

Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbor
First Mennonite Church
June 30, 2019

Music calls us to worship	Laura Hartzler
Welcome	Paul Neufeld Weaver
Announcements	
Prelude	
Invocation	
*Opening hymns	Lynda Nyce
*Responsive reading	(NRSV)
L: Love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34)	
C: Honor one another above yourselves. (Rom. 12:10)	
L: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)	
C: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Heb. 10:24)	
L: Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)	
ALL: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Eph. 5:19)	
Conversation with friends	Pat Sheidler
"Put peace into each other's hand" STJ 87	
(vs.1 coming forward and vs. 2 returning to seats)	

Special Music	"The Water of the Word" (Penny Stone) "All shall be well" (Christine Kydd) "Peace Round" (Jean Ritchie) <i>Judy Steiner, Jan Wiebe, Wendy Chappell-Dick</i>	
Community prayer	Theda Good	
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Ruth Early
Sermon	"A Wholehearted Love"	Kathy Dickson
*Hymn	"Where charity and love prevail"	HWB 305
Presenting our tithes and offerings		
Offertory	Laura Hartzler	
*Hymn	"We give thee but thine own" (vs. 1&4)	HWB 384
*Prayer of dedication		
*Hymn	"We are people of God's peace"	HWB 407
*Benediction		
Postlude		
<i>*Please rise in body or in spirit.</i>		
<i>HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey;</i>		
<i>STS-Sing the Story</i>		
<i>Please ask an usher for help locating large print hymnals.</i>		

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: Mary Ann Moser

Greeter: Jan Wiebe

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery: Judy Diller, Victoria Woods-Yee

Worship: Carrie Mast, Julie Mackey, Theo Andreas, Ben Hartzler

Nursery next week: Mary Ina Hooley, Pat Sheidler

Worship: Sue & Tom Schaaf, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-136, MC-5
Volunteer hours last week	53.5
Spending plan giving June 23, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$3,109.00
Non-spending plan giving June 23, 2019 (with e-giving): Kitchen	-\$4.75
Freudige-\$10, Building fund-\$100, SHY-\$73.52	\$188.27
Total giving June 16, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$3,297.27
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.

*No importa de dónde eres,
estamos contentos que seas
nuestro vecino.*

No matter where you are
from, we're glad you're
our neighbor.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.