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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday, February 13, 2022**

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship:

Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma preaching, 10:30 a.m.

History of the Hopi Mission School 3 p.m.

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

### **Tuesday, February 15**

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Our Daily Bread 10 a.m.

### **Wednesday, February 16**

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.

### **Sunday, February 20, 2022**

Worship – Ray Person preaching

Lectionary: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1

Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

## **OFFICE NEWS**

~ Mark Suderman will be out of the office February 14-20

~ **A Reason to Celebrate!** On Sunday, February 27, we will remain in the sanctuary immediately following worship for a congregational meeting including a brief financial review of 2021. The focus of our meeting will be voting on a proposal from Leadership Circle for distributing some of our surplus funds from 2021! Thank you for your ongoing generosity in supporting the ministries of FMC!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**February 16 – Mona Reichenbach**

**February 17 – Rich Bucher**

**Megan Coffman**

**February 18**

**Anne Marie Spellman**

**Reporter issue available in the Fellowship Hall.**

**The policy for listing birthdays and anniversaries** in the announcements has been updated:

Birthdays will be listed in the announcements for all regular attendees, whether they are members or not. Dependents will be listed up to college graduation.

Special milestone anniversaries will be listed in the announcements: 10 years, 20, 25, 30, 40, etc.

\* If there are special circumstances when a unique listing of a birthday or an anniversary is desired by church attendees, please contact the church office.

\* If the office misses something, please let us know so that it can be corrected.

\* If you do not want a birthday or anniversary listed, as described above, please contact the church office.

### **We welcome the following people to our service today:**

**Georgia Adams**, Native name Yothontas "She-Who-Listens" will represent the Ongweh Onweh (Mingo) tribe as a language keeper active in Native American language revitalization. Georgia is affiliated with the Church of the Great Peace Native Fellowship in Findlay, Ohio, situated near the Findlay Reservoir. It is the only Native American Church in Ohio. She also travels from her home in Findlay to attend Lima Mennonite Church.

**Kay Neff** is from Sedgwick, Kansas, where she and her family have farmed since 1990. Kay began working with the Old Hopi Mission School, Kykotsmovi Arizona in 1996, and has been involved with fundraising, building and teaching at the school ever since. She returned to the Peace Academic Center full time in 2018 to help reopen the school and is currently serving as head of school.

**Lance Polingyouma** is an alumni of the Old Hopi Mission School, and has served for most of the last 20 years as a board member of the Hopi Mission School Foundation, and raised funds and awareness of the school. A born storyteller and Hopi historian, he brings his experience and insight as he shares his experiences. As an advocate for the community, he currently works at the Peace Academic Center-Kykotsmovi Arizona as the Cultural Liaison and student mentor.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Mary Ramseyer** welcomes prayers for healing as she undergoes facial surgery on February 16th.

**Steve Harnish** was released from the Findlay hospital last Sunday and is now recovering at home from viral hepatitis. He and Monica are appreciative of the prayers and concern expressed by the church community.

### **Announcements**

**Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma** from Hopi Peace Academic Center(formerly Hopi Mission School) will be our guest speakers this Sunday. We also wish to send along a monetary gift for the school. All the loose offering collected this week will be used for this gift, so please consider adding some extra to your offering this Sunday.

**The Racial Justice Ministry** is hosting a session with Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-4 p.m., to learn about the history of the Hopi Mission School and the new partnership that is underway. We will meet in the sanctuary, and it will be available to stream at <http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom> (passcode: 11111).

**Our church will assist with meals at Our Daily Bread in Lima this Tuesday, February 15. Please let John Rich (419-969-4964) know if you can help.**

**Ntathi Phetlhu, a student from Botswana** is looking for an apartment or a basement to rent. If you can help or have any information, please contact the church or Ntathi at 419-792-0179.

### **Revival or Decline? American Faith and Philanthropy Face the Future -**

The Thomas H. Lake Lecture will be held Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:00 pm ET.

The Lake Institute on Faith & Giving <http://surl.li/biirc> will be hosting a lecture with David Brooks and Anne Snyder as they share stories from the frontlines of community rebuilding and civic creativity, and talk about the sacred re-weaving of institutions of all forms. This is a free event and we kindly ask that you RSVP <http://surl.li/biisa> ([philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/lake-lecture-rsvp.html](http://philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/lake-lecture-rsvp.html)) Join in-person at St. Luke's UMC (100 W. 86th St, Indianapolis) or via livestream. With your RSVP we will keep you up-to-date on any event changes and send you the link for the livestream. The lecture is free, however they do request that people register ahead of time in order to receive the link for the event. The in-person event will be held in Indianapolis if you are in that neighborhood in late March.