

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 4-26-2020

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

419-358-5766 | fmcbluffton.org | Staff working from home

- 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, 419-230-1568, mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, fmc@fmcbluffton.org, 419-358-5766

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Taste and See SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/342273765>

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

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

Worship, Music Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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

April 27-May 2

Tuesday (April 28) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3794797132>

Staff meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Wednesday (April 29) Coffee & tea social hour, Zoom, 3 p.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/110200533>

Evening prayers, Zoom, 7 p.m.,

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3794797132>

Thursday (April 30) Bulletin deadline, 9 a.m.

Vespers, Zoom, 4 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3794797132>

Sunday (May 3)

Sojourners SS, 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.

Camp Friedenswald has canceled youth camps for summer 2020. "As many of you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has closed Camp Friedenswald to all guests for the past month. It also is shaping how we plan for the future months - and how we make sure to care for all of our campers and staff. As we considered the challenges and risks of running summer camp in the midst of a pandemic, we could not see a way to safely and responsibly run our traditional programming...we are committed to thinking creatively about how we can live into our mission during these days – and to exploring possible avenues for opening the peaceful woods to families or small groups. As we gain clarity on what this might look like, we'll be sure to share this with you..."

Happy birthday

May 1 – Pat Althaus

Adam Phillips

Sue Schaaf

View US/Mexico border trip on YouTube

The presentation on the US/Mexico Border trip is now available online at this link:

<https://youtu.be/DxoCBmrXcA>.

If you would like to help, here is a list of organizations that need financial support.

Texas Non-profit Organizations

- Catholic Charities of the RGV
<http://sacredheartchurch-mcallen.org/immigrant-assistance/donate-now/>
- ProBar
<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/departments/offices/FJE/donate/com-imm-probar/>
- Team Brownsville
<https://www.teambrownsville.org/donate>
- National Butterfly Center
<https://nationalbutterflycenter.org/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpWc-0ll7_s

National Organization: World Central Kitchen <https://wck.org/>

Ohio Organizations

- HOLA Ohio: <http://holatoday.org/donate/>
- Ohio Immigrant Alliance:
<https://ohioimmigrant.org/fundraising-donate/>

See information on MCC's free 6-part webinar series on immigration and border realities on the following page.

Musicians needed for summer worship services

Musicians of all ages and types: Despite the new normal that we face, we hope some of you will offer your musical gifts during worship services this summer (June-August.) There are two ways that you can do this:

1. Video record your musical selection at home and send it to Ray Raeburn to add to our worship video.
2. You can come to the church at 11 a.m. on the Wednesday before the Sunday service and be part of the taping of the service. We are working hard to make sure that all who come to each taping session are safe and stay at a good distance from each other.

Opportunities include

- Play for the service, including opening music, prelude, offertory, and postlude
- Provide special music during the service, vocally or instrumentally, as a soloist or in an ensemble

Please contact our Director of Music, Mark Suderman by phone (419.230.5368) or by email (sudermanme@bluffton.edu). If you have some specific dates in mind when you could offer your musical gifts, please let Mark know. Thank you!

Thank you

Thank you for the many thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls and best wishes expressed during my surgery and recovery. I feel very blessed. I'm doing well and loving being home and glad it's over.

~ Virginia Theis

Reminders

If your children are missing Sunday school, explore MennoMedia's SS resources with them. [Read more](#) to find Shine Resources and follow the [Shine FB page](#), which includes links to videos of individuals reading the children's story from the Shine storybook, as well as singing and videos.

Coffee/tea social hour!

Zoom in for coffee and tea social

hour: Coffee & tea via ZOOM will be offered on Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m. This will simply be a social hour hosted by Theda Good. Link for this meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/110200533>.

Sojourners will meet via Zoom on Sunday, April 26, at 9:15 a.m. to discuss the lesson on *The Lord Loves Justice*, based on Isaiah 61:8-11; 62:2-4a. The address is <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>. All are welcome.

Taste and See will meet at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, April 26 on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/342273765>. The class will revisit centering prayer. Everyone is welcome – whether or not they were there for the first centering prayer class. They will have a brief review of the method, practice it together and then have a time for sharing and questions.

MCC invites you to a free six-part webinar series on immigration and border realities. Join MCC staff and partners in the field who will provide insight into the current reality of the U.S. immigration and border crisis. *The second free webinar on Immigration in times of COVID-19* will be held Tuesday, May 5 at 2 p.m. EST. This webinar will focus on MCC staff and partners from across the southern U.S. Border, who will report from their fields and provide current information on what is happening with migrant communities at the border. For more information and to register for these free webinars, visit mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

If you wish to make contributions electronically, go to the FMC website at fmclubluffton.org, click on *ONLINE GIVING*, at the far right of the red navigation bar at the top of the page and follow the instructions. Alternately, it's fine to mail contributions to FMC or to slide them under the office door. All forms of contributions are much appreciated, whether by cash, check or e-giving.