

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## *Weekly Announcements 6-15-2019*

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
419-358-5766 | [fmcbluffton.org](http://fmcbluffton.org) | Office open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – On sabbatical through July 31, 2019
- Pastor Theda Good – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); [theda@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:theda@fmcbluffton.org)
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu)
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); [sudermanme@bluffton.edu](mailto:sudermanme@bluffton.edu)
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 16, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time  
9:15 a.m. Journey Forward circle, SH classroom  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Ray Person preaching  
5:30 p.m. FMC Learning circle  
6:30 p.m. MC learning circle

#### June 17-22, 2019

- Tuesday (June 18) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.  
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor  
Thursday (June 20) Deacons, 7 p.m., parlor  
Th-Sat (June 20-22) CDC annual meeting  
Sunday (June 23) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.  
Worship, Jackie Wyse-Rhodes preaching, 10:30 a.m.  
Swiss Day, Ebenezer Mennonite Church, 12:30 p.m.  
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Thank you to **Everett Collier, Dennis Sheidler, Bill Suter and Wendell Miller** for spending last Tuesday weeding and landscaping the church grounds. We appreciate their hard work – we're glad they were able to find a dry day between all of the rain!

### Happy birthday!!

- June 19 – Rebecca Estell  
June 21 – Marilyn Diller  
June 21 – Tig Intagliata  
June 21 – Ken Shenk  
June 22 – Mel Stettler  
June 23 – Elizabeth Kingsley  
June 23 – Elnore Yost

**Carrie Mast**, FMC's Children and Youth Ministry Director, served as camp pastor during senior high camp June 10-15 Camp Friedenswald.

**The annual meeting** of Central District Conference will be held June 20-22 in Milwaukee, WI. Delegates representing First Mennonite include Theda Good, Carrie Mast, Gerald Mast, Justin Neufeld-Weaver, Darryl Nester and Lori Nester.

The meeting schedule can be found at <https://mcusacdc.org/schedule-2/>. There is additional information in the May CDC Reporter; copies are in the literature rack in the fellowship hall.

The 2019 report book is available in pdf form. You may download it at <https://mcusacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-CDC-Report-Book.pdf>.

## MORE NEW INFORMATION!

**Shared items list on website:** First Mennonite has a list of items that members own and are willing to share with others. This list, "Shared Items," is on the FMC website under the "Resource" tab located at the top of the page. The page is password protected so if you wish to access it, you'll need to request the password from Mary Pannabecker Steiner in the church office. We are in the process of updating the list, so we've e-mailed the list to those whose items appear on it.

\*Please let us know if your items are still available.

\*\*Also, if you have items you're willing to share that are not yet included on our list, please notify the church office.

**Swiss Day June 23:** You're invited to participate in Swiss Day on Sunday, June 23, at 12:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Bring a hot and cold dish to share. The program "Swiss Roots and Beaver Branches - A Bluffton Family Tree" will be presented by Carrie Phillips, archivist at Bluffton

## REMINDERS

**The annual church picnic** will be held at noon on **Sunday, June 30**, at the Bluffton Village Park. Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share, as well as table service for your family. Water will be provided. Games for children of all ages will include a water balloon toss and a pudding eating contest. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.  
*~ Nurture Commission*

**A new Sunday school option** focusing on the subject of white privilege and racism continues today in room 303. The format includes presentation of content and discussion. All are welcome. If you have questions, talk with Anita Lehman.

**Summer SS options** include coffee time in the fellowship hall, Adult Bible Study group in the assembly room, senior high & junior high youth in their usual rooms, children 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the ViP room for Veggie Tales videos, and content/discussion on white privilege and racism in 303 (see below.) Schedules are available outside the church office.

## OUR CONNECTIONS

**Everence youth savings week:** Youth can jump start their savings during Youth Savings Week, July 8-12. They can earn an extra \$5 when they deposit \$15 in one new or existing account with Everence. Its youth savings account is currently at 4% APY for the first \$1,000. Find details and activities at Everence locations at [everence.com/youth-savings-week](http://everence.com/youth-savings-week).

**Habitat for Humanity Lima** will break ground soon for a new home at 207 W. North St., Elida. The new partner family who will be moving into this home is already volunteering at the ReStore as part of their sweat equity agreement. **Needed:** construction volunteers during the summer, especially on Saturdays; funds for the build - every \$62 buys a square foot of the house; and meals for either construction or ReStore volunteers. To help, contact Habitat at 419.222.4937 or email [habitatlima@habitatlima.org](mailto:habitatlima@habitatlima.org).

**"I was a stranger and you took me in."** Matthew 25:35. The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. (under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board is provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call IGH (202-726-5808) or [sfretzgoering@yahoo.com](mailto:sfretzgoering@yahoo.com)