

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
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Sunday, November 14, 2021

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship: Camp Friedenswald, 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.
Youth Auction 5p.m.

November 15 – November 20, 2021

Tuesday, Nov 16 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,
Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 17 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, Nov 18 Deadline to submit announcements, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov 21, 2021

Worship – Jeff Boehr preaching

Lectionary: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4b-8;
John 18:33-37

WHAT: Transgender Day of Remembrance

WHERE: First Mennonite Church

WHEN: 11/18/21, 7P.M.

Planned by Brave Space, contact Heidi
Mercer at mercerh@bluffton.edu

It's been two months now since we said good-bye and we made our way to the top of the mitten in Michigan. We are settling in and making the house our own. Our daughter-in-law, Banysha remains in a wheelchair, but was able to return to work a couple of hours a day on Monday. We are deeply grateful for all your thoughts and prayers and expressions of care. You all remain in our hearts and prayers as you continue to seek God's kingdom reign.

-Wanda and Bret

Happy Birthday!
Nov. 15 – Dennis Oxander
Nov. 20 – Jesse Hardy
Nov. 21 – Junia Spelman



**THE SENIOR
HIGH YOUTH THANK YOU FOR ALL OF
YOUR AUCTION DONATIONS! YOUR
RESPONSE HAS BEEN AMAZING!**

**NOW WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
BIDDING! BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS
AND GET READY FOR SOME FUN FOR
ALL AGES!**

**SUNDAY AT 5 PM!
FELLOWSHIP HALL & STREAMING
[ZOOM LINK](#)**

MEETING ID: 93482279238
PASSWORD: 593176

AUCTIONEER: DARRYL NESTER

**A CHILDREN'S TABLE INCLUDES
ITEMS FOR THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS
OF THE CHURCH TO PRACTICE THEIR
BIDDING SKILLS!**



Ministry Highlights

Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA. Its mission statement is *“to help people and institutions integrate their faith and values into their financial decisions to accomplish their stewardship goals.”* 143 members of FMC own or participate in products and services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. In 2021 FMC received \$3,000 in matching grants that have been used together with the Deacon’s Benevolent Fund to meet the needs of church and community members.

**Contact Richard Bucher for further information about Everence, its products and services 419-230-0646 or richardwbucher@yahoo.com

Drivers needed. FMC members and friends living at Maple Crest, Memorial Home and Willow Ridge need transportation to attend our worship services. If you are interested in helping drive the MHCO bus to provide this service, please contact Mona Reichenbach 419-230-9187 or monalou@roadrunner.com

Announcements

Are you interested in sharing your gifts of scripture reading with the congregation? We are planning to include readers theatre arrangements of scripture passages for multiple voices (LOGOS-style), as well as opportunities for solo readers, during the season of Advent. We will hold a brief mid-week evening rehearsal for each week’s readers. Readers are welcome for just one Sunday, or for multiple Sundays. If you are interested in being a reader or have any questions, please contact Melissa Friesen at friesenm@bluffton.edu or 419-408-8189.

Reminders

On Sunday, November 21 we will be celebrating communion during worship. All are invited to prepare to participate in this communal and spiritual event of remembering the fullness of Christ's life being shared with us. Come to the table. Children will receive a snack and a blessing.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held Nov. 21, 2021 immediately following the church service. Several items will be voted on during this meeting, including the spending plan for next year, proposed additions/changes to the bylaws of our constitution, and the elected slate for next year. The proposed additions/changes to the by-laws and the Annual Report will be put in your mailboxes. Bylaws were placed in mailboxes and can be found on the church website.

The Taste and See SS Class explores various contemplative prayer practices. A typical class includes time for learning, silence and sharing. We meet upstairs in room 301 and are currently learning about Biospiritual Focusing. Contact Anne Marie Spelman at spelman.anne.marie@gmail.com with questions. Please join us any time!

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, 419-358-9650.

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 using the curriculum “Peaceful Practices. A Guide to healthy communication in conflict”. Contact Mary Amstutz if you need the material.

Our Connections

Invite AMBS: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty and staff are available to interact with congregations and organizations in person or via videoconference on topics such as trauma-informed caregiving, intercultural competence, undoing racism, leadership for God's reconciling mission in today's world, and more. Speakers can be requested online: [ambseurope.org/invite](https://www.ambseurope.org/invite)

Volunteer opportunities at MHCO. Persons interested may contact Chris Moser at cmoser@mhcoliving.org, 419-358-1015 ext 263. *See Mission, Peace and Service Bulletin Board.*

Crime Victim Services is hiring a full-time, 40 hour a week, Elder Victim Advocate. Contact Elysia Bush at ebush@CrimeVictimsServices.org, 419-222-8666 for more information. See bulletin board for more details.