

Epiphanytide
First Mennonite Church
February 16, 2020

Welcome Laurel Neufeld Weaver

Announcements

Prelude *Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise* William Billings
Chancel Choir

Invocation

*Hymn *Let justice flow like streams* STJ 65

*Responsive Reading HWB 703

L: Gracious God, hear our confession.

C: Our faith is uncertain, our forgiveness slow, our conviction weak, our compassion wavering.

L: We have exalted the proud and powerful, put down the weak, saturated the rich with good things,

C: neglected the poor, sent the hungry away empty-handed. We have helped ourselves.

L: Show us your mercy.

C: Help us to show mercy, through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Conversation with Friends Pat Sheidler
Come and be light for our eyes STJ 5
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 2 returning)

Community prayer

Wanda Stopher

Scripture

Mark 6:6-13

Grace Paquin

Sermon

The Power of 2

Cyneatha Milsaps

*Hymn

I bind my heart this tide

HWB 411

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. B. Culli

LuAnn Stuckey

*Hymn

Lord of all good

STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn

O day of peace

HWB 408

*Benediction

Postlude

LuAnn Stuckey

**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 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; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
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- Administrative Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@fmcbluffton.org
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., T-W-Th, weekends as needed

Greeter: Amy Freeman **Chancel:** Anita Lehman **Sound:** Chris Gott

Nursery today: Pat Sheidler and Carmen Ordonez

Worship today: Kevin Cluts, Andrea Goings, John Paul Yoder

Nursery next week: Judy Buller, Judy Diller

Worship next week: Kathy Dickson, Amy Freeman, Ana Neufeld
Weaver

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-168, MC-10
Volunteer hours	56
Total spending plan giving February 2020 to date	\$14,879
Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan	\$37,136

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.

