

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 6-9-2019

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
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

Calendar

Sunday, June 9, 2019

9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday school begins
9:15 a.m. Coffee time
10:30 a.m. Worship, Gerald Mast preaching, communion
Noon Freudige/Sojourners potlucks
5:30 p.m. FMC Learning circle

June 10-15, 2019

Tuesday (June 11) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Trustees, 7 p.m., parlor
Wednesday (June 12) Pastor's visit with MMH residents, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday (June 13) Nurture, 7 p.m., parlor
Sunday (June 16) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Journey Forward circle, 9:15 a.m., SH classroom
Worship, Ray Person preaching, 10:30 a.m.
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.
MC learning circle, 6:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

Carlin Carpenter – June 11
Marie Yoder Dyck – June 12
Eileen Kehler – June 12
Wanda Stopher – June 12
Joan Dailey – June 13
Judy Diller – June 13
Dennis Sheidler – June 13
Anne Buller – June 14
Jenny Moser – June 14
Ellie Nickel – June 14



Wanda Stopher's birthday is Wednesday, June 12. You may place a drawing, note or card in her summer mailbox in the fellowship hall.

Communion and Almsgiving: As part of our receiving this meal together, we at FMC include the giving of alms. We do this by giving to the Deacons' Benevolent Fund. Almsgiving is a way of demonstrating how our life together is energized by the life and ministry of Jesus when he healed the sick, fed the hungry and brought relief to the poor. We seek to live faithfully by using our Benevolent Fund to assist those who have a need within the church and in the community. Baskets are available at the doors.

Elizabeth Nisly, daughter of Lamar and Deborah, will spend the summer in Agua Prieta, in the Mexican state of Sonora, as part of an internship with Frontera de Cristo. Frontera de Cristo is a border ministry of the Presbyterian church working to assist migrants at the U.S. border between Agua Prieta and its sister city, Douglas, AZ. The organization has also worked in collaboration with MCC during its Borderlands Learning Tours. Elizabeth will plan and lead programming for children of asylum seekers waiting at the U.S. border. In the fall, she will begin her senior year as a Spanish and Writing double major with a minor in TESOL at Eastern Mennonite University.

Pastor Theda is representing FMC today at Mark Rupp's ordination service at Columbus Mennonite Church.

Sonja Andreas, daughter of Lois Jean and sister of Jonathan Andreas died June 1 after suffering from leiomyosarcoma for the past 3 years. Your thoughtful and kind responses to the family are appreciated.

The 2019 report book for the June 20-22 CDC annual meeting is available in pdf form. You can read and/or download it at <https://mcusacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-CDC-Report-Book.pdf>.

REMINDERS

Andrew, Beth and Ray Raeburn invite everyone to celebrate Andrew's graduation at a party today 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.

Summer SS options include coffee time in the fellowship hall, Adult Bible Study group in the assembly room, senior high & junior high youth in their usual rooms, children 3 years – 5th grade in the ViP room for Veggie Tales videos, and content/discussion on white privilege and racism in 303 (see below.) Schedules are available outside the church office.

A new Sunday school option focusing on the subject of white privilege and racism begins today in room 303. The format will include presentation of content and discussion. All are welcome.

The annual church picnic will be held 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

FMC children who attend summer camp at Camp Friedenswald are eligible for 50% camperships. **Please pay Camp in full, then submit a copy of your receipt(s) to the church office to receive reimbursement for half the total cost.**

Participate in backyard fun at the Schumacher's, 161 Riley St., at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Create a sculpture, paint a rock, build a birdfeeder, explore a tunnel, hear Joyce Schumacher tell some stories, and eat a float. Bring friends and lawn chairs. ****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. At this time MDS is not seeking additional volunteers or donations. 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 soon 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.