

**Life Reframed: Blessing
First Mennonite Church
March 10, 2019**

Welcome Kevin and Shelby Cluts
Announcements
Prelude Laura Hartzler
Invocation
*Hymn “Blessed Jesus, at your word” HWB 13
*Confession
All: We confess, O God, that we often lose sight of the hope we have in you.
L: Our failures and our self-doubts preoccupy our thoughts and paralyze us from your work.
C: We feel at times intimidated and useless in making a difference in the world.
ALL: We pray for your forgiveness and we ask for your help so that we might be steadfast and faithful to you. In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.
Assurance of Forgiveness “The church of Christ in every age”
HWB 403 (vs. 1 & 3)
Special Music “Be Careful Little Eyes”
Cherub Choir
Conversation with friends Linda Headings
“Come to me, come to us” (v. 1 coming forward and v.2 returning)

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher
Scripture Matthew 5:1-16 Intergenerational group
Sermon “Broken Blessed People” Theda Good
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*Hymn “Blessed are they” STS 41
Presenting our tithes and offerings
Offertory Laura Hartzler
*Hymn of Dedication “God, whose giving” (vs. 1) HWB 383
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn “Blest are they” STJ 94
*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 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: Ruth Naylor

Greeter: JP Schumacher

Chancel: Beth Boehr

Nursery today: Judy Diller, Pat Sheidler

Worship: Kathy Dickson, Andrea Goings, Grace Paquin

Nursery next week: Shelby Cluts, Mitch Kingsley

Worship: Amy Blount, Kendra Nickel, Ellie Nickel

Our stewardship:

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC- 147, MC-6
Volunteer hours (Feb. 25-March 3)	62
Spending plan giving Feb. 24, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,326.00
Special fund giving Feb. 24, 2019 (includes e-giving): Grades 9-12-\$1;	
Sojourners-\$38; Freudige-\$30; Faith/Life-\$7; SHY-\$100; Kitchen-\$2;	
Habitat-\$20; MCC-\$50; ISAF-\$50; Easter flowers-\$76.85	
Colege scholarships-\$50;	\$424.85
Total giving Feb. 24, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,750.85
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.

