

**The Uprising of Discipleship
First Mennonite Church
May 5, 2019**

Welcome Gerald Mast
Announcements
Prelude “Joyous Day” J. Leavitt
LuAnn Stuckey
Invocation
*Hymn “If you believe and I believe” STJ 32
(Sing twice)
*Responsive Reading Psalm 25:4-7, 9 (IB)
L: Show us your ways, O God! Teach us your paths!
**C: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the
God of our salvation.**
L: We wait all the day long for you. Remember your mercies,
your love— your ancient and unwavering love!
**C: Pardon the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways;
remember us because of your love, because of your
goodness.**
**ALL: You guide the humble in what is right, and teach
them your way.**
Special Music “God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall” Trad.
Cherub Choir; Ben Hartzler, ukulele
Conversation with Friends Carrie Mast
“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!” HWB 278
(Sing v. 1 for coming forward, v. 2 for returning)

Community Prayer Theda Good
Scripture John 21:1-19
Elizabeth Kelly and Kendra Gott
Sermon “Correcting Course, Community, & Children”
Carrie Mast
*Hymn “We will follow” STS 40
(Sing twice: v. 1 in English, v. 2 in Zulu or English”)
Presenting our tithes and offerings
Offertory “This Joyful Eastertide” setting by J. Leavitt
*Hymn “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” (v. 2) HWB 264
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn “Forth in thy name” HWB 415
*Benediction
Postlude “Rejoice, My Heart” setting by J. Blersch

**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:

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Amy Freeman

Nursery today, SS: Shelby Cluts, Mitch Kingsley

Worship: Kevin Cluts, Kathy Dickson, Patrick Estell

Nursery next week: Judy Buller, Carmen Ordonez

Worship: Jason Diller, Kendra Nickel, Ellie Nickel

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-233, MC-4
Volunteer hours last week	1,425
Spending plan giving April 28, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$4,733.25
Non-spending plan giving April 28, 2019 (includes e-giving): Kitchen-\$272.05	
Faith and Life-\$8; Paul Dyck memorial-\$606; Capital campaign-\$100;	
Deacons Benevolent-\$125; ISAF-\$150; Capital campaign-\$25;	\$125.41.00
Total giving April 28, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$5,989.30
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.

