

Epiphanytide
First Mennonite Church
February 23, 2020

Welcome Sara Brenner

Announcements

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Hymn *Here in this place* HWB 6

*Responsive Reading HWB 735

L: Transforming God, you come to us in expected and unexpected ways, desiring to be known yet remaining a mystery.

P: Make your presence known among us.

L: Confront us.

P: Wrestle with us.

ALL: Change us, through Jesus the Christ, Amen

Conversation with Friends Lynda Nyce

Come and be light for our eyes STJ 5
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 3 returning)

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9 John Estell

Sermon *Thin Space* Wanda Stopher

*Hymn *Open, Lord, my inward ear* HWB 140
verses 1,2,4,5

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn *Lord of all good* STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* HWB 216

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

Greeter: Amy Freeman

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Nursery today: Judy Buller, Judy Diller

Worship today: Kathy Dickson, Amy Freeman, Ana Neufeld Weaver

Nursery next week: Shelby Cluts, Elaine Suderman

Worship next week: Melissa Friesen, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-141, MC-9
Volunteer hours	32
Total spending plan giving February 2020 to date	\$44,080
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.

