

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

## Weekly Announcements 7-7-2019

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
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- Pastor Wanda Stopher – On sabbatical through July 31, 2019
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- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, M-F, weekends as needed

### Calendar

#### Sunday, July 7, 2019

9:15 a.m.	SS, coffee time
10:30 a.m.	Worship, Rich Bucher preaching
Noon	Connections potluck
5:30 p.m.	FMC Learning circle
6:30 p.m.	MC learning circle

#### July 8-13, 2019

Tuesday (July 9)	Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Staff meeting, 9 a.m., parlor Trustees, 7 p.m., parlor
Wednesday (July 10)	Pastor at MMH, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday (July 11)	Caring Connections, 2:30 p.m., parlor Nurture, 7 p.m., parlor
Sunday (July 14)	SS, coffee time, 9:15 a.m. Worship, Perry Bush preaching, 10:30 a.m. Freudige/Sojourners potlucks, noon FMC learning circle, 5:30 p.m.

### Happy birthday!!

July 7 – Isaac Andreas  
July 7 – Michael Treece  
July 8 – Gerald Mast  
July 8 – Geneva Shetler  
July 9 – Anita Lehman  
July 10 – Jo Croft  
July 10 – TR Steiner  
July 10 – Heather Theis  
July 12 – Peter DeMeo  
July 13 – Braylon Goings  
July 14 – Bill Schroeder

### Read all about it!

Find news reports, highlights and photos from MennoCon19 in The KC Sauce, where they've compiled all of the coverage from convention at:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce>.

### 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](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu). If you have questions, contact Shelby Cluts, 419-234-2580 or 419-358-0265.

## **CAMP FRIEDENSWALD**

**FMC youth who attended junior camp** last week included Ethan Blount, Kaleigh Coffman, Rebecca Estell, Braylon Goings, Ellie Hartzler, and Makayla Suter.

**Check out the Camp Friedenswald pillar** in the fellowship hall, where you'll see pictures of FMC children, youth and adults who enjoyed camp this summer.

## **REMINDERS**

**Geneva Shetler will be 100 years old tomorrow, July 8.** Geneva's address is Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St.

**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.

**Empty toilet paper tubes are needed for VBS,** July 21-25. Please place them in the white tub by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

**Games, ice cream July 11 at Schumacher's:** EVERYONE is invited to Games of Yesterday Thursday, July 11, at JP and Tim Schumacher's, 161 Riley St. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Sit by the fireside and chat, play games, listen to storytelling by Joyce Schumacher, and/or crank the ice cream maker (and eat the ice cream.) Bring lawn chairs if you have some.

## **OUR CONNECTIONS**

**Work on the new Habitat house in Elida** has begun and construction workers, meals for volunteers, and donations are needed. To volunteer, go to [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org). On the first page you will see a picture of the work in progress. Click on the link to "Get Details and Sign Up," follow the directions to get trained for the work, to sign up for work or meals, or to donate funds. You may also call the Habitat office at (419)222-4937. The first build day is Saturday, July 27 and volunteers are needed at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. There will be build days every Saturday after that for a couple of months. Thank you for helping make decent, affordable housing a reality in our area. ~ Habitat Lima

**MCC Great Lakes is offering a training opportunity** for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. This training will use the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery to explore the taking of land from Indigenous people, which led to the justification of the global slave trade. Participants will learn about educational tools they can use to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery. Led by Michelle Armster, Erica Littlewolf, and Karin Kaufman Wall from MCC Central States, the training is open to all who are interested in the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising on these issues. It will be held August 25-27 with the Sunday evening public event, Loss of Turtle Island, at Waterford Mennonite and the following two days of training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The registration fee is \$50. For more information and registration, visit [mcc.org/gl-dod](http://mcc.org/gl-dod) or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at [kellyshenckoontz@mcc.org](mailto:kellyshenckoontz@mcc.org).