

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 10-13-2019

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

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019

Today Ruth Naylor, book signing; SHY coffee sales, before and after worship, FH

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

11:30 a.m. Freudige/Sojourners potluck

5:30 p.m. FMC learning circle

Oct. 14-20

Monday (Oct. 14) Mennonite Women, 7 p.m., FH

Tuesday (Oct. 15) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor

Wednesday (Oct. 16) Cherubs, Adult bells, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel choir, youth bells, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 17) Deadline to submit bulletin info, 9 a.m.
Deacons, 7 p.m., parlor

Sunday (Oct. 21) Youth choir, 8:30 a.m.
SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.
FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

“Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well” workshop Nov. 16

This workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the FMC fellowship hall. **Deadline to register is Nov. 1.**

Dr. Glen E. Miller, a retired physician of Goshen, IN, wrote a book with the same title and will be the keynote speaker. Issues to be addressed include 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 on the table next to the church office. Payment may be made to the church office or on the day of the workshop. Contact Judy Diller if you have questions.

Happy birthday!!

Oct. 14 – Beth Raeburn
Oct. 14 – Mary Ring
Oct. 16 – Judy Buller
Oct. 16 – Sunita Hooley
Oct. 16 – Claire Phillips
Oct. 17 – Marilyn Bishop

Mennonite Women will meet

Monday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, to consider how to think about racism through several stories shared by Camara Phyllis Jones, MD (via video) that illustrate different ways to look at race and racism and the impact of racism on our lives and health. Anita Lehman will provide some input from FMC conversations on racism that stemmed from governance task force interest groups and summer Sunday school sessions.

Come and 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. Also, 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 join us for worship and/or the reception.

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. Mary's children, Elaine and Mark, and their families appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

JHY Harvest Party today: Meet at Makayla Suter's house, 17623 Road 4, Pandora, at 6:30 p.m. to embark on a hayride to JP and Tim Schumacher's house for a campfire. Pick-up is at 9 p.m. at the Schumacher house, 161 Riley St, Bluffton.

Pastor Theda will be in Michigan this weekend for a board meeting with Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBTQ Interests. Then on Tuesday, Oct. 15, she'll be in Goshen for a workshop on "Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse People." This event is hosted by Oaklawn Psychiatric Center. She will be back in the office on Wednesday.

Thank you to all who participated in the comforter-making workday Wednesday morning. People ironed fabric, cut squares, laid out comforter designs, and sewed for a very productive event. The next workday will be Wednesday, November 13, from 9 a.m.-noon, so mark your calendars if you want to help or learn about sewing comforter tops.
~ Sarah Basinger

REMINDERS

Ruth Naylor will sign her new book, "FAITH TALK: a spiritual memoir inviting reflection and dialogue," today in the fellowship hall, prior to Sunday school, between SS and worship, and after worship.

The SHY will be selling bags of coffee today in the fellowship hall, prior to Sunday school, between SS and worship, and after worship. Cost is \$15/bag.

In worship Oct. 13-Nov. 10, we are exploring the theme, *Church: Community of Conversation*. **Extra brochures are in the literature rack.**

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.

If you'd like to contribute to the cost of immigration kits, you may make a cash donation at mcc.org/donate by clicking on Cash for Kits and in the comments/instructions box, write "CS Immigration Kits."

OUR CONNECTIONS

Region 2 of Mennonite Disaster Service will hold its annual meeting at Shiloh Mennonite Church, London, OH, Oct. 25-26. The Friday session begins at 6:30 p.m. and will include songs, guest speakers from Ohio Christian University's Disaster Management Program, a report on MDS Western Ohio's response to the Dayton tornadoes and Logan County flooding, and music entertainment by Salt and Light, a Rosedale Bible College music ensemble. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with contributions above expenses going to the Western Ohio disaster responses. Contact Lawrence Matthews if you are interested.

Church Appreciation Sunday Sale at all Bluffton MCC stores: Oct. 13, 1-3 p.m., Ten Thousand Villages 25% off; Book Reviews, 20% off; Et Cetera, all clothing, \$1.

The CDC Board is coordinating a learning tour to SEMILLA for Jan. 16-26. There are several open spots. If you are interested, please contact Emma Hartman (office@mcusacdc.org) by Oct. 18. CDC is asking participants to pay their own airfare to and from Guatemala City and up to \$400 towards the trip.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

Oct. 15 Forum: "Christian Faith and Academic Life," Forum moderated by Dr. Randy Keeler, associate dean of academic affairs, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Oct. 19 Monarch and insect pollinators' event: Naturalist Amy Norris will explain Moyer Nature Center's new designation as monarch waystation, 1 p.m., Nature Preserve