

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 4-7-2019

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

- 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, April 7, 2019

9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time
10:30 a.m. Worship, Theda Good preaching
11:30 a.m. Connections potluck, FH
GTF, Making the Path, 4-7 p.m.
FMC learning circle cancelled

April 8-13, 2019

Monday (April 8) Mennonite Women comforter loading, 1 p.m.
MW comforter knotting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday (April 9) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
MW comforter knotting, 9 a.m.
Trustees, 7 p.m., parlor

Wednesday (April 10) Pastors at MMH, 2:30 p.m.
Adult bells, Cherubs, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel, youth bells, 7 p.m.

Thursday (April 11) Nurture, 7 p.m.
Sunday (April 14) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.
Sojourner and Freudige potlucks,
Learning circle, 5:30 p.m., FH
Learning circle, 6:30 p.m., MC

Announcement deadline: Submit items for the Sunday announcements by 10 a.m. Thursday.

Easter brunch April 21: All are invited to attend the Easter brunch at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, April 21, in the fellowship hall. Please bring food to share: breakfast casseroles, fruit, breads, coffee cakes, muffins, etc. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Please bring your own table service. There will be no Sunday school that morning.
~ Nurture

Happy birthday!!

April 7 Jeff Yoder
April 8 JP Schumacher
April 10 Jim Harder
April 13 George Lehman
April 13 Kendra Nickel
April 14 Sarah Basinger
April 14 LaVonne Klassen
April 14 Jorian Mast

GTF MEETING TODAY 4-7 P.M.

FMC supports two events April 18: We are supporting two events at the same time on Maundy Thursday, April 18. The community meal is at 6 p.m. at the Bluffton Senior Center. MPS will provide the meal. Also, our Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Deacons will not meet that evening.**

Maundy Thursday Service: You're invited to join the FMC faith community in the fellowship hall for a service of prayer and remembrance on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. The service will offer the opportunity to receive communion together followed by other opportunities to remember and celebrate our common shared life with singing, candle lighting, anointing, foot washing, and prayer. Participants may choose to engage in one or all of these options and children are welcome to participate fully in this service.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold an Easter bake sale Saturday, April 20, from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Hilty Home entrance. The sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including cinnamon rolls, cookies, cakes, and pies.

REMINDERS



Please plan to attend “Making the Path” today from 4- 7 p.m. We will again use the Open Space Technology format which allows all to contribute. We will talk about how to infuse our common life with ministry focus. We will temporarily suspend the current commission structure as we explore ministries: reaffirming current ministries, reimagining lost ministries and dreaming of new ministries that will help us live out our 5 Priorities. Opportunities to participate and refrain from participating are woven into this time. Refreshments and supper will be provided (donations are welcome.) If you need childcare, notify Elizabeth Kelly at ekelly.2018@gmail.com.

Men, women, and children are invited to join Mennonite Women in the fellowship hall for comforter knotting Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 9, from 9 a.m.-noon. No prior experience in knotting is required! On Monday devotions will focus on “Serve the Lord with Gladness,” shared by Fran Core. Jane Weaver and Julie Mackey will provide refreshments. Following knotting on Tuesday, all are invited to stay for lunch. If you are able, bring a salad or dessert and table service. Soup, bread and beverages will be provided. Help is welcome with comforter loading, which begins Monday, April 8, at 1 p.m.

Ana Neufeld Weaver, Grace Paquin and Jacob Biesecker-Mast are members of the Lima Area Youth Orchestra, which will perform its season finale Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Lima Senior High School Auditorium. Tickets at \$10 per person and \$5 for students/seniors will be available at the door.

FMC youth in high school musical: Bluffton High School will present the Wizard of Oz April 12-14 in the middle school. FMC youth in the cast include Patrick Estell (Scarecrow), Ana Neufeld Weaver (Glinda the Good Witch), Seth Andreas (Mayor of Munchkin City), and Sophia Gott (Farmhand and Oz Girl.) Grace Paquin is a cellist in the pit orchestra. Performances are April 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and April 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available in the middle school office during school hours.

Hygiene and relief kit collection will continue through April. Many kit bags have been picked up, but only about 30 completed hygiene and 2 relief kits have been turned in. We hope for many more. Kit lists are on the bulletin board by the library. Thank you for your participation in this kit drive.

Join our first Community Café conversation on Sunday, April 14 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll explore a local issue of justice, a small sales tax on the May 7 ballot that will support Allen County Regional Transit Authority. This conversation will invite open conversation about big picture issues for us as Anabaptists around the intersections and boundaries between church, politics, and justice. Childcare will be available; contact Carrie Mast to arrange. See Perry Bush, Mitch Kingsley, or Pastor Wanda with questions.

My Coins Count: The big jug in the fellowship hall awaits your coins to go to the food and water projects of MCC. Last year we collected \$841.74. Let's set a new record before the June deadline! ~ *John Rich*

OUR CONNECTIONS

Bluffton University

April 9 Spiritual Life Week forum, Matthew Vohwinkel, 11 a.m., Yoder Recital Hall

April 9 “Crisis Communication in Higher Education: A Rhetorical Analysis of Larry Nassar and Michigan State,” Jena O'Brien, senior public relations major, 11 a.m., Musselman Library Reading Room

April 11 Pearl Bogart Mann Piano Recital by Sun Min Lee, 7:30 p.m., Yoder Recital Hall more>>>

April 12 “Mini Quad Drones-Thrills of Mountain Surfing and Racing,” Colloquium, Andreas Baumgartner, associate professor of art, 4 p.m., Stutzman Hall, Centennial Hall

Consider volunteering with Habitat of Lima by providing a noon meal for volunteers; donating funds for the Elida Build; or volunteering at the Habitat ReStore, Lima. Contact information: 419-222-4937, www.habitatlima.org or e-mail habitatlima@habitatlima.org.