

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 5-26-2019

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 – On sabbatical through July 31, 2019
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Interim 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@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

Calendar

Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Intergenerational SS class, FH
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lynn Miller preaching
5:30 p.m. FMC Learning circle

May 27-June 2, 2019

Monday (May 27) Memorial Day, office closed
Seth Andreas' graduation party,
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., FH
Tuesday (May 28) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
MPS, 7 p.m., parlor
Sunday (June 2) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Theda Good
preaching, 10:30 a.m.
FMC Learning circle, 5:30 p.m.
MC Learning circle, 6:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

May 28 – Bob Stratton

May 29 – Lu Derstine

May 29 – Kurt Longworth

May 30 – Chad Paul

May 31 – Bill Croft

May 31 – Dottie Long

Pastor Theda's schedule

*Pastor Theda is out of town this weekend visiting friends in Kitchener, Ont. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, May 28. Gloria and Rich Bucher are available for pastoral care this weekend.

*During June and July, Pastor Theda will take Friday as her Sabbath day instead of Monday. She will be in the office or making visits Monday-Thursday.

Intergenerational Sunday school elective today involves Legos

Join toddlers, children, youth, and adults of all ages as we hear and see, possibly in new ways, the biblical story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 from Mark 6:30-44.

Teams will recreate scenes from the story with 5,000 Legos. Curiosity seekers and observers welcome!

When: Sunday, May 26

Location: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

FMC offering 50% camperships

We offer 50% camperships to all FMC children who attend summer camp at Camp Friedenswald. ***Please pay Camp in full, then submit a copy of your receipt(s) to the church office, and you will receive a check for half the total cost of camp.*** Rates are \$200 for 1st and 2nd graders attending primary camp June 17-19, and \$300 per camper for all other camps. *If you are aware of a child or youth in need of financial assistance beyond the campership, please notify the church office.

LaVonne Klassen died May 19 at Mennonite Memorial Home. A private service is planned. Paul and his sons, John and Dave, and their families appreciate your prayers.

REMINDERS

All are invited to celebrate Seth Andreas' graduation from Bluffton High School on Monday, May 27, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. ~ Jan Wiebe and Jonathan Andreas

Needed: Vacation Bible School walkers and cookie bakers. St. John's United Church of Christ is hosting this year's Bluffton Community VBS July 21-25. We are looking for people to accompany groups of children to each station from 6-8 p.m. each night. We also need 4 dozen cookies for the final evening when parents, family, and friends are invited to an open house following the VBS program. Contact Carrie Mast if you are able to help: mastc@bluffton.edu or 419.230.1568.

The Adult Summer Sunday School Elective series will focus on "Covenant Relationships: Ruth to Romans." What can we learn from the stories in the Bible about the ties that bind us together as friends, families, and faith communities? How is the covenant that God made with Abraham fulfilled in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and in our own lives as we follow Christ? How does God's faithfulness help us cope with relationship failures and betrayals? These and many other questions about living in covenant will be addressed in the series that will run from June 2-August 25. Led by Gerald Mast, the class will use the MennoMedia Adult Bible Study and will meet in the assembly room at 9:15 a.m.

Summer musicians needed - pianists, organists, song leaders, musicians of all ages and types. There are again opportunities for offering your musical gifts during the worship services this summer (June-August.) Opportunities include:

- Lead the singing for "opening songs"
- Play piano or organ
- Provide special music during the service, vocally or instrumentally, as a soloist or in an ensemble

Please contact our Director of Music, Mark Suderman, at 419.230.5368 or sudermanme@bluffton.edu. If you have specific dates in mind, please let Mark know.

There is still time to share your spare change by dropping it into the My Coins Count glass jar in the fellowship hall. The money collected will be taken to the Black Swamp Benefit June 15 at Archbold High School. Your donations help support Mennonite Central Committee's clean water projects around the globe.

Our Connections

Columbus Mennonite Church will celebrate the ordination of Pastor Mark Rupp on Sunday, June 9. All are welcome to worship with them. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments.

The Bluffton Food Pantry's supplies need reinforcements, according to Ed Yeager, board president of the Bluffton Community Assistance Program. ***Please drop off your donations at St. John's United Church of Christ, 223 W. College Ave.***

Needed during June and July:

Cereals

Oatmeal breakfasts

Creamy peanut butter (16 or 28 oz. sizes preferred)

Chunky soups

Canned fruits (especially mandarin oranges)

Spaghetti sauce

Tuna

Baked beans

Shampoo

Body lotions and creams

Women's deodorants

Paper towels

Kleenex and similar products

Toilet paper

Please note the food pantry prefers no glass jars.