

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 10-6-2019

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
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417; 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@fmcbluffton.org
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Youth choir
9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Worship, Jeff Boehr preaching
11:30 a.m. Connections potluck
5:30 p.m. FMC learning circle
7 p.m. Mentor/mentee activity, FH

Oct. 7-12

- Tuesday (Oct. 8) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Wednesday (Oct. 9) MW work morning, 9 a.m.-noon
Cherubs, Adult bells, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel choir, youth bells, 7 p.m.
Thursday (Oct. 10) Deadline to submit bulletin info, 9 a.m.
Worship, 7 p.m., parlor
Trustees, 7 p.m., AR
Sunday (Oct. 13) Youth choir, 8:30 a.m.
SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Ruth Naylor, book signing; SHY coffee sales,
before and after worship, FH
Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.
Freudige/Sojourners potlucks, 11:30 a.m.
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

A mentor-mentee activity will take place today at 7pm in fellowship hall.

Ruth Naylor will have a book signing of her new book, "FAITH TALK: a spiritual memoir inviting reflection and dialogue,"

October 13 in the fellowship hall, prior to Sunday school, between SS and worship, and after worship.

The SHY will be selling bags of "One Village Coffee" on October 13 in the fellowship hall, prior to Sunday school, between SS and worship, and after worship. Get your favorite whole bean or ground coffee before it sells out! Cost is \$15/bag.

Happy birthday!!

- Oct. 7 – Sharon Carpenter
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Oct. 8 – Joan Diller
Oct. 10 – Elizabeth Shelly
Oct. 12 – John Mackey

Invitation to Communion: Welcome to the table of Jesus our Redeemer! Come to the table humbly, not because you have earned a place here, but because you know your need of mercy and help. Come because you love God and want to love God more. Come because Jesus first loved us, and gave himself for us. Come because you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Come, by the mystery of God's grace, One Spirit-filled people of God, the body of Christ present here and now.

Communion and Almsgiving: As part of our receiving this meal together, we include the giving of alms 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 Deacons Benevolent Fund to assist those who have need within the church and in the community. Baskets are available at the doors.

- **Membership class begins Oct. 13**

Are you new to First Mennonite Church? Do you want to know more about the church? Are you interested in exploring or refreshing your memory about what it means to be a member of this congregation? You're invited to attend a membership class that will meet from 9-10 a.m., Oct. 13, 20, 27, and Nov. 3. Please contact either Pastor Wanda or Pastor Theda if you have questions and/or are interested.

The large bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall is showing images of Jesus and his life as portrayed by artists who are working from a non-western point of view. There is room for more multicultural images of Jesus, both on this board and in other spaces around FMC. If you have images to share, please contact Anita Lehman or place items in her box along with your name.

"Forget Me Not" is the title of an exhibit currently at Art Space in Lima, Ohio. Anita Lehman is one of three artists that show work dealing with a loved one's diagnosis of Alzheimer's or another dementia. The exhibit runs through November 2, 2019. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm.

Church Appreciation Sunday Sale at all Bluffton MCC stores, 1-3 pm

REMINDERS

- The MW project committee invites all to a work morning on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-noon. Participants will cut, lay out, and sew comforter tops and kit bags. Bring rotary cutters, rulers, mats, and sewing machines. A sewing machine and several mats with rulers are available. Working as a team is an option. Additional work mornings are planned for the same time every second Wednesday of the month. **NOTE:** If you have quilting-weight fabrics to donate to the comforter project, place them on the table in the quilt room. Yardage for backings, about 5 yards, is also needed. A sample of the desired weight is on the Mennonite Women bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- Our conversations are key in deepening our relationships and sharpening our focus. In worship October 13-November 10, we will explore the theme, *Church: Community of Conversation*. **Extra brochures are in the literature rack.**
- **Immigration Kits** We are encouraged to make a cash donation at mcc.org/donate, click on Cash for Kits and in the comments/instructions box, write "CS Immigration Kits."

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

Oct. 7-8 Fall break

Oct. 12 Art Event: Reception for Merrill Krabill exhibit, 10 a.m.-noon, Grace Albrecht Gallery, Sauder Visual Arts Center

Oct. 12 Homecoming – activities all day, see university website for details