

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Weekly Announcements 10-3-2021
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- **Director of Music/Interim Church Administrator** – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 sudermanme@bluffton.edu
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- **Custodian** – Don Burris, 419-788-6157; dcburris58@gmail.com

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Gerald Mast 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 4 - October 9, 2021

Tuesday, Oct 5 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,
Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct 6 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 7 Deadline to submit announcements, 12 p.m.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Worship - Racial Justice, Bail Reform, Death Penalty Abolition.

Lectionary text: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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**Large print bulletins and hymnals
available on the table in the Fellowship
Hall or an ask usher for help.**

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 4 – Jason Diller

Oct. 5 – Kevin Cluts

Elaine Suderman

Oct. 7 – Sharon Carpenter

Savannah Werling

Oct.8 – Joan Diller

A class is forming for those who are planning to transfer membership to First Mennonite Church or want to join a discussion about considering making a commitment to fellowship at First Mennonite. At this point there are nine persons planning to join the class. If you are interested in joining or want information about the class contact Pastor Jeff.

WHAT: Community Meal
WHEN: October 7, 2021
TIME: 6 P.M
WHERE: Senior Citizens Center

Ministry Opportunities

~**Library Circulation Volunteer:** Checks in returned books, re-shelves books, files cards in catalog, assists in processing donated and new books, maintains library space, and works with the Library Committee.

~**Nursery Volunteers:** Interested in showing hospitality to families? Sign up to be a volunteer in the nursery here! Not a fan of Google sign-up sheets? Call the church office to sign up!

~**Community Meal Coordinator:** needed 2x a year. Serve as the contact for FMC's scheduled meals at the Senior Citizens Center. Two people are already on the volunteer list ready to assist with planning the meals and helping prepare and serve the meals. Contact Walt Paquin at paquinw@bluffton.edu or 419-889-1516 if you are interested in having your name next to the Community Meal ministry on the Connecting Circle Ministry sheet!

Prayer Requests

Prayers are welcomed for Judy Steiner's mother, Rosalie Dosh. She has been experiencing intense anxiety and is receiving treatment at a hospital in St. Mary's, OH.

Announcements

Ohio Death Penalty Information: Get information about and register for the Death Penalty Abolition for Faith Week! October 8th -17th! Registration link here: <https://bit.ly/2Y6bz0U>

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

For those of you who are contact persons for a ministry, there is going to be a Retreat on October 16, 2021 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. If you cannot attend please try to have a representative from your ministry present. This will be a time for Circle Leaders to meet with you and work will be done to put some procedures in place to facilitate communication and help us to learn how the new structure works. If you have any questions, please contact your Circle Leader or Shelby Cluts.

Reminders

Hearing Assist Unit Inventory: If you are a regular user of one of these units, I would like to have you confirm that you have your name on one that is stored in the cabinet between uses. If you keep one in your possession, I would also like to have it recorded in inventory. FMC provides batteries for the units and can provide an ear piece which, for health reasons, becomes a personal item. Please put your name on the regular use list so that it is possible to anticipate availability to new users. Thanks much – Bob Suter

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 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. Contact Mary Amstutz if you need the material.

Our Connections

Camp Friedenswald – Weekend Getaways: Come on your own for a relaxing weekend or bring the family and friends to reconnect in the peaceful woods.

Available Weekends - **October 15-17, November 5-7.**

September Reporter: “Tending Transformation” is the new theme for Central District Conference. In this *Reporter*, Doug Luginbill, conference minister, reflects on what this means for the conference and our congregations. Lifelong peacemaker Doug Hostetter reflects on efforts to transform the response to 9/11 into something that was life-giving and healing. *-Hard copies available in the Fellowship hall*

Mennonite Women USA | Coffee & Conversation | Oct. 7, 7 p.m. ET

Liz Hand, of Pleasant Finance LLC, Canton, Ohio, will lead a conversation on finances and women. [Register here.](#)

Mennonite Men | Knowing Your Narrative | Oct. 26, Nov. 6 & 16

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men present a three-part, hybrid event on masculinity, faith and equity, facilitated by Ben Tapper. [Register here.](#)