

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## Weekly Announcements 3-24-2019

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
419-358-5766 | [fmcbluffton.org](http://fmcbluffton.org) | Office open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

- Pastor Wanda Stopher -- Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079 (cell); [fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu)
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); [fmc.theda@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc.theda@bluffton.edu)
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu)
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- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

### Calendar

#### Sunday, March 24, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. SHY, Blau Rock prep  
5:30 p.m. Learning circle, FH

#### March 25-30, 2019

- Tuesday (Mar 26) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.  
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor  
Financial Peace U, 6:30 p.m.  
MPS, 7 p.m., parlor
- Wednesday (Mar 27) Adult bells, Cherubs, 6 p.m.  
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel, youth bells, 7 p.m.
- Thursday (Mar 28) Pastor at MC, 2:30 p.m.  
Council, 7 p.m.
- Saturday (Mar 30) SHY Blau Rock Café, silent auction, 3-7 p.m., FH
- Sunday (Mar 31) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.  
Worship, Jeff Boehr preaching, 10:30 a.m.  
College Church potluck, noon  
Mentors/mentees, nature walk, 2-4 p.m.  
Learning circle, 5:30 p.m., FH

### Join conversation on local justice issue

Join our first **Community Café** conversation on Sunday, April 14 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll explore a local issue of justice, a small sales tax on the May 7 ballot that will support Allen County Regional Transit Authority. Even more, this conversation will invite open conversation about big picture issues for us as Anabaptists around the intersections and boundaries between church, politics, and justice. Childcare will be available; contact Carrie Mast to arrange. See Perry Bush, Mitch Kingsley, or Pastor Wanda with questions.

### Happy birthday!!

- March 24 Jim Dillman  
March 25 Anna Biesecker-Mast  
March 27 Tad Steiner  
March 28 Linda Suter  
March 31 Paula Luginbill

### Blau Rock Café schedule evolving

*(See café details, page 2; note that this performance schedule is subject to change)*

#### 3 p.m.

Long set: Jeff Yoder, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Lucas Harnish  
Jeff & Beth Boehr  
Reader: Ruth Naylor  
Bruce Steingass  
Hannah Yost

#### 4 p.m.

Long set: Neufeld Weavers, Ana, Grace, Sophia  
Reader: Lisa Weaver  
4 Peas in Pod  
Brett Prothro  
Brass Trio

#### 5 p.m.

Long set: Dulcimer group  
Reader: Victoria Woods-Yee  
Ellie Bergstrand  
Skit by Jacob Biesecker-Mast and Patrick Estell  
Gretchen and Bradley Bergstrand

#### 6 p.m.

Long set: Mali and Greta Chappell-Lakin  
Reader: Joanne Niswander  
Theo Andreas and Ben Hartzler  
Jacob Biesecker-Mast, piano

**New to the literature rack:** The Central District Reporter's March issue features our Mennonite Women's musical revue, led by Wendy Chappell-Dick and Joanne Niswander.

**No plastic needed right now:** FMC's kitchen is sufficiently stocked with plastic containers so please hold your donations until you hear otherwise or recycle your containers. Thank you!

## **REMINDERS**

**Blau Rock Café March 30:** The senior high youth will hold a Blau Rock Café on Saturday, March 30, from 3-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Guests may come and go as schedules allow. The café is a coffeehouse event featuring a variety of musical performances, poetry readings, skits, jokes and more. This event is open to the community so please bring friends.

There are three tiers of admission:

- Tier one: \$130 for table of six or \$25/ticket for one hour of entertainment; includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a dedicated server
- Tier two: \$50/table or \$10/ticket for one hour of entertainment; light hors d'oeuvres, and youth servers, as available
- Tier three: Free; popcorn and a chair, no table

Additional refreshments will be available a la carte and upgrades in seating are available. Seatings for tiers one and two begin at the top of every hour. Tiers one and two must specify the hour they wish to attend. For more info or to reserve a table, contact Carrie Mast at [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu) or 419.358.5766.

**The senior high youth silent auction** begins today and will conclude at the end of the Blau Rock Café on March 30. Items are on tables in the fellowship hall; additional items will be added throughout the week. You may begin adding your bids today. The auction features a pew from the early years at FMC, a comforter by Wanda Stopher, board game partner, and youth services. New this year: a children's table just for young bidders!

**Plan to attend the congregational potluck** on Sunday, March 31 following the worship service. Bring food to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. The potluck is in lieu of Church/ College Sunday and is sponsored by the Church/College Relations committee: *Louise Matthews, chair, Jacob Litwiller, Mona Reichenbach, Theda Good*

**The second GTF all-church event, Making the Path**, will be held Sunday, April 7, from 4-7 p.m. We will use information from Mapping the Path to guide our discussion.

**Spring comforter-knotting days** are approaching and Mennonite Women invites all to participate. Please flag April 8 and 9 on your calendars for frame-loading, knotting, and fellowship! Details will follow soon.

## **Bluffton University**

**Through March 31** "Voices of Conscience" exhibit, Musselman Library

**March 24** "The John P. Klassen Legacy: Images and Stories of Peace," John P. Klassen, grandson of John P. Klassen, Kreider Room, 4 p.m.

**March 26** Keeney Peace Lecture, "Changing the World One life at a Time: The M.J. Sharp Story" John Sharp, Yoder Recital Hall, 11 a.m.

**March 26** "The Light Still Shines Bright Off the Field: Success in Leadership and Life," Forum, C. Andrew Nowlin '91, 11 a.m., Centennial Hall, Stutzman Lecture Hall

**March 29** Colloquium, "Cuba - Cuban, Caribbean or Latin?" by Emily Buckell, Stutzman Lecture Hall, Centennial Hall, 4 p.m.

**March 29** "We Are the World!" Global Festival, Bob's Place, Marbeck Center, cultural displays at 8 p.m., variety show at 9 p.m.