

**“Spirit of Holiness”
First Mennonite Church
August 11, 2019**

Music calls us to worship LuAnn Stuckey
 Welcome John Estell
 Announcements
 Prelude “Praise Be to Christ” setting by J. Blersch
 Invocation
 *Opening hymns Gerald Mast
 *Responsive reading Psalm 98:4-9 (IB)
 L: Shout to the most high, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise!
C: Sing praise to God with the harp and melodious singing!
 L: With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to God, Ruler of all.
C: Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples.
 L: Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before God
A: who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its peoples with equity.
 Conversation with friends Jeff Boehr
 “For the beauty of the earth” HWB 89
 (vs. 1 coming forward and vs. 3 returning to seats)

Special music “Nocturne #9” John Field
 Jacob Biesecker-Mast
 Community prayer Theda Good
 Scripture John 14:15-18; 25-27; 15:26-27; 16:33 Gene Long
 Sermon “Spirit of Truth” Wanda Stopher
 *Hymn “How firm a foundation” HWB 567
 Presenting our tithes and offerings
 Offertory “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
 setting by R. Hartsell
 *Hymn “Lord, thou dost love” v. 1 HWB 387
 *Prayer of dedication
 *Hymn “All will be well” verses 1-3 STJ 98
 *Benediction
 Postlude “Foundation” American folk melody
**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.*
*Today’s worship coordinates with “We Make the Road by
 Walking,” Chapter 49.*

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; fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 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 Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Sara Brenner

Greeter: Todd Rainey

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Kevin Cluts

Nursery today: Laura & Greg Hartzler

Worship today: Kathy Dickson, Kristen Niekamp, Theo Andreas

Nursery next week: Amy Freeman, Pat Sheidler

Worship: Amy Blount, Ben Hartzler, Ana Neufeld Weaver

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC- 171, MC-7
Volunteer hours	142
Spending plan giving August 4, 2019 (w/e-giving)	\$7,788.00
Non-spending plan giving August 4, 2019 (w/e-giving):	\$1,332.00
Sojourners-\$15; Habitat-\$20; School kits-\$100; Facility use-\$200	
College scholarship-\$65; Memorial-\$50; Syrian student-\$1,000	
Freudige-\$30; MCC-\$50; Kitchen-\$2	
Total giving August 4, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$9, 120.00
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.

