

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 11-10-2019

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, Nov. 10, 2019

8:30 a.m. Youth choir
9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Worship, Theda Good preaching
11:30 a.m. Congregational meeting, 11:45 a.m.
Noon Freudige/Sojourners potlucks
5:30 p.m. FMC learning circle

Nov. 11-17

Monday (Nov. 11) Setting up comforters, 9 a.m.
Mennonite Women, project night, 7 p.m.
Tuesday (Nov. 12) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
MW, comforter knotting, 9 a.m.-???
Wednesday (Nov. 13) Cherubs, Adult bells, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel choir, youth bells, 7 p.m.
Thursday (Nov. 14) Deadline to submit bulletin info, 9 a.m.
Sunday (Nov. 17) Youth choir, 8:30 a.m.
SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Glen Miller preaching, 10:30 a.m.
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

Nov. 11 – Maurice Kaufmann
Nov. 11 – Lynn Miller
Nov. 12 – Kennedy Longworth
Nov. 12 – Jean Miller
Nov. 13 – Carolyn Gratz

A congregational meeting will be held today following worship to approve the 2020 spending plan and to hear an update on governance task force progress. The new spending plan incorporates some revisions to methods of reporting and distributing funds.

There will be an all-church potluck after worship Sunday, Nov. 17, in celebration of the years of casket making and its conclusion. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. A short program will highlight the work and those involved over the many years the caskets were produced.

All Saints Day is one of the oldest feast days of the Christian Church Year. This festival day reminds us, not only of the “cloud of witnesses” named in Hebrews 11, but also of all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the body of Christ. Next Sunday, (November 17, 2019) at the end of our worship service, we will offer an invitation for those who have lost loved ones since our last service on November 1, 2018 to light a candle to remember them and give thanks for their lives.

SAVE THE DATE! January 25th: Join us from 9:30-12:30 for this Saturday Family Workshop! Watch for details!

We celebrate the birth of Keagan Awande Schumacher, born, November 1st to Isaac and Trustworthy Schumacher. Tim and JP Schumacher are the happy grandparents.

Building Riches with MDS. During Sunday School in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov. 17, Mitch Kingsley will give a report and reflection on his time in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, under Mennonite Disaster Service.

Enjoy a folk ensemble program at Bluffton Public Library, November 12 at 6:30 pm for a set of ballads, both traditional and modern. The ensemble includes Wendy Chappell-Dick, Jan Weibe, Monica and Steve Harnish, and Paul and Laurel Neufeld-Weaver.

FMC Thanksgiving --- All are welcome to join in the FMC Family Thanksgiving meal! We will eat around noon on Thursday the 28th of November. An organized potluck, traditional Thanksgiving dishes will be on the menu, but anything is welcome! Donations taken to cover costs of purchased items. See Lori Nester to RSVP and sign up to bring something (419-358-9650, nesterl@bluffton.edu).

REMINDERS

All are welcome to join Mennonite Women for comforter knotting **Monday**, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and **Tuesday**, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. –noon. A soup lunch will be available. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Frame loading will begin at 10 a.m. Monday. Help is welcome! Work will continue on **Wednesday**, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-noon to 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. If you have quilting-weight fabric to donate, please bring it. Work mornings will be held the second Wednesday of every month unless circumstances give priority to another function. Two of Geneva Shetler’s quilting frames—a lap/table model and a floor model for narrow spaces will be offered to anyone who wants them.

Brave Space, the student group that supports the LGBTQ community at Bluffton University will hold a Transgender Day of Remembrance event on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m., beginning at the Lion and Lamb Peace Center, then progressing in a silent candle walk to First Mennonite where there will be a service to remember those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. If you can't participate in the walk, you are welcome to be at the church by 7:30 p.m. for the service. All are welcome. ~Pastor Theda

Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, on Sunday, Nov. 24, will offer the sermon at 10:30 a.m. at First Mennonite. At 6:30 p.m. Glen will share his vision for the denomination at a reception in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend.

“Jookalorum,” a collection of stories from O. Henry, will be performed Nov. 15-16 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafetorium. Tickets available at the door. Cost is adult \$3, student \$1. FMC youth with parts in the play include Sophia Gott, Ana Neufeld Weaver, and Patrick Estell.

OUR CONNECTIONS

Grace Mennonite Church sewing group, Threads of Grace, invites you to their comforter blitz Nov. 14-15 in celebration of MCC's 100th birthday in 2020. Comforters will be set up from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 14, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 15. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Cindy Luginbill at lugc@watchtv.net.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

Nov. 10 Reception for “Anthrotopographies” exhibit, John Sabraw, 1-3 p.m., Sauder Art Center

Nov. 12 “The Shape of a Poem,” English Festival Forum, poet Eloisa Amezcua, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Nov. 14 Fall Chamber Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Nov. 15 Harvest Dinner, prepared, served by BUNA, 5-8 p.m., Founders Hall, donations accepted for local food pantries