# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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### Bluffton, Ohio 45817

### Phone: 419-358-5766

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**HOST:** Amy Freeman

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2016 Proposed spending plan $418,276.00

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### CHURCH STAFF

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