

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 5-5-2019

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, May 5, 2019

9:15 a.m. SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Worship, Carrie Mast preaching,
11:30 a.m. Connections class potluck
FMC learning circle cancelled
6:30 p.m. MC learning circle

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Tuesday (May 7) Morning prayers, 7 a.m.
Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Wednesday (May 8) Pastor meeting with MMH residents,
2:30 p.m.
Cherubs, 6 p.m.
Jubilate, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday (May 12) SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, Gloria Hernandez Bucher
preaching, 10:30 a.m.
Freudige/Sojourner's class potlucks,
11:30 a.m.
Learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Six delegates to attend annual CDC meetings

Individuals representing FMC as delegates at the annual Central District Conference meetings June 20-22 in Milwaukee include: Theda Good, Carrie Mast, Gerald Mast, Darryl Nester, Lori Nester, Justin Neufeld-Weaver.

Happy birthday!!

May 6 – Jacob Biesecker-Mast
May 6 – Patrick Estell
May 7 – Pat Sheidler
May 7 – Justin Paul
May 8 – Alice Lora
May 8 – Victoria Woods-Yee
May 9 – Simon Phillips
May 10 – Amelia Heslep
May 11 – Stan Clemens
May 11 – Ruth Early
May 11 – Mary Ann Suter

Mother's Day cupcake sale!

Junior High and Senior High youth will hold their annual cupcake sale fundraiser on Sunday, May 12 in the fellowship hall. Cupcakes will be available through the Sunday school hour and following worship.

Carrie Mast appointed Children and Youth Ministry Director

Carrie Mast has been appointed as the Children and Youth Ministry Director. This action was taken at the April 26 meeting of Church Council. Carrie has served in an interim role during the process of both creative experimentation and evaluation of the role itself. The revised job description was developed from congregational input gathered recently from the congregation and is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

All are invited to join Mennonite Women for on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. MW will celebrate with a conclusion of a year of honoring a centennial of First Mennonite's women's groups. While remembering and reflecting on the past, they will also spend time looking ahead as they begin a new century as Mennonite Women.

New reading material in the literature rack: MDS' spring 2019 issue of "Behind the Hammer."

Backyard fun at the Schumacher's, 161 Riley St.

June 13: Art in the yard

Create a sculpture, paint a rock creature, build a bird feeder and explore a tunnel. For all ages to participate or campfire conversations. Please bring lawn chairs.

Snack theme of the night: Floats!

July 11: Games of yesterday

Play or observe games being played. Hunker-houser, freeze tag, mother may I, and more! Enjoy campfire conversations.

Snack theme: Cranking ice-cream

August 8: Musical Instruments

Make an instrument and join the campfire sing-along.

Snack theme: Popcorn

Invite friends, parking is limited so walk or bike if you can, bring lawn chairs. If you have questions, contact JP and Tim Schumacher.

REMINDERS

Wanted: Summer musicians

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 when you could offer your musical gifts, please let Mark know. Thank you!

A memorial service for Paul Dyck, who died April 13 at Blanchard Valley Medical Center, will be held Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at First Mennonite. Visitation will be held at the church from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service. A private burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery. Paul's family appreciates your continuing thoughts and prayers.

In observation of National Healthcare Decision Day, local churches and Herb Walker, St. Rita's Medical Center hospice chaplain, will hold an informational meeting about advance directives Thursday, May 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bluffton town hall. Participants will learn more about the advance directives and the documents required.

OUR CONNECTIONS

Mennonite Church USA: Check out the latest MennoCon19 newsletter at mennoniteusa.org/con-letter-april for information on seminar speakers, special events and activities during the MC USA convention July 2-6 in Kansas City, MO.