

Life Reframed: Rising
First Mennonite Church
April 21, 2019

Welcome Shelby and Kevin Cluts

Announcements

Prelude Laura Hartzler

Invocation

*Hymn “Lift your glad voices” HWB 275

*Confession

Unison: O God, we repent of our stubbornness and pride. We desire to yield ourselves more fully to your will. We confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor our need to be right. Forgive our sins, heal our diseases, and save our lives from destruction. In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness “The church of Christ in every age”
HWB 403 (all 5 verses)

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14 Steve Phillips

Conversation with friends Carrie Mast

Scripture Luke 24:1-32 Amber Shelly, Evan Steiner
Ana Neufeld Weaver, Ellie Nickel, Patrick Estell

Grace Paquin, Jacob Biesecker-Mast, Justin Neufeld Weaver
Hymn “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!” HWB 278
(vs. 1 coming up, vs. 2 returning)

Community Prayer Theda Good

Sermon “Where’s Jesus?” Wanda Stopher

*Hymn “On the journey to Emmaus” STS 98

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Beethoven

*Hymn of Dedication “God, whose giving” (vs. 3) HWB 383

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Sing with all the saints in glory” STS 92

*Benediction “Hallelujah Chorus” G.H. Handel

All who have sung this piece before are invited to join.

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

Host/greeter: Joyce and Don Hostetler

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Beth Boehr

Nursery today, SS: No Sunday school, Easter brunch

Worship: Annette Heslep, Grace Paquin

Nursery next week: Laura and Greg Hartzler

Worship: Amy Blount, Kristen Niekamp, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-235, MC-6
Volunteer hours last week	98
Spending plan giving April 14, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$7,470.00
Non-spending plan giving April 14, 2019 (includes e-giving): Freudige-\$20	
Faith and Life-\$10; SHYF-\$100; Mennonite Women-\$120	\$805.00
Total giving April 14, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$8,275.00
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.

