Jesus, Violence, and Power First Mennonite Church February 24, 2019

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Patrick Estell, vocalist; LuAnn Stuckey, piano

Announcements

Prelude

Ana Neufeld Weaver & Jacob Suter

Mueller

Welcome and Invocation Ana Neufeld Weaver "Tis not with eyes of flesh we see" *Hymn HWB 571 LuAnn Stuckey *Responsive Reading Isaiah 42:1-4 (NRSV) L: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; C: I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. L: a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. C: He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; ALL: and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Conversation with friends Jacob Biesecker-Mast & "Jesus Loves Me" (sung a cappella) Patrick Estell Special Music "Who now would follow Christ" HWB 535 Youth, Mentors, & Parents Community Prayer Jacob Suter "Enduring Gladness" Special Music Ron Mallory Youth Bells, directed by Ray Raeburn Scripture The Youth Matthew 16:13-17:9

Senior Statement Seth Andreas Interim Youth Director Remarks Carrie Mast Senior Statement Andrew Raeburn Wanda Stopher Senior Blessing *Hymn "Christ upon the mountain peak" HWB 232 Presenting our tithes and offerings Offertory "Sonata No. 4" Marcello Grace Paquin, cello; LuAnn Stuckey, piano *Hymn of Dedication "This is the threefold truth" HWB 335 (Vs 4)*Prayer of Dedication "The flight of the bumblebee" Rimsky-Korsakoff Postlude Sophia Gott, flute *Benediction Andrew Raeburn & Ellie Nickel

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Recessional

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ – Sing the Journey; STS – Sing the Story

"You shall go out with joy"

The Youth

Please ask an usher for assistance in locating 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 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); fmc.theda@bluffton.edu
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

Host: Fran Core **Greeter:** Amy Freeman **Sound:** Chris Moser **Chancel:** Wendy Chappell-Dick

Nursery today: Carmen Ordonez, Cheryl Slotter Worship: Kevin Cluts, Victoria Woods-Yee Nursery next week: Anita and George Lehman Worship: Amy Freeman and Bruce Steingass

Our stewardship:

Worship attendance last Sunday FMC- 181 MC-6 Spending plan giving Feb. 17, 2019 (includes e-giving) \$6,171.00 Special fund giving Feb. 17, 2019 (includes e-giving): Facility-\$100 Sojourners-\$8; Faith/Life-\$7; JHY-\$22; SHY-\$404; Kitchen-\$56; Etc-\$200 Deacons-\$150; MW-\$50; Habitat-\$150; MCC-\$100; Hygiene kits-\$100 MDS-\$50; College schol-\$50; Syrian student-\$50; Memorials-\$50 \$1,447.00 Total giving Feb. 17, 2019 (includes e-giving) \$7,618.00 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.

