

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Weekly Announcements 6-7-2020

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817
419-358-5766 | fmcbluffton.org | Staff working from home

- 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, 419-230-1568, mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, fmc@fmcbluffton.org, 419-358-5766

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Taste and See SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/342273765>

Sojourners SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>

Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193585766>,

contact Carrie Mast for password

June 8-13

Tuesday (June 9) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/93803392337>

Staff meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Thursday (June 11) Bulletin deadline, 9 a.m.

Chuck Hilty memorial service, Zoom, 3:30 p.m.,

([see link on page 2](#))

First VBS drive-thru, 6-7 p.m., FMC Jackson St. entrance

Nurture, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Sojourners SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.

Taste and See, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Theda Good preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral/congregational review session, Zoom, 2 p.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.

Happy birthday

June 8 – Kaye Phillips

June 11 – Carlin Carpenter

June 12 – Marie Dyck

Wanda Stopher

June 13 – Joan Dailey

Judy Diller

Dennis Sheidler

June 14 – Anne Buller

Jenny Moser

The Taste and See SS class will practice centering prayer throughout June. Anyone curious about centering prayer is welcome to join, whether or not they've joined before.

All are invited to participate in a pastoral/congregational review process for Pastor Theda, whose initial three-year term ends in early 2021. Participants may participate in one of the sessions listed below. Staff Relations will also interview some Sunday school classes, so you may have separate opportunities depending on which class you are in.

All meetings will take place via Zoom. Signed written responses may also be placed in the drop box by the church mailboxes or emailed to Annette Heslep (heslep@roadrunner.com) or Brent Schroeder (brentschroeder@gmail.com).

To prepare for your participation in this process, please read and reflect on the 5 Priorities and Questions for Focus Groups and the job description for the Pastor of Connections, which were emailed to the congregation on May 29. Copies are also available on the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

- All-congregation session 1 - Sunday (6/14) at 2 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/95710461595>
- All-congregation session 2 - Wednesday (6/17) at 7 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/95659497461>

Bluffton Community VBS 2020 becomes virtual reality

Theme: Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus

How: Combination of short videos, bingo cards + prizes, and drive-thru pick-ups of craft kits, game supplies, and snack shopping lists

When: Drive-thru on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m., June 11 – July 9 at Jackson St. entrance; videos released weekly

Registration: None required

Offering Project: All Ability Playgrounds of Allen County

Scripture: Mark 12:28-31

Pastoral concerns

Join us for a Celebration of Life Service for Chuck Hilty via Zoom, on Thursday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m.

Click on this link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/93163329134?pwd=NTNEL0luZXFDdUMyNTRxdnJEYURrQT09>

If you prefer, you may connect by phone at 1-646-558-8656. Contributions in Chuck's memory may be made to Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., or to Bluffton University for the Carole K. Hilty Scholarship Fund.

Mary Yoder fell, broke her hip and had a partial hip replacement at St. Rita's. She is recovering and getting physical therapy at Hilty Home in Pandora. Our prayers and concerns for her well-being are appreciated.

Reminders

Governance Task Force will host an information and discussion meeting Wednesday, June 10, at 3 p.m. about the proposed changes to the church constitution that will be decided at a congregational meeting later this month. To join the meeting via Zoom, Click on this link <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208> OR call by phone number, 1-646-876-9923. For those unable to attend the June 10 meeting, another session will be held on June 24 at 7 p.m.

Do you have a favorite Psalm? During our Summer Psalm series you're invited to share a testimony or story about your favorite Psalm and why it's meaningful to you. Contact Pastor Wanda to make your offering. If you'd like to read the Psalms, this link provides a reading schedule to even out the reading a bit, as some Psalms are longer than others: <https://bibleplan.org/plans/psalms-in-a-month/>

The CDC 2020 Annual Meeting will be held June 27 from 9 a.m.-noon ET in a virtual format. More information and a schedule are available at <https://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting-2020/>.

Our connections

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is thankful for the generous volunteer support from area churches and community members in sewing gowns. More than 30 persons responded to the request for help to sew 100+ gowns. MHCO has received 84 completed gowns and more are expected. These washable gowns allow MHCO to reduce the need for disposable PPE. Thank you for your support of MHCO and the many volunteers who are making this community sewing project a success. ~ MHCO

Habitat for Humanity – Lima Area's ReStore has re-opened with limited hours through June: Thursday & Friday 10-3 and Saturday 10-2. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off during store hours. You may also request the ReStore truck to pick up larger items at your home. Habitat is taking the safety of customers, volunteers, and employees seriously by following all state protocols, so asks that all volunteers in the high-risk category for COVID-19 abstain from working at this time. As well, the Lima area affiliate encourages donations for their next build in Delphos, which is still planned. To volunteer or donate: call 419-222-4937, go to www.habitatlima.org, or email habitatlima@habitatlima.org.