

**“The Spirit Conspiracy”
First Mennonite Church
July 28, 2019**

Music calls us to worship	Laura Hartzler
Welcome	Melissa Friesen
Announcements	
Prelude	Laura Hartzler
Invocation	
*Opening hymns	Ellie Hartzler
*Responsive reading	Hebrews 13:1-8 (NRSV)

L: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

C: Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

L: Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

C: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

L: So we can say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

ALL: Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Conversation with friends	Paul Neufeld Weaver and Virgelino Cordoba
	“Like a tender breath, stirring” STS 106 (vs. 1 coming forward and vs. 2 returning to seats)
Special music	“People Get Ready” C. Mayfield Everett Collier and Jeff Boehr
Community prayer	Adam Phillips
Scripture	Ephesians 5:15-6:9, James 5:1-6
Sermon	“The Sparkle of Knack” Elizabeth Kelly
*Hymn	“Gentle God, when we are driven” STS 71
Presenting our tithes and offerings	
Offertory	Laura Hartzler
*Hymn	“Grant us, Lord, the grace” HWB 388
*Prayer of dedication	
*Hymn	“Sent forth by God’s blessing” HWB 478
*Benediction	
Postlude	
	<i>*Please rise in body or in spirit.</i>
	<i>HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story Please ask an usher for help locating large print hymnals.</i>
	<i>Today’s worship coordinates with “We Make the Road by Walking,” Chapter 47.</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
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- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Mary Amstutz

Greeter: Cheri Slotter

Sound: Art Shelly

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery: Monica Harnish, Carmen Ordonez

Worship: Amy Blount & Andrea Goings, Ben Hartzler

Nursery next week: Shelby Cluts, Judy Diller

Worship: Kevin Cluts, Wendy Chappell-Dick, John Paul Yoder

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-140, MC-6
Volunteer hours last week	82.5
Spending plan giving July 21, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$4,160.00
Non-spending plan giving July 21, 2019 (with e-giving): SHY-\$85	
Freudige-\$10, Habitat-\$120, Reimbursements-\$132.10	\$47.10
Total giving July 21, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$4,507.00
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.

