

## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817

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### Sunday, October 24, 2021

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Jackie Wyse- Rhodes preaching, 10:30 a.m.,

Sanctuary, streaming simultaneously at

<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-on-FB> and at

<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom> (passcode: 11111).

Sermon Discussion Circle, meal, 5:30 p.m.; discussion 6-7 p.m.

### October 25 - October 30, 2021

Tuesday, Oct 26 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,

Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct 27 Cherub Choir 6 p.m. Children's choir room

Jubilate 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bells 6 p.m. Assembly room

Youth Bells 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir 7 p.m. Sanctuary

Thursday, Oct 28 Deadline to submit announcements, 9 a.m.

### Sunday, October 31, 2021

Worship - Perry Bush

Lectionary: Psalm 146:5-10 & Isaiah 58:5-9

Sermon Discussion Circle meal, 5p.m; discussion 6-7 p.m.

### Happy Birthday!

Oct. 24 – Rodney Dyck

Mark Suderman

Oct. 25 – Ariana Goings

Mary Ramseyer

Oct. 26 – Wendy Chappell- Dick

Oct. 27 - Jacob Suter

Oct. 28 – Mark Novak

Oct. 29 – Lynda Nyce

### Ministry Opportunities

FMC's *Kitchen ministry* is in need of people willing to guide and oversee the use of our kitchens. This includes organizing and maintaining the kitchen resources such as dishes and appliances. Please contact Rich Bucher, [richardwbucher@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwbucher@yahoo.com), 419-239-0646.

**WHAT:** Drive-through Spaghetti Dinner

**WHEN:** October 29, 2021

**TIME:** 4 P.M - 6 P.M

**WHERE:** St John's United Church of Christ

**COST:** Donation or Free will offering for Community Outreach Programs

### FILLED!!

#### Library Circulation

**Volunteer** Thank you to

Joan Diller, Mary Ina

Hooley and Mary

Edmiston.

Mark Suderman may be out of the office next week, October 25-29. He has been called for possible jury duty. Please know that if he is not available during the day, he will be checking his phone and email during the evenings.

Today's prelude is based on the hymn tune MCKEE which Harry T. Burleigh (1940) adapted from an African-American spiritual. The tune is named for the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church (Erie, PA) where Burleigh served as the baritone soloist for 52 years. Burleigh popularized several spirituals by adapting and singing them in concerts and worship services. Burleigh paired the music with the text "In Christ There Is No East or West." In *Voices Together*, the tune MCKEE is paired with a recently-composed text, "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" (VT#392) by Adam M.L. Tice (member of the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee).

## Announcements

**Tomorrow morning** is your opportunity to serve at Our Daily Bread in Lima. We leave from the church at 10:45 a.m. Questions? Contact John or Carolyn Rich 419-358-5405

**Mom (Rosie Dosh) was released from the hospital** last week and moved to the memory care unit at the Hilty Home. She is doing much better and is enjoying her new home. Our family is grateful for all the prayers and well-wishes during her difficult time. We are very appreciative of the good care she has received all along the way, from Maple Crest, Clear Passages Hospital and now the Hilty Home. We are truly blessed  
-Judy Steiner

**First Mennonite Church's Gifts Discovery** ministry works to strengthen the ministries of the church by expanding the ministry involvement of the church's members and participants. In addition to weekly highlights of FMC ministries during the Ministry Minute and in the Ministries Corner, we are particularly excited about a ministry fair being planned for early January. Continue to watch for the details to be announced and plan to attend. Anyone interested in affirming others and in finding creative ways to encourage active participation in the ministries of FMC should join in this ministry. Please contact Greg Hartzler, 567-204-9281, [gregphartzler@gmail.com](mailto:gregphartzler@gmail.com).

**The Caring Connections** team will meet on Tuesday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sojourners Sunday School Class** is an intergenerational group that utilizes the denominational Adult Bible Study materials in class. We meet in the Assembly Room at the bottom of the stairs in the basement. Visitors and new members always welcome. Contact person for the class is Lori Nester ([NesterL@Bluffton.edu](mailto:NesterL@Bluffton.edu) - 419-358-9650).

