

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 7-5-2020

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; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417; theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, 419-230-1568, mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, fmc@fmcbluffton.org, 419-358-5766

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Taste and See SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., welcoming prayer and the Examen, <https://zoom.us/j/342273765>

Sojourners SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>

Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/4193585766>, contact Carrie Mast for password

July 6-11

Tuesday (July 7) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/93803392337>

Staff meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Thursday (July 9) Reopening task force, Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

VBS drive-thru, 6-7 p.m., Jackson St. entrance

Trustees, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Sojourners SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.; Taste and See SS, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.

MCUSA: Panel discusses impact of racism on church

The leadership team of Mennonite Church USA recently led an online panel discussion on *Race, Church and Change*, about the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it. View it at:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

Save the date: A second webinar, *Race, Church & Change, Part 2* will be held July 23 at 6:30 p.m. Iris de Leon-Hartshorn is the moderator, and panelists include Glen Guyton, Felipe Hinojosa, Sue Park-Hur, Erica Littlewolf and Tobin Miller Shearer. Register at

https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JKz_I1rpS76YxM8QwSvRzg.

Mennonite Church USA is also creating a web page for anti-racism resources, including recommendations from the panelists.

Happy birthday

July 7 – Isaac Andreas

Mike Treece

July 8 – Gerald Mast

July 9 – Anita Lehman

July 10 – Jo Croft

TR Steiner

Heather Theis

July 12 – Peter DeMeo

Pastor Theda will be on vacation

July 3-10. For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Wanda.

On June 29, Pastor Theda's

resignation letter and a leadership response were mailed to members and active participants of First Mennonite Church. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office.

Bluffton Community VBS will wind up with a final drive-thru packet pick-up from 6-7 p.m. July 9 at the Jackson St. entrance. This year's offering benefits All Ability Playgrounds of Allen County. If you'd like to make a financial contribution, stop by during drive-thru to drop your money in their collection tub or submit a donation to the church office.

Prayer concerns

Ernie Porzelius fell, scraped his elbow, and it became infected. He spent five days in the hospital and is now recuperating at Hilty Home before he can return to his home at Maple Crest independent living.

Marilyn Diller took a hard fall and is recovering at home.

Let us remember these folks in our prayers along with the many others who are experiencing health issues and receiving medical attention. Send cards and let us remind them that we care and are praying for them.

Reminders

Lowell Hostetler continues to recover from heart surgery at home. If you would like to take the Hostetlers a meal, go to <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=SYKY6907> or contact Carolyn Rich.

The FMC youth group continues to collect receipts from Community Markets. Place receipts in the horizontal slot at the top of the mailboxes or in the bucket on the table in the fellowship hall.

Food Connections, a newly-formed ministry, will provide meals for individuals or families, following birth of a baby, surgery or other medical concerns. At present we are using the list of persons on the memorial meals list. If you are not on this list, and would like to be included for Food Connections, send your email address and phone number to Rita Dietrich at ritad4248@gmail.com.

Our Connections

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio invites you to help with planting flowers, landscaping, or painting at their facilities. Masks should be worn and volunteers should bring their own water and snacks. MHCO will provide masks, as well as tools. Volunteers will determine their own schedule after meeting with the maintenance staff. To volunteer, contact Jessica Strahm at JStrahm@mhcoliving.org or 419-996-8433.

Several sessions of the CDC annual meeting were recorded as webinars and will be shared as indicated below:

- Taking Each Next Step: Anti-racism in Our Homes, Churches, and Conference - July 16, 2 p.m. Eastern (Missional Church Committee)
- Climate and Community, July 30, time TBA (Amy Huser)
- SEMILLA, Aug 26, 7:30 p.m. Eastern time (SEMILLA Learning Tour Group)
- Anabaptism as Spiritual Practice, Sept 16, time TBA (Jamie Pitts)