

**Reveal to us your vision
First Mennonite Church
March 22, 2020**

Welcome Jeff Boehr

Announcements

Prelude Elaine Suderman

*Call to worship from Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd!

People: We have everything we need.

Leader: The Lord leads us beside peaceful waters and right paths, comforting us through the valleys of despair, and preparing for us a rich feast.

People: We have more than we need.

Leader: The Lord anoints us for healing, strengthening, gifting, and blessing.

People: Our cups overflow with goodness and mercy.

All: We will live in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* HWB 352

Confession

God, we confess that we are quick to judge others and not acknowledge our own sins and weaknesses.

(Pause for silence.)

We confess that we do not always follow your example because immorality, impurity, and greed are part of our lives, and obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes come from our lips. God, we need your light to shine on us to expose the things we say and do that are not pleasing to you. *(Pause.)*

Forgive us our sins.

(Silence)

Assurance of forgiveness

Conversation with Friends Lynda Nyce

Community prayer Wanda Stopher

Scripture John 9:1-41
Amy Freeman and Bruce Steingass

Sermon *Suffering brings new vision* Theda Good

Invitation

*Hymn *Healer of our every ill* HWB 377

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Elaine Suderman

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn *Be thou my vision* HWB 545

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story (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
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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving March 2020 to date \$16,928

Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan \$37,136

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.

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