

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## *Weekly Announcements 6-30-2019*

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 – 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)
- 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 30, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time  
9:15 a.m. Journey Forward circle, SH classroom  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Kathy Dickson preaching  
12:30 p.m. Church picnic, Bluffton Village Park  
5:30 p.m. FMC Learning circle

#### June 24-30, 2019

- Tuesday (July 2) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.  
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor  
**Thursday (July 4) Office closed**  
Sunday (July 7) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.  
Worship, Rich Bucher preaching, 10:30 a.m.  
Connections potluck, noon  
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.  
MC learning circle, 6:30 p.m.

### **Games, ice cream July 11 at Schumacher's**

You're all invited to Games of Yesterday Thursday, July 11, at JP and Tim Schumacher's, 161 Riley St. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Games will include Hunker Hauser, freeze tag, and Mother may I? Those who don't want to play the games may sit by the campfire and chat or listen to storytelling by Joyce Schumacher. There will also be an opportunity to help crank the ice cream freezer (and eat the ice cream.) Bring lawn chairs.

### **Happy birthday!!**

- July 1 – Monica Harnish  
July 2 – Lois Wetherill  
July 3 – Jim Lehman  
July 3 – Brent Schroeder  
July 3 – Isaac Andreas

### **Happy 100<sup>th</sup>!**

Geneva Shetler will be 100 years old on Monday, July 8. Geneva's address is Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton.

### **The First Mennonite Church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.**

**Pastor Theda** will be at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City July 1-7 and will have limited access for contact. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact Gloria Hernandez Bucher at 419 429 2621.

**Kari Diller and Kennedy Longworth** attended primary camp at Camp Friedenswald last week.

## MORE NEW INFORMATION!

A summary of actions taken at the 2019 Central District Conference annual meeting may be found at <https://mcsacdc.org/annual-meeting-2019/>. Audio files are at <https://www.milwaukee mennonite.org/meetings/>. The 2019 Report Book is available in pdf form. You may download it at <https://mcsacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-CDC-Report-Book.pdf>.



**Adults and youth from First Mennonite** attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention July 1-6 in Kansas City, MO, include the following. Several adults will lead seminars during the week.

### **Youth:**

Jacob Biesecker-Mast  
Patrick Estell  
Sophia Gott  
Ana Neufeld Weaver  
Ellie Nickel  
Grace Paquin  
Jacob Suter

### **Youth Sponsors:**

Walt Paquin  
Carrie Mast

### **FMC delegates:**

Theda Good  
Gerald Mast (*seminar on The Fire in our Words: Blessing and Cursing in a Culture of Violence*)  
Amber Shelly  
Rhonda Winstead

### **CDC delegate:**

Doug Luginbill

### **Others:**

Lawrence and Louise Matthews (*Louise, daily programs for pre-K-5th graders during children's convention*)  
Melissa Friesen (*leading youth seminar, "Dramatic Transformation: Using Theatre Techniques to Challenge Injustice"*)  
Brent Schroeder (*representing Bluffton University*)  
Phil Blount  
Seth Andreas  
Jim and Karen Klassen Harder  
George and Anita Lehman

## REMINDERS

**Church picnic is today!!!**

**The annual church picnic will be held at noon today at the Bluffton Village Park. Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share, as well as table service. Water will be provided. Games will include a water balloon toss and a pudding eating contest.**

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**Take time to study the chancel art**, which is a visual response to the theme of worship in *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren. It began with Pentecost on June 9 and runs through August 25 and focuses on being "alive in the Spirit of God."

**Empty toilet paper tubes are needed for VBS**, July 21-25. Please place them in the white tub by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

## OUR CONNECTIONS

**Make plans to join MCC for The Great Winter Warm-up!** Mennonite Central Committee will kick off their centennial celebration year by holding a comforter knotting event in Kidron January 17-18. People of all ages are invited to Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron, to people across the U.S., Canada and Europe who will be knotting comforters at events during The Great Winter Warm-up. There is a need of comforter tops and backs (size 60"x80") for the event. For more information, visit [mcc.org/gww-kidron](http://mcc.org/gww-kidron). Or see [greatwinterwarmup.org](http://greatwinterwarmup.org) for information about hosting an event or knotting a comforter in your home. For more information contact Sarah Geiser at 330-201-4515 or [SarahGeiser@mcc.org](mailto:SarahGeiser@mcc.org).