

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 3-10-2019

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 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); fmc.theda@bluffton.edu
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

Calendar

Sunday, March 10, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time
9:15 a.m. Journey Forward: Pathways,
Youth room (during SS)
10:30 a.m. Worship, Theda Good
preaching
Noon Freudige/Sojourners potlucks
1:30 p.m. SHY
4 p.m. “We Are Still Compelled:
Artifacts of Bluffton’s World
War I Experience,” Carrie
Phillips, 4 p.m., Kreider Room,
Marbeck Center
5:30 p.m. Learning circle, supper
provided, FH

March 10-17, 2019

- Monday (Mar 11) Mennonite Women, 7 p.m.
Tuesday (Mar 12) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Financial Peace U, 6:30 p.m.,
FH
Trustees, 7 p.m.
Wednesday (Mar 13) Adult bells, Cherubs, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel, youth bells, 7 p.m.
Thursday (Mar 14) Caring Connections, 2 p.m.
Nurture, 7 p.m.
Sunday (Mar 17) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Wanda Stopher
preaching, 10:30 a.m.
SHY, 1:30 p.m.
Margaret Weaver visitation, 2
p.m.; memorial service, 4 p.m.;
fellowship meal after service
5:30 p.m. Learning circle
cancelled
Learning circle, MC, 6:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

- Tom Basinger March 13
Jonathan Andreas March 14
Louise Matthews March 14

A New Path TOGETHER

Report and news of upcoming event from GTF: Mapping the Path session summary sheets and work captured on newsprint are posted on the FMC website, <http://www.fmcbluffton.org/> Click on the GTF tab to find a page of photos and information from the first Open Space event. One significant learning was that many of us don't know what FMC is already doing within the congregation, the community, and in the world.

Also, please save the date for the second event, Making the Path, on Sunday, April 7. We will use information from Mapping the Path to consider ways we are already in ministry, some ministries we might re-imagine, and new ministries to imagine.

REMINDER

Easter flower order forms are inside today's bulletin. An assortment of flowers are available through K&J Greenhouse. The order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

Memo to: The entire congregation of FMC

From: Staff Relations Committee

Re: Survey to help us in shaping the future of children and youth ministry

Dear Friends: There is a survey in your mailboxes that is intended to help us shape the future of children and youth ministry at FMC as we live into the 5 Priorities.

Everyone in the congregation is asked to participate by completing and signing the survey. Please return surveys by Sunday, March 24, to the box labeled “Children and youth ministry surveys” and located near the mailboxes.

****Please join Staff Relations for conversation in Room 301, March 17 or 24, at 9:30 a.m.**

Get active with your church family at BFR!

Wondering where spring is? Need to release a little steam building up from the winter blahs? FMC is renting Bluffton Family Recreation Center on Saturday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone of all ages is invited to walk the track, kick the soccer ball, shoot the basketball, hit the pickleball court, chat on the sidelines or just generally tear around for two hours. Get active with your church family!

Blaurock Café to feature entertainment, music, food and silent auction

The senior high youth will hold a Blaurock Cafe on Saturday, March 30, from 3-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Guests may come and go as schedules allow. The café is a coffeehouse event featuring a variety of musical performances, poetry readings, skits, jokes and more. This event is open to the public, so bring friends!

There are three tiers of admission:

- Tier one: \$130 for table of six or \$25/ticket for one hour of entertainment; includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a dedicated server
- Tier two: \$50/table or \$10/ticket for one hour of entertainment; light hors d'oeuvres, and youth servers, as available
- Tier three: Free; popcorn and a chair, no table

Additional refreshments will be available a la carte and upgrades in seating are available

Seatings for tiers one and two begin at the top of every hour. Tiers one and two must specify the hour that they wish to attend.

“Come to the table” at March MW meeting

Mennonite Women will meet Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for an evening focused on the theme “Come to the Lord’s table.”

This will be a night to share hobbies with the group. Bring a hobby to share or a favorite recipe with samples.

Mary Ina Hooley will lead devotions. Alison King and Betsi Werling will provide refreshments.

OUR CONNECTIONS

“**Voices of Conscience**” exhibit in Musselman Library at Bluffton University, is open now through March 31. Library hours are 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. M-Th; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. F; 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 4-10 p.m. Sunday.

University events:

March 10: Senior art exhibition, Rebecca Baden, Becky Boban, Brista Drake, Cara Echols, Emily Griffioen, Elizabeth Luersman, 1-3 p.m., Grace Albrecht Gallery, Sauder Art Center

March 10: “We Are Still Compelled: Artifacts of Bluffton’s World War I Experience,” Carrie Phillips, Bluffton University archives, 4 p.m., Kreider Room, Marbeck Center

March 12: “Songs for Resistance and Revolution,” Forum presentation by Dr. Crystal Sellers Battle, Bluffton associate professor of music, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

March 10: Public reading, Q and A session, book-signing by Hanif Abdurraqib, poet, essayist, cultural critic, 4 p.m., Centennial Hall

March 15: “Not About Us Without Us: Some Biopsychology Implications of Intellectual Disability for Christian Ethics,” Friday Colloquium, Alex Sider, Ph.D., professor of religion, 4 p.m., Centennial Hall

March 17: “Songs of Conscience and Peace: Music of the Great War Era” by the Bluffton University music department, 4 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall

Methodist Theological School in Ohio invites you to “Fearless Dialogues” at 7 p.m. March 18 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware. Gregory C. Ellison II, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology, initiated a conversation at Emory after the July 2013 verdict that found George Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder charges in the lethal shooting of Trayvon Martin. These conversations provide a creative way to honor the difficult. More information is available at www.fearlessdialogues.com.

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a Biblical approach to peace and justice. Peace Camp will explore the theme of “Responding to Violence” through hands-on learning. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other focus topics include conflict transformation, anti-racism, bystander training and restorative justice. The base participant fee is \$300, and scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information and registration, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact Jes Stoltzfus Buller at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Juan Pacheco at juanpacheco@mcc.org.