

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## Weekly Announcements 6-2-2019

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
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- Pastor Wanda Stopher – On sabbatical through July 31, 2019
- Pastor Theda Good – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); [theda@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:theda@fmcbluffton.org)
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu)
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); [sudermanme@bluffton.edu](mailto:sudermanme@bluffton.edu)
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 2, 2019

9:15 a.m.	Summer Sunday school begins
9:15 a.m.	Coffee time
10:30 a.m.	Worship, Theda Good preaching
Noon	Connections potluck
5:30 p.m.	FMC Learning circle
6:30 p.m.	MC Learning circle

#### June 3-8, 2019

Tuesday (June 4)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Sunday (June 9)	SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m. Worship, communion, Gerald Mast preaching, 10:30 a.m. Freudige/Sojourners potlucks Andrew Raeburn's graduation party, 2-4 p.m., home of Pete and Kim Suter FMC Learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

Kaye Phillips – June 8

### Sunday school updates

**Summer SS begins today:** Options range from coffee time in the fellowship hall to the Adult Bible Study group in the assembly room, to senior high & junior high youth in their usual rooms, to children 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the ViP room for Veggie Tales videos! Check out the full summer SS schedule for more details. Schedules are available outside the church office.

**A new Sunday school option** focusing on the subject of white privilege and racism will begin on Sunday, June 9. The format will include presentation of content and discussion. All are welcome to attend the class, which will meet in room 303.

### We will observe communion Sunday, June 9.

*Invitation to Communion:* Welcome to the table of Jesus our Redeemer! Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may. Come not to testify that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples. Come not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin, you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help.

### Church picnic June 30

The annual church picnic will be held in early summer this year, at noon on Sunday, June 30, at the Bluffton Village Park. Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share, as well as table service for your family. Water will be provided. Games for children of all ages will include a water balloon toss and a pudding eating contest. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

~ Nurture Commission

**Pastor Theda will represent FMC** at the June 9 ordination of Mark Rupp at Columbus Mennonite Church. All are invited to sign the card for Mark in the fellowship hall.

**Andrew, Beth and Ray Raeburn invite everyone** to celebrate Andrew's graduation at a party Sunday, June 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Kim and Pete Suter, 17623 Road 4, Pandora.

**Note date change:** The final session of the learning circle that has been preparing for MennoCon '19 using MCUSA's curriculum, Journey Forward: Pathways, will meet during the SS hour June 16 in the senior high youth room. The curriculum is free to download at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/pathways-study-guide/>.

**MCC Kits – Thank you to all who contributed** to our relief kit and hygiene kit drive. Our numbers for kits, money, and supplies collected equal: Hygiene kits - 89; Relief Kits - 4; School Kits - 39. (The school kits were turned in after we had boxed up the school kit drive in the fall.) The hygiene and relief kit numbers this year were down from previous years. We will start collecting school kits when Back to School sales begin in July.

**Miriam Rumsey, a member of FMC** and former resident of Maple Crest, died May 25 in Oklahoma. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 8, at noon at Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum in Lima. Additional information is at <https://www.chiles-lamanfh.com/obituaries/d-miriam-rumsey/4335/>.

## **REMINDERS**

**VBS help wanted:** Walkers needed to accompany groups of children from station to station. No preparation necessary. No long term commitment. Volunteer as it suits your schedule -- 1 night or more. Hours from 5:45-8 p.m. July 21-25. Contact Carrie Mast if you are able to help at [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu) or 419.230.1568.

**We offer 50% camperships** to FMC children who attend summer camp at Camp Friedenswald. *Please pay Camp in full, then submit a copy of your receipt(s) to the church office and you will receive a check for half the total cost of camp.* Rates are \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders attending primary camp and \$300 per camper for all other camps. \*If you are aware of a camper in need of additional assistance, please notify the church office.

**Summer musicians are still needed this summer.** Opportunities include leading the singing for opening songs, playing piano or organ, and providing special music vocally or instrumentally. Please contact Mark Suderman at 419.230.5368 or [sudermanme@bluffton.edu](mailto:sudermanme@bluffton.edu).

**All are invited to enjoy backyard fun at the Schumacher's**, 161 Riley St., at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Bring friends and lawn chairs. Create a sculpture, paint a rock creature, build a birdfeeder, explore a tunnel, hear Joyce Schumacher tell some stories, have a fireside conversation, and snack on a float. Note: JP needs empty paper towel cardboard rolls for Music in the Yard, scheduled for August 8.

## **OUR CONNECTIONS**

**Officials of MDS Western Ohio Unit** have been in contact with emergency managers in Logan County and Auglaize County in response to the heavy rain in the region and work is ongoing. They are waiting on confirmation from Auglaize County about providing assistance there, and have contacted Huber Mennonite Church in New Carlisle about needs related to the Memorial Day tornadoes. At this time MDS is not seeking additional volunteers or donations (money or materials). However, MDS likely will be involved in several of these areas so if/when needs become known, updates will be provided. ~

*Lawrence Matthews*

**Habitat for Humanity Lima** will break ground in June for a new home at 207 W. North St., Elida. The new partner family who will be moving into this home is already volunteering at the ReStore as part of their sweat equity agreement. **Needed:** construction volunteers during the summer, especially on Saturdays; funds for the build - every \$62 buys a square foot of the house; and meals for either construction or ReStore volunteers. To help, contact Habitat at 419.222.4937 or email [habitatlima@habitatlima.org](mailto:habitatlima@habitatlima.org).