

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 9-15-2019

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817
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- 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; theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, fmc@fmcbluffton.org
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Worship, Brent Schroeder preaching
1:30 p.m. SHY, making care packages
5:30 p.m. FMC learning circle

Sept. 16-21

- Monday (Sept. 16) GTF, 5:30 p.m. parlor
Tuesday (Sept. 17) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Et Cetera board, 7 p.m., AR
Wednesday (Sept. 18) Cherubs, Adult bells, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel choir, youth bells, 7 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 19) Deadline to submit bulletin info, 9 a.m.
Deacons, 7 p.m., parlor
Friday (Sept. 20) Deadline for October Menno-Life
Sunday (Sept. 15) Youth choir, 8:30 a.m.
SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

- Sept. 17 – Mary Edmiston
Sept. 17 – Jane Steinmetz
Sept. 18 – Beth Boehr
Sept. 19 – Sam Diller
Sept. 19 – Lucas Harnish
Sept. 22 – Leah Niekamp

Due to some recent changes in the church e-mail system, you may not be receiving the usual e-mailed weekly announcements and/or periodic midweek announcements. Please be patient as we continue to seek a solution. In the meantime, you will find the Sunday announcements and bulletin posted on the church website under the tab "Media" by early Friday afternoon.

Pastor Wanda is out of town and will return on Tuesday, Sept. 17. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Theda.

Come celebrate our students in preschool through university at the 5th Sunday Potluck on Sunday, Sept. 29, immediately after worship. Each student will be recognized along with their parents as the new school begins. Our university students will be our guests so bring an extra dish to share, and your own table service.

Care package time for SHY

What: SHY

When: Today at 1:30 p.m.

Where: SHY room

Why: Care packages for Seth Andreas, Andrew Raeburn, and Isaac Strahan; planning for the upcoming year; and rehearsing for convention reporting

How much: Bring fun stuff x 3 for the care packages

MORE NEW INFORMATION

Save the dates:

- Mentor-mentee activity is planned for Sunday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Pastors Wanda and Theda will present about their recent trips to the US/Mexico border on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The service group of MHCO will hold a bake sale during the fall festival Sept. 27-28 at the Mennonite Memorial Home. The sale of baked goods such as cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads will be held in the lobby from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or until supplies last. If you are able to donate home-baked goods, please deliver them to the MMH by 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

FMC and MDS: On August 31, Mitch Kingsley traveled to Pine Ridge, SD, where he is serving as project director for four weeks. During August, volunteers from West Liberty Mennonite churches, Grace Mennonite, and First Mennonite (Dennis Sheidler) have completed a dry wall and flooring replacement project in Lakeview from the May and June flooding in Logan County. Planning for the long-term recovery in Dayton following the Memorial Day tornados is ongoing. ~ *Lawrence Matthews*

IN YOUR MAILBOXES

- List of the Revised Common Lectionary texts for worship from Advent 2019 through the end of 2020.

REMINDERS

Adult nursery workers are needed. If you are willing to help support the youngest members of our church family by engaging in some holy play during worship, please contact Julie Mackey at mackeyjm@embarqmail.com.

First Mennonite Church will be purchasing the new hymnal, *Voices Together*. This new worship and song collection for the Mennonite Church will arrive in the fall of 2020. If you wish to purchase your own hymnal for use at home, you can save some time and postage by signing up for a hymnal on the table outside the church office. The cost is \$24. Please sign up by September 29.

Save the date: Sunday, Sept. 29 for a 5th Sunday potluck celebrating the new school year. This meal will celebrate students in preschool through university.

OUR CONNECTIONS

Habitat Lima: The home being built in Elida is fully enclosed and starting to see inside work being completed. The plan is to dedicate the house in early November. Now needed are regular volunteers/volunteer groups at the ReStore, funds for the current build, meals for construction or ReStore volunteers, affiliate sustaining/ongoing donations of \$10 a month. To help or donate, call 419-222-4937, sign up at www.habitatlima.org, or e-mail habitatlima@habitatlima.org

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

Sept. 17: "The Policy of Stop-and-Frisk and its Impact on American Civil Liberties and the Right to Privacy," Forum, Judges Sean E. Leuthold '88 and Shane M. Leuthold '92, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Sept. 19: Ball in the House, 7 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall, tickets required.

Sept. 21: Fall nature walk for preschoolers and kindergartners, (families welcome), Moyer Nature Center and Nature Preserve, Amy Norris, naturalist and program coordinator, 11 a.m.-noon, rain date Oct. 5

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

Women's Retreat: September 20-22, Bridging Barriers: Following the Spirit; Presenter: Shannon Dycus, pastor and author; cost: adults over \$160, 25 & under: \$50; more information available at <https://friedenswald.org/>.

Men's Retreat: October 18-20; Presenter: Benjamin J. Tapper, Chaplain and co-founder of Hear Me Project; cost: adults over 25: \$160, 25 and under: \$50; more information available at <https://friedenswald.org/>.