

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 2-10-2019

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 (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

Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019

9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time
10:30 a.m. Worship, Doug Luginbill preaching
Noon Freudige/Sojourners potlucks
Afternoon SHYF meal prep
4-7 p.m. Whole congregation mtg., Mapping the New Path, supper available (donations to SHYF welcome)

Feb. 11-16, 2019

Monday (Feb. 11) Safe Church policy meeting, parlor, 6:30 p.m., parlor Mennonite Women, 7 p.m., FH

Tuesday (Feb. 12) Et Cetera Board, 7 p.m., AR Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor Trustees, 7 p.m., parlor Financial Peace U, 7 p.m., FH

Wednesday (Feb. 13) Adult bells, Cherubs, 6 p.m. Jubilate, 6:30 p.m. Chancel, youth bells, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 14) Nurture, 7 p.m.

Sunday (Feb. 17) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m. Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m. SHYF, 1:30 p.m. Learning circle, supper provided, 5:30 p.m., FH Learning circle, Maple Crest, 6:30 p.m. Mentor/mentee event, FH, 7 p.m.

Mennonite Women discuss worship, sabbatical and rest

Mennonite Women will meet Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Wanda Stopher will lead devotions from the chapter on worship, with a focus on sabbatical and rest.

The evening will include some discussion and activity by the group as we talk about how we incorporate these concepts in our everyday lives. Joyce Hostetler and Monica Harnish will provide refreshments.

Mentor-Mentee pairs to play “Truth-or-Dare: Mentor-Style”

Who: Mentor-Mentee pairs

What: Snack Potluck and “Truth-or-Dare: Mentor-Style”

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, February 17 @ 7 p.m.

Why: Share and enjoy snacks, build relationships with your mentor/mentee, as well as learn about other mentor-mentee pairs through a fun game of truth-or-dare.

How: Each mentor-mentee pair will bring a snack to share with everyone who attends. Throughout the night, we will all take turns picking “truths” or “dares.” Truth prompts may invite you to share more about yourself, while dare prompts are sure to challenge you to step out of your comfort zone.

Thank you for the cards, visits, food, and other acts of kindness for us and our son, Dave, after the passing of his wife, Connie. We are so grateful for the loving support of our church family. ~ *Gene and Dottie Long*

REMINDERS



Please plan to participate in *Mapping* ways we live into the 5 Priorities today from 4-7 p.m. Copies of the 5 Priorities are printed on light green paper and in the literature racks in the fellowship hall. There will be opportunities to participate if you want to. The youth will provide refreshments and a light supper; donations welcomed!

Childcare will be provided; if you need childcare, please contact Elizabeth Kelly at ekelly.2018@gmail.com for headcount and age appropriate programming.

Regional Gathering: You're invited to attend the Central District Conference Regional Gathering from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, here at First Mennonite. The event will include updates about CDC and provide opportunities to get acquainted. We will provide lunch and child care will be available for all ages. Contact Carrie Mast at masc@bluffton.edu or 419.230.1568 to sign up children to ensure we have age appropriate activities for all who attend.

*There is also a regional gathering March 23 at CDC South, hosted by Berea Mennonite Church, 1088 Bouldercrest Dr. SE, Atlanta, GA.

Hygiene and relief kit drive: We are collecting hygiene/relief kits for the next few months. Lists for both kits are posted at the collection area near the church library. Please limit your generosity to the items listed.

Hygiene kit contents:

(NEW items in original packaging)

1 adult-size toothbrush (in packaging)

1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)

1 nail clipper (good quality)

1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors. approx. 16 in x 26 in)

1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in)

Relief Kits - These kits are larger and more expensive to collect, but are also needed. They would be a good project for Sunday school classes or small groups. Relief kit lists are also on the bulletin board. Pack all items into a box, label it "Relief Kit", and place it near the kit collection area. We will get it to MCC where the items will be placed into a new 5 gallon plastic pail with a lid. We have many bags for kits, but if you wish to sew bags, there are directions in the kit collection area. Some precut bags and cords are also there. We also accept donated fabric.

Locations of weekly announcements: Copies of weekly announcements may be found (1) in the fellowship hall with the guest book, (2) with the bulletins near the balcony entrance, and (3) at the Church St. entrance. We encourage feedback, so write down your suggestions, sign and date, and place in an offering plate or one of our mailboxes.

Our connections

Bluffton University

Feb. 10 "We're All a Little Crazy: The Global Mental Health Movement," 6 p.m., Founders Hall

Feb. 12 "Living with Fear" C. Henry Peace Lecture, Merrill Krabill, Goshen College art department chair, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Feb. 12 "Lily's Wings," Forum, Bowling Green High School Drama Club, 7 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Feb. 14 "Love is in the Air," concert and hors d'oeuvres, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., Yoder, tickets required

Bluffton University will host "Voices of Conscience" Feb. 17-March 31, in Musselman Library. The exhibit focuses on the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War and immerses visitors in the historical experience of witnessing for peace. The exhibit also suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in our world today. The exhibit was developed by the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, KS. Also included is an exhibit, "Of Bronze and Bravery: Local Voices of Conscience," featuring works by John P. Klassen and illustrating the Bluffton College experience in the war. Library hours are 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. M-Th, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, and 4-10 p.m. Sunday.