

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Weekly Announcements 6-14-2020

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, 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, June 14, 2020

Taste and See SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., June topic is centering prayer,

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

Sojourners SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>

Worship, Theda Good preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral/congregational review session, Zoom, 2 p.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193585766>,

contact Carrie Mast for password

June 15-20

Tuesday (June 16) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/93803392337>

Staff meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Wednesday (June 17) Pastoral/congregational review, Zoom, 2 p.m.

Thursday (June 18) Bulletin deadline, 9 a.m.

VBS drive-thru, 6-7 p.m., FMC Jackson St. entrance

Deacons, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 21, 2020

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

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

Worship, Jackie Wyse-Rhodes preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.

Happy birthday

June 14 – Anne Buller

Jenny Moser

Ellie Nickel

June 16 – Quin Spelman

June 19 – Rebecca Estell

June 21 – Marilyn Diller

Tig Intagliata

Ken Shenk

If you missed the June 10 Zoom meeting explaining the revisions to the constitution, as approved by council, you may watch a recording of the meeting at this link:

<https://youtu.be/LicalPcR59c>.

Thanks to Gerald Mast for making the recording available.

You're invited to participate in the pastoral/congregational review process for Pastor Theda, whose initial three-year term ends in early 2021. The first of two Zoom sessions will be held this evening and the second on Wednesday afternoon.

Additionally, signed written responses may also be placed in the drop box by the church mailboxes or emailed to Annette Heslep (heslep@roadrunner.com) or Brent Schroeder (brentschroeder@gmail.com).

To prepare for your participation in this process, please read and reflect on the 5 Priorities and Questions for Focus Groups and the job description for the Pastor of Connections, which were emailed to the congregation on May 29. Copies are also available on the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

- All-congregation session 1 - Sunday (6/14) at 2 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/95710461595>
- All-congregation session 2 - Wednesday (6/17) at 7 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/95659497461>

Thank you to Carolyn Rich, who created today's bulletin cover. Carolyn said "The drawing is one I had done a long time ago and I have no words of wisdom to go with it. I just thought it was suggestive of the Psalms, but none in particular."

This summer, our chancel display is crowd sourced! Persons of any age are invited to bring special items to place on the table each week, little souvenirs of daily life, travel, and the psalms that accompany us. Our display represents each person's meditative thoughts coming together. It also is a project that invites people to enter the sanctuary even while no one else is there. The items that have already been used will be placed on the window sills below the big stained-glass windows. People can pick them up there, and the items can also provide decoration and reminders while they wait to be reclaimed. Thank you!

~ Wendy Chappell-Dick

Prayer requests

Melinda Estell had surgery at Findlay Hospital on June 12 and will be recuperating at home for six weeks. She very much appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

Jacob T. Friesen, 100, died June 6 at Kidron Bethel in North Newton, KS. Services are pending and will be announced by Broadway Colonial Funeral Home, Newton. He served as pastor at First Mennonite from 1956-1967. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Reminders

Bluffton Community VBS continues through July 9 with drive-thru packet pick-up on Thursday nights.

Theme: Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus

How: Combination of short videos, bingo cards + prizes, and drive-thru pick-ups of craft kits, game supplies, and snack shopping lists

When: Drive-thru on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m., June 18 – July 9 at Jackson St. entrance; videos released weekly

Registration: None required

Offering Project: All Ability Playgrounds of Allen County

Scripture: Mark 12:28-31

The CDC 2020 Annual Meeting will be held June 27 from 9 a.m.-noon ET in a virtual format. More information and a schedule are available at <https://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting-2020/>.

Our connections

Central District Conference has begun gathering resources related to racism and white privilege and posting them on the website. For details, see <https://mcusacdc.org/white-privilege-racism/>.

Habitat for Humanity – Lima Area's ReStore is in need of more volunteers to help process items that have come into the Habitat ReStore. The ReStore is not currently using volunteers in the high-risk category for COVID-19, but does need help from others between 9-5 Tuesday through Friday or 9-3 on Saturday. Current store hours are only 10-3 Thursday & Friday and 10-2 on Saturday so volunteers may prefer to process items when the store is closed. Small groups such as Sunday school classes or families may also work during the evenings. The ReStore continues to have state safety protocols in place.