

**“God in the End”
First Mennonite Church
September 1, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome Ana Neufeld Weaver

Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

*Opening hymn “All hail the power of Jesus’ name” HWB 285

*Responsive reading Romans 8:37-39 (NRSV)

L: In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

C: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

L: nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

ALL: will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conversation with friends Warigia (Alice) Hinga

“If you believe and I believe” STJ 32

Community prayer

Ray Person

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

Mary Ina Hooley

Sermon

“Joy”

Wanda Stopher

*Hymn

“What wondrous love is this”

HWB 530

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory

Jackie Wyse Rhodes

*Hymn

“Lord of all good”

STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord”

HWB 586

*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.

Today’s worship coordinates with “We Make the Road by Walking,” Chapter 52.

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 (new e-mail address)
- 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
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@fmcbluffton.org (new e-mail address)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Melinda Estell

Greeter: Fran Core

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound:

Nursery today: Shelby Cluts, Victoria Woods-Yee

Worship today: Kendra & Ellie Nickel, Ana Neufeld-Weaver

Nursery next week: Judy Buller, Cheri Slotter

Worship next week: Kevin Cluts & Kathy Dickson, Sophia Gott

Our stewardship

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| Worship attendance last Sunday | FMC- 203, MC-6 |
| Volunteer hours | 143 |
| Spending plan giving August 25, 2019 (w/e-giving) | \$4,787.00 |
| Non-spending plan giving August 25, 2019 (w/e-giving): | \$2,732.25 |
| Kitchen-\$7.25; Music committee-\$20; SHYF-\$50; School kits-\$15 | |
| Deacons-\$25; Building fund-\$100; Syrian student-\$2,500; | |
| Capital campaign-\$25; Freudige-\$10 | |
| Total giving August 25, 2019 (includes e-giving) | \$7,519.25 |
| 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.