

**The Uprising of Fellowship
First Mennonite Church
April 28, 2019**

Welcome Walt Paquin
Announcements
Prelude “Eastertime” Traditional
Cherubs; Ben Hartzler, accompanist
Invocation
*Hymn “This joyful Eastertide” HWB 276
Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, accompanist
Special Music “I Will Sing” Robert Townsend
Jubilate; Judy Steiner, accompanist
*Responsive Reading Psalm 133 (CEB)
L: Look at how good and pleasing it is God’s people live
together as one!
**C: It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running
down onto the beard—Aaron’s beard! Which extended
over the collar of his robes.**
L: It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto
the mountains of Zion,
**ALL: because it is there that God commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.**
Special Music “Te Ensalzare Senor” John L. Bell
Chancel Choir; Jan Wiebe, flute
Elaine Suderman, Darryl Nester, and Sara Brenner, solos
Conversation with Friends Rich Bucher
HWB 278 “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!”
(v. 1 coming forward and v. 3 returning to seats)

Special Music “God of Grace and God of Laughter” Roy Hopp
Chancel Choir; Monica Harnish, violin
Community Prayer Theda Good
Comforter Blessing Pat Sheidler and Wanda Stopher
Special Music “God Who Watches Over Me” Lensch/Shepperd
Chancel Choir, Ana Neufeld Weaver, solo; Jan Wiebe, flute
Scripture John 20:1-31 Monica and Steve Harnish
Sermon “Turning” Wanda Stopher
*Hymn “That Easter morn, at break of day” STS 88
Presenting our tithes and offerings
Offertory “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Adult Bells
arr. Jason W. Krug
*Hymn “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” (v. 1) HWB 264
*Prayer of Dedication
Sabbatical Commissioning Rich Bucher
*Hymn “Star of the morning” STS 91
*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 – On sabbatical May-July 2019
- 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: Gary Wetherill

Sound: Chris Moser

Nursery today, SS: Laura and Greg Hartzler

Worship: Amy Blount, Kristen Niekamp, Sunita Hooley

Nursery next week: Shelby Cluts, Mitch Kingsley

Worship: Kevin Cluts, Kathy Dickson, Patrick Estell

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-270, MC-8
Volunteer hours last week	286
Spending plan giving April 21, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,747.00
Non-spending plan giving April 21, 2019 (includes e-giving): Kitchen-\$4.50	
Grades 6-8-\$19.21; SHYF-\$46.70; Deacons Benevolent-\$20;	
Capital campaign-\$25; Freudige-\$10	\$125.41.00
Total giving April 21, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,872.41
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.

