

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 7-14-2019

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 – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); 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@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

Calendar

Sunday, July 14, 2019

9:15 a.m.	SS, coffee time
10:30 a.m.	Worship, Perry Bush preaching
Noon	Freudige/Sojourners potlucks
5:30 p.m.	FMC Learning circle

July 15-21, 2019

Tuesday (July 16)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor
Thursday (July 18)	Deacons, 7 p.m., parlor
Friday (July 19)	August Menno-Life deadline
Sunday (July 21)	SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m. Worship, JP Schumacher preaching, 10:30 a.m. FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!!

July 15 – Darby Benroth
July 16 – Karen Intagliata
July 18 – Kevin Nickel
July 19 – Linda Headings
July 21 – Kristen Niekamp
July 21 – Makayla Suter

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio invite area churches to sponsor a flower bed at one of the properties and care for it this summer. More information may be found on the Events pillar in the fellowship hall.

MCC Kits:

“Back to School” sales are on, and that means the beginning of MCC school kit collection at FMC. Kit items can be purchased for much less at this time.

This is the school kit supply list, as provided by MCC:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all-metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes (see below)

All-metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com.or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners**, please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners. **We will collect kits through September.

Sue Schaaf and Jean Miller

Deadline for next Menno-Life

The next issue of the *Menno-Life* will be distributed in early August. The deadline for submitting items is Friday, July 19.

REMINDERS

Bluffton Community VBS is Sunday, July 21-25. If you haven't yet registered your child(ren), you'll find registration forms on the table next to the church office. If you have questions, contact Carrie Mast at mastc@bluffton.edu.

Trip to Perrysburg Islamic Center August 3: FMC's intergenerational trip to tour the Islamic Center is planned for Saturday, Aug. 3. We will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. and depart at 11:30. Lunch will be catered by The Grape Leaf restaurant and will be served at the Islamic Center. Lunch will consist of chicken kabobs, rice, hummus, salad, and pita bread. Lunch will cost \$10 per person and begin at 12:30 p.m. The tour will begin at about 2 p.m. After the tour, we'll return to Bluffton. Depending on the number of persons who commit to the trip, we will take a bus or arrange other transportation. There is a new sign-up sheet on the table by the office for those who are committing to participate. The deadline to sign up is Monday, July 29, as the final count for the restaurant is due July 30. Please list each individual person on the sign-up sheet. Feel free to invite family and friends to join us. If you cannot sign up in person, do so by e-mailing the church office at fmc@bluffton.edu. If you have questions, contact Shelby Cluts, 419-234-2580 or 419-358-0265.

Shared items on website: First Mennonite has a list of items that members own and are willing to share with others. This list, "Shared Items," is on the FMC website under the "Resource" tab located at the top of the page. The page is password protected so if you wish to access it, you'll need to request the password from Mary Pannabecker Steiner in the church office. We are in the process of updating the list, so we've e-mailed the list to those whose items appear on it. Please let us know if your items are still available. Also, if you have items you're willing to share that are not on our list, please notify the church office.

OUR CONNECTIONS

Several spots are still available to join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 4-9. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. Those interested in learning about disparities in the justice system are welcome. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.