## Wisdom Speaks First Mennonite Church October 27, 2019

Music calls us to worship Laura Hartzler

Welcome and Announcements Jacob Biesecker-Mast

Prelude

Invocation

\*Opening hymn "Christ is our cornerstone" HWB 43

\*Responsive reading Proverbs 15 and 25 selections (NRSV)
L: A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

C: The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

L: The ear that heeds wholesome admonition will lodge among the wise.

C: Those who ignore instruction despise themselves, but those who heed admonition gain understanding.

L: A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

C: Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise rebuke to a listening ear.

L: With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue can break bones.

C: Like a war club, a sword, or a sharp arrow is one who bears false witness against a neighbor.

L: If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink;

C: For you will heap coals of fire on their heads; and the Lord will reward you.

Tuba solo "IV" Phil Snedecor

Jacob Biesecker-Mast

Conversation with friends JP Schumacher "Lord, we bring to you our children" STJ 90

(vs.1, coming forward; vs.2, returning to seats)

Youth Choir "Could It Be That God Is Singing" arr. Alice Parker

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture I Samuel 25: 2-35 Judy Buller

Sermon "Wisdom Speaks: How Abigail Saves David"
Gerald Mast

\*Hymn "Let there be light, Lord God" STJ 67

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Laura Hartzler
\*Hymn "God of the fertile fields" vs. 3 HWB 390

\*Prayer of dedication

\*Hymn "We are people of God's peace" HWB 407

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 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

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## **Church Staff**

- Pastor Wanda Stopher Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
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Greeter: Ruth Naylor

**Chancel:** Anita Lehman **Sound:** Chris Moser

Nursery today: Rachel Diller, Amy Freeman

Worship next week: Sue & Tom Schaaf, Kendra Gott

Nursery next week: Shelby Cluts, Judy Diller

Worship next week: Amy Blount & Jeff Shadbolt, Ben Hartzler

## Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday FMC-171, MC-6 Volunteer hours 59 Spending plan giving 10-20-19 (w/e-giving) \$6,809.09 Non-spending plan giving 10-20-19 (w/e-giving): K-5- \$7.23 Freudige-\$10; SHY-\$100; Kitchen-\$3; MW-\$314; Habitat-\$120

Capital campaign-\$25; College schol-\$25; Rejoice-\$172; Memorial-\$50

Total giving 10-20-19 (includes e-giving) \$7,635.32

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.

