

WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Gerald Mast preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Sermon Discussion Circle 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, February 2

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, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 3

Red Cross Blood Drive 1 -6 p.m.

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Worship – Ellie Nickel preaching

Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8[9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11

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

OFFICE NEWS

~A reminder that a new church pictorial directory for our membership is in the works. This professionally designed directory will include family portraits of all families and a roster of church membership names, addresses, and phone numbers. The dates are July 8- 10 2022. Please go through and update your contacts in the Fellowship Hall.

~ Mark Suderman will be out of the office from February 3-6.

~Jeff Boehr will be out of town Friday-Monday, January 28-31. Please contact Rich or Gloria Bucher for any pastoral needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1 – Ernie Porzelius

February 2 – Bess Moser

February 4 – Andrew Reaburn

February 5 – Justin Neufeld Weaver

February 6 – Walt Paquin

Announcements

We have a new Directory password. Contact the church for more information.

The Racial Justice Ministry is co-sponsoring a Bail Reform Public Meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 6 PM, at Heir Force Community School (150 W. Grand Ave. in Lima) and via Zoom. Learn about the injustices within the pretrial system and how to advocate for reform. Register online here: bit.ly/ACReform.

JP Schumacher will be concluding her journey program with AMBS through a self-designed independent study required by CDC. Shas chosen visitation for her learning experience and will be looking forward to visits with individuals and families of all ages. If you would like a visit, please contact JP at 567-712-1891 to set up a time.

Lee Morris, a resident in Bluffton, is looking for some part-time work (snow shoveling, other odd jobs) as he continues to search for a more permanent position. If you have something available, please call him at 567-271-8303

Ten Thousand Villages Valentine's Day Sale.

Good news!!! **Bluffton Ten Thousand Villages** is planning their annual Valentine's Day Sale. This sale benefits Fair Trade chocolate, coffee & tea farmers as well as our artisan partner Palam in India. Give a thoughtful gift to family and friends or extend some love to yourself!

Order chocolate, coffee, tea, soap bundles to give to those you love. Completed order forms and other payment need to be returned to your village representative, Bill Suter, by Sunday Feb. 6th. Order forms are available on the table by the Sanctuary entrance. Please return them to Bill's church mailbox.

Rehearsals for Bluffton University's Masterworks Concert will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays each week starting Feb. 1 in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall on campus. Masks are required during rehearsals. The concert will feature parts 2 and 3 of Handel's "Messiah." Anyone interested is invited to join the chorus. There is no cost to participate.

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

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.

- 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 at 419-302-9680 or glehman1@roadrunner.com.

Reminders

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.