Spirit of Love: Loving God
First Mennonite Church
June 23, 2019

Chimes call us to worship — LuAnn Stuckey

Welcome — Mitch Kingsley

Announcements

Prelude — "In Christ There Is No East or West" spiritual/arr. J. Blersch

Invocation

*Opening hymns — Jeff Boehr

*Responsive reading — Ephesians 3:14-21 (IB)

L: That is why I kneel before Abba God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

C: We pray that God, out of the riches of divine glory, will strengthen you inwardly with power through the working of the spirit.

L: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love

C: and, with all God's holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

L: To God – whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine

ALL: to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

Conversation with friends — Jeff Gundy

"Put peace into each other's hand" — STJ 87

(vs.1 coming forward and vs. 2 returning to seats)

Community prayer — Steve Harnish

Scripture — Deuteronomy 6:1–9 — Steve Phillips

Sermon — "A Wholehearted Love" — Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn — "If all you want, Lord" — HWB 512

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory — "Oh healing river" — Traditional hymn

Wendy Chappell-Dick, Jeff Yoder and Lucas Harnish

*Hymn — "We give thee but thine own" (vs. 1&2) — HWB 384

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn — "We would extol thee" — HWB 74

*Benediction

Postlude — "Hymn to Joy" — Beethoven arr. J.W. Kerr

**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 help locating 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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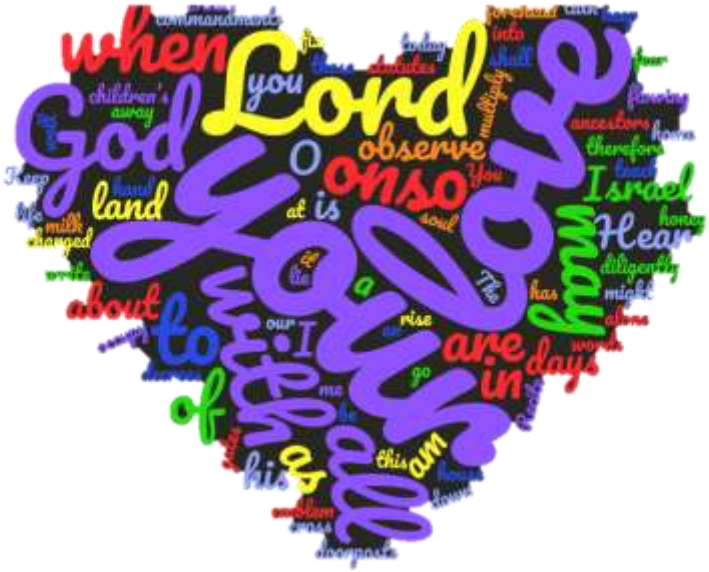
Church Staff

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – On sabbatical, returning August 1
- Pastor Theda Good – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org **(new e-mail address)**
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Pat Sheidler **Greeter:** Ruth Early
Chancel: Anita Lehman
Nursery: Monica Harnish, Cheri Slotter
Worship: Andrea Goings, Annette Heslep, Grace Paquin
Nursery next week: Judy Diller, Victoria Woods-Yee
Worship: Carrie Mast, Julie Mackey, Theo Andreas, Ben Hartzler

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-154, MC-7
Volunteer hours last week	53
Spending plan giving June 16, 2019 (with e-giving)	$5,649.00
Non-spending plan giving June 16, 2019 (with e-giving): Kitchen-$3.88	
Capital campaign-$25; ISAF-$100	$128.88
Total giving June 16, 2019 (includes e-giving)	$5,777.88
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.