

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Weekly Announcements 6-27-2021

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817
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- **Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, off Friday, 419-551-1079, wanda@fmcbluffton.org**
- **Pastor Jeff Boehr – T, F; 419-236-9150, jeff@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, 419-358-5766, fmc@fmcbluffton.org**

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sojourners, 9:15 a.m., assembly room

Taste and See, 9:15 a.m., 301

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

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

June 28-July 3, 2021

Tuesday, June 30 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,
Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 4, 2021

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

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

Sermon Discussion Circle will not meet

Contribution envelopes are available by contacting the church office at fmc@fmcbluffton.org or 419.358.5766. These envelopes are undated so may be used indefinitely.

Pastor Jeff will be in the office at the church for consultation or visits on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Feel free to stop in or make an appointment. Appointment times can be planned for other days of the week except Sundays and Mondays.

Do you have a green thumb? Are you looking for an opportunity to use your gifts in service of the church? Someone is needed to water and care for the plants on the second-floor landing at the Jackson Street entrance of the church. It only takes 15-20 minutes a week. To express interest or volunteer, please contact Pastor Wanda.

Happy Birthday!

June 27 Romaine Pannabecker

June 28 Shannon Thiebeau

June 29 Karen Luginbuhl

Lauren Roberts

July 1 Monica Harnish

July 2 Lois Wetherill

July 3 Jim Lehman

Bluffton Community VBS registration forms are available on the table in the FH. The week will be in a hybrid format. Sunday, July 18, and Thursday, July 22, will be family nights from 5:30-8 p.m. (arrive no later than 7:25 to begin stations). Families will travel through stations to do crafts, play games, sing, hear a Bible story, and eat a snack. For kids ages 4-7, in-person VBS is scheduled Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in groups of 8 with adult walkers. For kids over 8 years old, packets will be available for pick up on Sunday night to complete at home Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Families are invited to return on Thursday to complete the week together in the stations.

VBS walkers needed! Due to the hybrid format, groups consist of only 8 children each, aged 4-7. If you are able to help out Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening, July 19, 20, or 21, contact Carrie Mast at 419.230.1568 or mastc@bluffton.edu.

Campers at Friedenswald to keep in your prayers this week include Ariana Goings and Ryan Blount. Camp staff from FMC include Patrick Estell, Sophia Gott, Douglas Nester, and Ana Neufeld Weaver.

There will be no SHY or JHY this week since Carrie Mast will be on vacation.

If you are interested in supporting Bluffton University international students with occasional needs that arise, you may give to the International Student Assistance Fund through FMC. Checks can be made out to FMC. Be sure to designate checks by writing ISAF on the memo line.

New in the FH: Copies of the June CDC Focus are available in the fellowship hall. This issue features Keller Park Church, South Bend, Ind., whose request for membership in CDC is on the agenda of the June 26 annual meeting.

Reminders

Church Administrative Assistant: First Mennonite Church is in search of an Administrative Assistant. Duties include: Weekly, monthly and annual routine clerical responsibilities and record keeping, production of church bulletins and other communications (internally and externally), social media & website oversight, work with public, church members and staff team. Hourly wage, up to 36 hours per week. Health insurance available. Contact FMC at fmc@fmcbluffton.org. Please provide your name and contact information. An application and job description will be sent to you. ~ Staff Relations

Church Custodian: First Mennonite Church is in search of a church custodian. Duties include: routine cleaning of the building, light maintenance, set-up for events, outside lawn mowing and snow removal, other duties as agreed upon. Hourly wage starts at \$15/hr depending upon experience. Up to 20 hours/wk. Health Insurance available. Contact FMC at fmc@fmcbluffton.org. Please provide your name and contact information. An application and job description will be sent to you. ~ Staff Relations

If you are able to help with any custodial tasks during our custodial search, please see the list posted on the custodian closet door in the fellowship hall. All supplies and equipment are in the closet. When you complete a task, initial and date that task. Cleaning of restrooms (upstairs and downstairs) on Saturday afternoons following the Farmer's Market is especially needed. Thank you! ~ Staff relations and Trustees

Returning borrowed hymnals: If you haven't yet done so yet, please return all borrowed *Voices Together* hymnals. Place them on the pew in the fellowship hall beside the sanctuary doors. Jeff Boehr will collect and return hymnals for those not able to bring them in person. If you wish to keep the hymnal, please let the church office know and send \$29 to replace the hymnal in our supply.

Placement of hymnals in pew racks: We now have four hymnbooks stored in each pew rack in the sanctuary. To store these properly, please note that a spiral-bound book must be paired with one of the main hymnals when placing them in the racks.

Our Connections

An evening of writing in circle will be held Wednesday, June 30, at 6 p.m. in the gazebo at 112 N. Main St. Circle will begin at 6:30 and conclude at 8:30. Bring a chair, notebook, and writing instrument. Circle is hosted by Katherine Beckett and Corrie Reed, graduates of the Wellstreams Program for Spiritual Formation and the Art of Spiritual Direction. To register, contact Katherine at kabeckett1001@gmail.com. Cost for this event is \$10. A payment link will be sent upon registration.