
Non-spending plan giving 10-13-19 (w/e-giving): K-5- \$10.04	
Freudige-\$30; Deacons-\$620; SHY-\$657.75; Kitchen-\$6; Habitat-\$10	
MCC-\$250; MDS-\$120; Capital campaign-\$30;	
Book study \$14; New hymnal-\$24	\$1,771.79
Total giving 10-13-19 (includes e-giving)	\$11,010.47
2019 spending plan	\$431,854.00

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.

