

First Mennonite Church

Middlebury, Indiana

February 5, 2012 9:00 a.m. Worship

Spiritual Gifts: The Church's Operating System

2 Kings: 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

Hymns of Gathering and Praise:

What is This Place (H #1)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (H #145)

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord (#67)

Happenings at First

Praising Jesus' Name

With Our Tithes and Offerings

Hearing the Word

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon: "Dealing Direct"

Receiving God's Grace

Response: Hymnal # 696

Response Song: Jesus, Help us Live in Peace (SJ #52)

Dismissal of Bible Memory Participants

Sharing Time and Prayer

Sent in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Benediction

Sending Song: Help Us to Help Each Other (H#362)

Assisting In Worship

Worship Leader: Dean Miller

Song Leader: Paul Yoder

Musicians: Cindy Lederman, Randy Bontrager, Maribeth Rhodes
Quartet: Delbert Yoder, Paul Yoder, Dean Miller, DeRoy Kauffman

Scripture: Aldine Wyse

Children's Time: Sonya Miller

Sermon: Gary Martin

Sharing Time: Maribeth Rhodes

Visuals: Cheryl Miller, Sharon Wyse, and Erika Riegsecker

Sound: Phil Miller, Danny Ritchie, and Bert Yoder

Computer: Kelly Kurtz and Linda Young



Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to all of you who are visiting us today!

Coffee and tea are served in the kitchen following worship. Sunday school is offered for adults in our fellowship hall and sanctuary; for all youth and children in the basement. Nursery care is available during our worship service and Sunday school hour. Children's bulletins are also available on the ledge just outside the sanctuary. May you have a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

Nursery Helpers

Today: Church – Kevin and Jenny Miller
Sunday School – Steve and Shelley Bontrager

Next Sunday: Church – Dave and Shari Graber
Sunday School – Ron and Kris Rheinheimer

Stewardship Report for January 29

Attendance: 162 Sunday School: 154
Offering: \$4366.00 ~ Designated: \$995.00 ~ Total: \$5361.00

This Week At First Mennonite

Today	10:20 p.m.	Conflict Transformation Sem. Part 2
Monday	5:00 p.m.	POPS Board Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Conflict Transformation Part 3
Wednesday	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts: Open Circle, Friendship, Mosaic
	6:30-9:00 p.m.	JYF and MYF to Ted and Co.
	6:45 p.m.	Children's Time in Basement
	6:45-7:45 p.m.	Conflict Transformation Part 3
Thursday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast - Essenhaus
	All Day	FMW - Devotions by Aldine Wyse Bring scripture with GOLD in it!
	6:00 p.m.	Passion/Spiritual Gifts Repeat
Next Sunday	10:20 a.m.	Conflict Transformation Part 3

Elders: Dean R. Miller
Maribeth Rhodes
Merle Mullet
Chris Blough
Ron Rheinheimer



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Transforming Conflict the Jesus Way

DANGER

OPPORTUNITY

And when two or three of you are together because of me, you
can be sure that I'll be there.

—Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 18:20 (The Message)

Sermon Notes

The Jesus way to deal with conflict Matthew 18:15-20.

Conflict happens. Deal with it!

***If your brother or sister sins against you,
go and show him (or her) his (or her) fault.***

What does “sins against” mean? Did it hurt enough that I’m going to

- tell someone else about it in the future?
- be reminded of it whenever I see or think of that person?

Use “I” statements:

I feel _____ (a feeling!)
when you _____ (the behavior that hurt)
because _____ (what that behavior does to you.)

***If she listens to you...
you have won your sister over.***

***If he will not listen...
take one or two others along
If he refuses to listen to them,
tell it to the church;
and if he refuses to listen
even to the church,
treat him as you would a
pagan or a tax collector.***

Who is “the church”?

Jesus is present when we gather to resolve conflicts! vv. 18-20

Why is Jesus’ way the best?

- prevents gossip
- keeps the conflict from escalating
- perhaps... *you* misunderstood
- perhaps... the other is unaware they hurt you
- reduces sin in the faith community

How do we carry out Matthew 18?

- listen carefully
- speak the truth in love.
- within covenant relationships of the faith community (1 Pt 3:8)

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