

**“Spirit of Love: Loving Self”
First Mennonite Church
July 7, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome Victoria Woods-Yee

Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

*Opening hymns Marlyce and Jeff Gundy

*Responsive reading Proverbs 4:1, 5b-7, 23-26 (IB)

L: Listen, my children, to a parent’s lesson; listen closely, and gain insight.

C: Grow in discernment! Grow in Wisdom! Don’t you give up on her, and she will never give up on you;

L: if you love her, she will protect you. Wisdom is supreme—so acquire Wisdom! Even if it costs you everything, get Understanding.

C: Most of all, watch over your heart, because it’s the wellspring of life.

L: Keep abusive language far from your mouth.

ALL: Keep your eyes focused in front of you, and always look straight ahead. Be confident of the road you take, but stay clear of precarious pathways.

Conversation with friends Rich Bucher and Peter DeMeo
“Like a tender breath, stirring” STS 106
 (“refrain/verse 1/refrain with no interlude” &
 “refrain/verse 2/refrain”)

Special Music “Name the World” Jeff Gundy, composer
Marlyce and Jeff Gundy

Community prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture Proverbs 4:1-27; James 3:13-18 ????

Sermon “Love Myself?” Rich Bucher

*Hymn “Help us to help each other” HWB 362

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn “Grant us, Lord, the grace” HWB 388

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn “Come, gracious Spirit” HWB 303

*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 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:

Greeter:

Sound:

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery: Mary Ina Hooley, Pat Sheidler

Worship: Sue & Tom Schaaf, Sunita Hooley

Nursery next week: Melinda, Patrick & Rebecca Estell

Worship: John & Julie Mackey, Theo Andreas

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-160, MC-7
Volunteer hours last week	59.5
Spending plan giving June 30, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$2,657.26
Non-spending plan giving June 30, 2019 (with e-giving):	
Kitchen-\$252.50; Capital campaign-\$25	\$277.50
Total giving June 30, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$2,934.76
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.