

Jesus the Teacher
First Mennonite Church
February 3, 2019

Announcements Chris Moser

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome and Invocation

*Hymn “New earth, heavens new” HWB 299

*Responsive Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

C: It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—

L: a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:

C: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

L: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;

ALL: I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Special Music “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”
Chancel Choir; Monica Harnish, violin; Lloyd Larson, composer

Conversation with friends Don and Sunita Hooley
“Halle, halle, hallelujah!” STJ 17
(once going forward, once returning)

Community prayer Adam Phillips

Scripture Proverbs 3:1-26 Beth Raeburn
Mark 4:1-34 Kaleigh Coffman
Theo Andreas, John-Paul Yoder, Kendra Gott

Sermon “What Jesus Taught” Rev. Karol Farris

*Hymn “Seed, scattered and sown” HWB 454

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory N Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn of Dedication “Lord of all good” STJ 60

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “You are salt for the earth” HWB 226

*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.

Pulpit exchange today

We welcome Rev. Karol Farris of Bluffton Presbyterian Church, our preacher today as part of the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association’s annual pulpit exchange in recognition of ecumenical ministry.

Pastor Wanda Stopher is preaching at Bluffton Presbyterian Church today.

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Church Staff

- Pastor Wanda Stopher -- Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
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- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
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- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

Host: Victoria Woods-Yee

Greeter: Amy Freeman

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Chancel: Amy Freeman

Nursery today: Judy Diller, Mary Ina Hooley

Worship: Kevin Cluts, Kendra and Ellie Nickel

Nursery next week: Melinda, Patrick and Rebecca Estell

Worship: Kathy Dickson, Annette Heslep, Ben Hartzler, Theo Andreas

Our stewardship:

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-191, MC-9
Spending plan giving Jan. 27, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$11,462.00
Special fund giving Jan. 27, 2019 (includes e-giving): Kitchen-\$227.92	
Faith and Life-\$13; Deacons-\$100; MCC-\$1000; MDS-\$1,000; Camp F-\$110	
Memorials-\$595; Casket-\$450; Flooring-\$25; Syrian student-\$1,000	\$4,520.92
Total giving Jan. 27, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$15,982.92
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.