

**Life Reframed: Trusting  
First Mennonite Church  
March 31, 2019**

Welcome Shelby and Kevin Cluts

Announcements

Prelude Foundation - I John Eggert  
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

\*Hymn “This is my Father’s world” HWB 154

\*Confession

L: Gracious God, we want to hold on to what we know. We are afraid to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we want to keep our lives safe.

**C: Forgive us, O God, when we cling to comfort, when we build barriers to protect ourselves, when we choose the easy way.**

**ALL: Transform our fears that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus to serve the world. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness “The church of Christ in every age”  
HWB 403 (vs. 1 & 2)

Conversation with friends Linda Headings  
“Come to me, come to us” STS 60  
(v. 1 coming forward, v.2 returning)

Special Music “Not One Sparrow is Forgotten” Shaker Hymn  
Chancel Choir, arr. by William Hawley

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture Matthew 6:19-34  
Theo Andreas, Rebecca Estell, Kendra Gott, John-Paul Yoder

Sermon “Seeing and Living Toward Trust” Jeff Boehr

Scripture Matthew 6:19-7:12 Amy Blount

\*Hymn “Nothing is lost on the breath of God” STS 121

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Foundation - II John Eggert

\*Hymn of Dedication “God, whose giving” (vs. 1) HWB 383

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn “O God, in restless living” HWB 557

\*Benediction

Postlude Foundation - III John Eggert

*\*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.-10:30 p.m., weekends as needed

**Host:** Gary Wetherill

**Greeter:** Susie Gratz

**Sound:** Art Shelly

**Chancel:** Beth Boehr

**Nursery today:** Judy Buller, Mary Ina Hooley

**Worship:** John & Julie Mackey, Ben Hartzler, Theo Andreas

**Our stewardship**

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-234, MC-5
Volunteer hours (March 3-9)	67.5
Spending plan giving March 24, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,211.30
Special fund giving March 24, 2019 (includes e-giving): Freudige-\$10	
Faith/Life-\$20; Faithful Living-\$43.08; SHY-\$310; Kitchen-\$8.63	
MDS-\$100; College scholarships-\$50; Capital campaign-\$25	\$566.71
Total giving March 24, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,778.01
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.*

