

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 7-19-2020

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817

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- Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday, 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
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Sunday, July 19, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>

Worship, Darryl Nester preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193585766>,
contact Carrie Mast for password

July 20-25

Tuesday (July 21) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

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

Staff meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Thursday (July 23) MCUSA webinar, *Race, Church & Change*,
6:30 p.m., (see details on page 2)

Council, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 26, 2020

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

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

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.

MCC 100th anniversary virtual celebration, (see details, page 2)

No school kits: Consider monetary donation

Mennonite Women has postponed its usual fall school kit drive. MCC is still distributing many types of kits around the world, so instead of preparing school kits, Mennonite Women suggest making a monetary contribution by check or cash through First Mennonite (write school kits on the memo line or include an explanatory note.) Alternately, you may contribute directly to MCC at <https://donate.mcc.org/cause/cash-kits>. MCC explains during the online process, you may specify that your cash cover shipping and transportation or that your donation fund a school kit.

Happy birthday

July 19 – Linda Headings

July 21 – Kristen Niekamp

Makayla Suter

Brandon Rhodes

July 22 – Laurel Neufeld Weaver

Janet Schroeder

July 23 – Cheri Slotter

Today we welcome Darryl Nester

as our guest preacher. He is a member of First Mennonite, and professor of mathematics at Bluffton University. He and his wife Lori have lived in Bluffton since 1992, and have two adult sons—David (living in Madison, WI) and Douglas (soon to be a senior at Eastern Mennonite University). With Douglas gone for the rest of the summer, Darryl and Lori are outnumbered by the three cats who share their house: Comet (black and white), Reese (dark and light brown, like chocolate and peanut butter), and Fluffy (who is, well, fluffy). As an introvert, social distancing has not been too hard on Darryl, but he misses playing Ultimate Frisbee, which he would ordinarily do two or three times a week throughout the summer.

Reminders

Food Connections, a newly-formed ministry, provides meals for individuals or families, following birth of a baby, surgery or other medical concerns. At present we are using the list of persons on the memorial meals list. If you are not on this list but would like to be included for Food Connections, send your email address and phone number to Rita Dietrich at ritad4248@gmail.com.

This summer, our chancel display is crowd sourced. You're invited to place special items on the table each week, small souvenirs of daily life, travel, and the psalms that accompany our services. The display represents each person's meditative thoughts coming together. As items are used, they will be placed on the window sills for owners to retrieve. Thank you!

~ Wendy Chappell-Dick

CDC Annual Meeting 2020

View the worship service [here](#).

View the recording of the [delegate sessions here](#).

You're invited to participate in a webinar, Climate and Community: Creating and implementing plans for positive change, July 30, at 2 p.m., led by Amy Huser and Jenna Liechty Martin of Camp Friedenswald. We all understand the need to address the climate crisis, but it can feel overwhelming and even pointless on an individual scale. Where do we prioritize our time and energy? Working in community with others on shared goals can empower us to create positive change. Hear how Camp is addressing climate holistically through the implementation of a triple-bottom-line (environmental, social, and financial) strategic plan to become a more resilient and sustainable organization. Participants will be encouraged to brainstorm ways to apply a similar framework for their family, congregation, or community. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Other

The leadership team of Mennonite Church USA recently led an online panel discussion on *Race, Church and Change*, about the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it. View it at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/> A second webinar, *Race, Church & Change, Part 2* will be Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. Iris de Leon-Hartshorn is the moderator, and panelists include Glen Guyton, Felipe Hinojosa, Sue Park-Hur, Erica Littlewolf and Tobin Miller Shearer. Register at: https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JKz_I1rpS76YxM8QwSvRzg.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of MCC and you are invited to join the virtual event on Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. EDT, as to offer thanks to God and pray for the future of MCC's ministry of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. MCC will broadcast live from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, site of an important first meeting in the formation of MCC when representatives of various Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren groups met in July 1920. Join the livestream event at mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

Join MCC Great Lakes for a virtual Pipeline to Prison learning tour. Explore the U.S. criminal justice system from different perspectives and learn about practical opportunities for engagement and advocacy efforts in your local context. Through five online sessions, participants will explore the connections between broad systemic issues of racism and incarceration down through the local level, all through the lens of Anabaptist faith. This free virtual learning tour will take place each Monday in August from 2-3:30 p.m. (EST). Registration is limited to 25 participants. The goal is for all participants to commit to attending each virtual session to get the full learning experience. For more information and to register visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison-virtual or call 574.534.4133.