

**Significant and Wonderful  
First Mennonite Church  
January 27, 2019**

Announcements Steve Harnish

Prelude "Toccata in G" B. Culli  
*LuAnn Stuckey*

Welcome and Invocation

\*Hymn "A mighty fortress is our God" HWB 165

\*Responsive Reading Psalm 40:1-5 (IB)

L: Unyielding, I called to you, Oh God, now at last you have stooped to me and answered my cry for help.

**C: You have pulled me out of the pit of destruction, out of its mud and quicksand; you set my feet on a rock and made my steps firm.**

L: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to you. Many will look on in wonder and so will put their trust in you.

**C: Happiness comes to those who put their trust in God, instead of in human egos or people blind to the truth!**

L: How many wonders you've worked for us, my God! How many plans you've made for us; you have no equal!

**ALL: I want to recount them again and again, but their number is too great.**

Special Music "Let All the Rivers Clap Their Hands"  
*Chancel Choir; Mark Schweizer, composer*

Conversation with friends Jeff Gundy  
"Let the children come to me" STS 47

*Vs. 1 for coming forward, vs. 3 for returning*

Community prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture John 2:1-12 Jacob Biesecker-Mast  
Mark 1:21-28 Gerald Mast

Sermon "Repurposing cleansing jars" Theda Good

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

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory "St. Petersburg" Bortniansky  
setting by Whitman

\*Hymn of Dedication "What gift can we bring" HWB 385  
(v. 4)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see" HWB 571

\*Benediction

Postlude "Ein Feste Burg" setting by C. Callahan

*\*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.*

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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:** Elysia Bush

**Sound:** Melissa Friesen

**Nursery today:** Wendy Chappell-Dick; Lori Nester

**Worship:** Betsi and Joe Werling; Sunita Hooley

**Nursery next week:** Judy Diller, Mary Ina Hooley

**Worship:** Kevin Cluts, Kendra and Ellie Nickel

**Greeter:** Ruth Early

**Chancel:** Amy Freeman

**Our stewardship:**

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-0, MC-11
Volunteer hours (Jan. 1-22)	255.50
Spending plan giving Jan. 20, 2019 (e-giving <b>only</b> )	\$2,105.00
Special fund giving Jan. 20, 2019 (e-giving <b>only</b> ): Freudige-\$10	
Mary Blosser memorial-\$200	\$210.00
Total giving Jan. 20, 2019 (e-giving <b>only</b> )	\$2,315.00
Total spending plan receipts as of November 30, 2018	\$324,996.31
Spending plan expenses as of November 30, 2018	\$359,425.17
2018 spending plan	\$427,441.00

*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.*

