

WELCOME TO
FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Lynn Miller preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 25

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Caring Connections, 11 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, January 26

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

SHY & JHY, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Leadership Circle meeting 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Worship – Gerald Mast preaching

Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 24 – Zeke Coffman

Jeanne Novak

January 25 – Nancy Tripp

Jackson Niekamp

Janine Paul

January 26 – Maia Woods-Yee

January 27 – Betsi Werling

January 29 – Linda Miller

ANNIVERSARIES!

January 25

George & Anita Lehman

53 years!

January 26

Jackie & Denny Frey

26 years

You can receive four free Covid-19
tests by registering at COVIDtests.gov.

Save the Date:

Red Cross Blood Drive: February 3, 2022. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

We are having a card shower for Ernie Porzelius. Ernie turns 93 on February 1st. If you would like to send some birthday wishes his way please send to 101 Willow Ridge, Betty House, Bluffton, Ohio 45817.

Thank you.

-Joan LoBianco

The Leadership Circle meeting on January 27, 2022 at 8:00pm.

Caring Connections will be meeting on Tuesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor at the church.

Two Items for the FMC congregation related to artwork in our church building

- Table in the lower hall off the parking lot.

This space has been used for child friendly items that fit into the seasons of the year or the church calendar. Currently, there is a soft creche on the table given to the congregation many years ago by Pat and Denny Sheidler. I (Anita Lehman) have organized these displays and I am asking for some person or persons to pick up this task. This table can be used in a variety of different ways as a display for children who enter our building. I am glad to share what I have done and show available resources.

There is not a set pattern or schedule. Let me know if you are interested or just have questions.

- Nontraditional images of the life and Ministry of Jesus.

You may have noticed a variety of images in the building that portray the life and ministry of Jesus from the perspective of non-western artists. This was started before the Pandemic shut-down and I am continuing the work now. I envision non-permanent displays that can be moved around the building. If anyone has 2-D images or 3-D works from other cultures and would like to share them for a time with the congregation, please contact me, Anita Lehman. You may put a note in my church mailbox or reach me by cell phone---419-302-9680 or email—glehman1@roadrunner.com.

Reminders

The Gifts Discernment and Ministry Participation team started our Offerings of Affirmation campaign. Please use the pink cards in the pew rack to affirm one or more people in the congregation who you recognize as contributing to the life of our congregation (or having a gift that could contribute to our congregation). It can be an affirmation of work they are doing, a skill they have (demonstrated or unrecognized), a kindness they have shown, etc. Place the affirmations in the offering plate or in Greg and Laura Hartzler's church mailbox (large one at the top of the mailbox stand) any time during the week. The GD&MP team will distribute them to the church mailboxes of the persons being affirmed. Once you receive an affirmation in your mailbox, if you are willing to have it posted on the Offerings of Affirmation display, please place it in the return box on the floor next to the mailboxes.

Our Connections**From Central District Conference:**

This year we will again be hosting two Mid-Year Gatherings via Zoom. Our focus will be on our theme of Tending Transformation as we hear stories from several congregations about how they are paying attention to how God is calling them to be transformed in their communities. We will also talk together about exciting things happening in the conference. **Congregations are invited to choose to join a Zoom Video call on either Feb 5 or March 5, 9:30-11:45a Eastern Time.** Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3378130650> For a copy of the schedule for the day, [click here](#).