

## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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### Sunday, January 2, 2022

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Carrie 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).

### January 3 – January 8, 2022

Monday, Jan 3 Office Closed!

Tuesday, Jan 4 Morning prayers, Sanctuary, 7 a.m.,  
Staff meeting, Parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan 5 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, Jan, 6 Deadline to submit announcements 9 a.m.

### Sunday, Jan 9, 2022

Worship – Lynda Nyce preaching

Lectionary: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

### Announcements

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) updates - follow MDS responses at [www.mds.org](http://www.mds.org)**  
**December 10 tornado outbreak, KY:** Lynn Miller, Everett Collier, and Wendell Miller are scheduled to drive to Mayfield, KY, on January 1st. They will volunteer for one week removing debris and tarping roofs. Lynn will serve as project director, coordinating the work for all the MDS volunteers in and around Mayfield in early January.

**November 2018 Camp Fire, Paradise, CA:** Julian Harnish served as a long-term volunteer, November 22-December 18. The work is focused on building homes that were destroyed in the town of Paradise and the surrounding county. Over 95% of structures in the town of Paradise were destroyed by the Camp Fire. The population in 2010 was reported to be 26,800. After the fire, the population declined more than 90% to approximately 4,600 residents. When you see Julian, he will have stories to share!!

**May 2019 tornados, Dayton, OH:** The Project to Homeownership project is ongoing in Dayton/Trotwood. The western Ohio unit of MDS is completing two new builds and Disaster Aid Ohio (DAO), partnering with MDS, has started work on eight new homes. DAO is an Amish disaster response group with headquarters in Holmes County, Ohio.

Submitted by Lawrence Matthews, church contact for MDS and chair of the Western Ohio Unit.

### Happy Birthday!

Jan. 5 – Larry Diller

Rhonda Winstead

Jan. 6 – Jim Benner

Jan. 8 – Gloria Bucher

### Anniversaries!

Jan. 5 – Perry & Elysia Bush

37 years

**We are grateful** for all the care and safety precautions the congregation has taken dealing with COVID-19. Please know that the staff (and Re-opening Task Force) continue to monitor the changes in our area due to this pandemic, including the Omicron variant, and how this may affect our church community. We are in communication with local health agencies and personnel, including those from our congregation.

## Announcements

**Communication audit:** Provide feedback on communication processes at First Mennonite Church by attending a meeting in Fellowship Hall at 3 p.m., on Sunday, January 16 or at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 17. Leadership Circle has contracted with Marathana Prothro to conduct a communication audit of our congregation culminating in a plan for updating our communication practices, including our use of print and digital platforms. Gerald Mast is coordinating the project, with assistance from Jeff Boehr, Rich Bucher, Shelby Cluts, Carrie Mast, Walt Paquin, Adam Phillips, and Amber Steiner.