**The Taste and See SS Class** welcomes you to join us for a new topic starting this Sunday, Oct. 24. We will start learning about a practice known as BioSpiritual Focusing, which is a compassionate way of noticing and sitting with whatever difficult feelings you may hold in your body at the given moment, such as anger, annoyance, or fear. Many people find this practice simple and transformative, as they welcome God's *agape* love deeper into our lives. Each class usually includes time for learning, practice and sharing. Please contact Anne Marie Spelman ([spelman.anne.marie@gmail.com](mailto:spelman.anne.marie@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Going, going, SOLD!** The Senior High Youth welcomes **you and your donations** for their **auction on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**! Youth will be auctioning off their own goods and services, too. Gently used items, baked goods, meals, and services are all welcome donations. Have an idea for a donation? Contact any member of the SHY group or Carrie Mast. Don't have anything to donate? No worries! We need bidders! Won't be in town? We've got you covered! The auction will be **livestreamed via Zoom** with youth serving as your proxy bidders! Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

## Reminders

**On Sunday, November 7**, we will be having our All Saints Day service, remembering and celebrating our church members and other loved ones who have passed away since November 2020. We will be inviting people to come forward during the morning worship service, state their name, state the person they are remembering, give their relationship to that person, and then light a candle.

**The Western Ohio Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, November 13, at Huber Mennonite, New Carlisle: Arrival and Breakfast at 8:30 AM; program 9 AM - 11:30 AM. For more information about this meeting, including transportation options, contact Lawrence Matthews at [matthewsL@bluffton.edu](mailto:matthewsL@bluffton.edu) or 419.303.8056.

**October 28, 2021** will mark the 70th anniversary of Dick and Corrinne Boehr. The family of Dick and Corrinne invite people to send a card or a note to share in this celebration. Cards should be sent to 110 Magnolia Lane, Bluffton, OH 45817.

**In an effort to make** sure we have all ministries up to date, please check the list on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and if a ministry is missing please let your Circle Leader or Shelby Cluts know so the information can be updated. Thank you! From: Leadership Circle.

**The Faithful Living Class** welcomes all who would like to discuss the Salt & Light curriculum. We begin SS at 9:20 a.m. If you have questions, contact Greg Ring at [h.greg.ring@gmail.com](mailto:h.greg.ring@gmail.com) or by calling 419-379-5310.

**Faith & Life SS Class** meets in the parlor from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Alex Sider is teaching this fall using the curriculum "Peaceful Practices. A Guide to healthy communication in conflict". Contact Mary Amstutz if you need the material.

### **Our Connections**

Volunteer opportunities at MHCO. Persons interested may contact Chris Moser, [cmoser@mhcoliving.org](mailto:cmoser@mhcoliving.org), 419-358-1015 ext 263. *See Mission Peace and Service Bulletin Board for full list.*

The **Women in Leadership** ministry of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has **relaunched its popular podcast, "Holding It Together."** Bonita Croyle of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts this podcast, created by women for women. Listen here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hit>.

Anabaptist History Today is hosting **Racial Harm and Harmony Among Mennonites on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.** Experts from North American Anabaptist heritage organizations, including Mennonite Church USA Archives, will show and discuss historical documents relevant to current issues. Register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/racial-harm-harmony-mennonites>.

**Service isn't just for individuals;** groups can serve together, too! Gather your friends, and spend some time doing meaningful work together with SOOP. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/SOOP](http://MennoniteMission.net/SOOP) to learn more or contact Eric Frey Martin at [EricFM@MMNWorld.net](mailto:EricFM@MMNWorld.net).

**Are you considering a gap year?** Head to Barcelona, and take part in the Barcelona Anabaptist Center's discipleship program. Learn about postmodern ministry, and develop your Spanish-language skills, as you identify the ways you are uniquely equipped to serve the neighborhood and local church community. Contact Eric Frey Martin at [EricFM@MMNWorld.net](mailto:EricFM@MMNWorld.net) to learn more.