

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## Weekly Announcements 10-20-2019

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](mailto:wanda@fmcbluffton.org)
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- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu)
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- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, [fmc@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:fmc@fmcbluffton.org)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

### Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Youth choir  
9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching  
1 p.m. SHY/JHY, Suter's Corn Maze  
5:30 p.m. FMC learning circle

### Oct. 21-27

- Tuesday (Oct. 22) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.  
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor  
MPS, 7 p.m., parlor  
Wednesday (Oct. 23) Cherubs, Adult bells, 6 p.m.  
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel choir, youth bells, 7 p.m.  
Thursday (Oct. 24) Deadline to submit bulletin info, 9 a.m.  
Pastor visit to Maple Crest, 2:30 p.m.  
Council 7 p.m., parlor  
Sunday (Oct. 27) Youth choir, 8:30 a.m.  
SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.  
Worship, Gerald Mast preaching, 10:30 a.m.  
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

### Happy birthday!!

- Oct. 21 – Joyce Hostetler  
Oct. 21 – Alison King  
Oct. 23 – Ethan Nickel  
Oct. 24 – Rodney Dyck  
Oct. 24 – Mark Suderman  
Oct. 25 – Ariana Goings  
Oct. 26 – Wendy Chappell-Dick  
Oct. 27 – Jacob Suter

**Navigating the corn maze:** The Senior High Youth and the Junior High Youth will meet at Suter's Corn Maze today from 1-3 pm. Please note that drop-off and pick-up will be at the corn maze. Text, call, or email Carrie Mast at 419.230.1568 or [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu) if you need a ride!

### Save these dates!

There will be an all-church potluck following worship on Sunday, Nov. 17, in celebration of the years of casket making and its conclusion. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. A short program will highlight the work and the people involved over the many years the caskets were produced. Please mark your calendars!

You're invited to meet Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, on Sunday, Nov. 24. Glen will offer the sermon based on John 17:20-23 at First Mennonite Church. At 7 p.m. Nov. 24, Glen will share his vision for the denomination at a reception in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend worship and/or the reception.

**Opportunity to serve:** When we eat together as a congregation, just like at home, someone does a lot of preparation, set up, and cleaning up. If you'd enjoy helping to prepare for potlucks or special congregational gatherings, or would like more information, please contact Todd Rainey at 419-274-9468.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Mary Boyer** died Oct. 9 at the Mennonite Memorial Home. A memorial service will be held at First Mennonite Church Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. Visitation and a meal will follow in the fellowship hall.

**Laurence Burkhalter** died Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Willow Ridge – Betty House. Arrangements are incomplete at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services, Bluffton.

**Ruth Early** is recovering from a fall that broke her hip. Since surgery, she is receiving rehab at Mennonite Memorial Home. **Mary Amstutz** is recovering at home after a successful knee replacement. Let's surround both of these women with words of support and prayers for their recovery.

## **REMINDERS**

The **“Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well”** workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Deadline to register is Nov. 1.** Dr. Glen E. Miller, a retired physician of Goshen, IN, author of a book of the same title, will be the speaker. The workshop will cover estate planning, memorial and funeral planning, advanced directives, nursing home and home health, hospice and palliative care. Cost of \$15 covers lunch and notebooks. Register on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Payment may be made to the church office or on the day of the workshop. Contact Judy Diller if you have questions.

The **large bulletin board** in the fellowship hall shows 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, 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.

**Check the literature rack** in the fellowship hall periodically! New this week: Copies of the Central District Conference October Focus.

## **OUR CONNECTIONS**

**Region 2 of Mennonite Disaster Service** will hold its annual meeting at Shiloh Mennonite Church, London, OH, October 25-26. The Friday session begins at 6:30 p.m. and will include music, guest speakers, and a report on MDS Western Ohio's response to the Dayton tornadoes and Logan County flooding. Contact Lawrence Matthews if you are interested.

## **BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY**

**Oct. 20 Concert:** Fall Instrumental Concert, 2:30 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall

**Oct. 22 Forum:** “Business is Better in the Sunlight,” Keith Faber, Ohio auditor, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

**Oct. 22 Forum:** “When Spells Weren't Cast but Written,” First Tuesday in the Library, Obi Martin '20, 11 a.m., Musselman Library Reading Room

**Oct. 22 Film Screening:** Showing of “All the Queen's Horses” followed by panel discussion of practices to identify and prevent fraud, 7 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall

**Oct. 24 Poetry Reading:** Jeff Gundy, professor of English, 4 p.m., Reading Room, Musselman Library

**Oct. 25 Colloquium:** “Crack the Code: Phonics Resources for Mature Students,” Dr. Amy Mullins, 4 p.m., Centennial Hall

**Oct. 27 Fall Concert:** Fall Choral Concert, 2:30 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall