

**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

**First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
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**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Doug Luginbill preaching, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary, streaming simultaneously at <http://tinyurl.com/FMC-on-FB> and at <http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom> (passcode: 11111).

**December 27 – January 1, 2022**

Monday, Dec 27 Office Closed!

Tuesday, Dec 28 Morning prayers, Sanctuary, 7 a.m.,  
Staff meeting, Parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec 29 No Choirs!

Thursday, Dec 30 Deadline to submit announcements 9 a.m.

**Sunday, Jan 2, 2022**

Worship – Carrie Mast preaching

Lectionary: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12

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

**Monday, Jan 3, 2022** Office Closed!

**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!**

**Dec. 27 – Micah Hartzler  
Linda Houshower**

**Dec. 28 – Hans Houshower  
Madelyn King  
Joseph Werling**

**Dec. 29 – Barret Benroth  
Ann Shumaker**

**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.