

**First Mennonite Church
November 24, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Laura Hartzler

Welcome and Announcements Jeff Boehr

Prelude

Invocation

*Hymn “Holy Spirit, come with power” HWB 26

*Responsive Reading Based on Psalm 104 and 107
by Arlene M. Mark

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

P: God has set the earth firmly on its foundations, and it will never be moved.

L: God placed the ocean over it like a robe, and the waters flow over the mountains and into the valleys.

P: God created the moon to tell the months, and the sun to mark the days.

L: God made so many things! In wisdom God made them all.

ALL: Give thanks to God for God is good.

Jubilate “I Will Sing of the Mercies” James M. Fillmore

Conversation with friends Dottie Long
“I want to walk as a child of light” STJ 95
(vs. 1, coming forward; vs. 3, returning to seats)

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture John 17:20-23 Wendy Chappell-Dick

Sermon “One” Glen Guyton

*Hymn “How good a thing it is” HWB 310

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Laura Hartzler

*Hymn “As saints of old” vs. 3 HWB 386

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn “Move in our midst” HWB 418

*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 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 – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org
- 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@fmcbluffton.org
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Greeter: Fran Core

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Chris Gott

Nursery today: Anita & George Lehman

Worship today: Kevin Cluts, Kathy Dickson, Patrick Estell

Nursery next week: Carmen Ordonez, Melissa Friesen

Worship today: Melissa Friesen, Andrea Goings, Theo Andreas

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-182, MC-8
Volunteer hours	63
Spending plan giving 11-17-19 (w/e-giving)	\$6,525.75
Non-spending plan giving 11-17-19 (w/e-giving): SHY-\$30	\$703.75
Kitchen-\$3.75; Deacons-\$100; MW-\$10	
Capital campaign-\$25; Workshop-\$535	
Total giving 11-17-19 (includes e-giving)	\$7,229.50
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.