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<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom>.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

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

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship:

Ray Person preaching, 10:30 a.m.

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

### **Tuesday, February 22**

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

### **Wednesday, February 23**

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 27, 2022**

Worship – Doug Luginbill preaching

Lectionary: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2;

Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February 21 – Carrie Mast

February 22 – Avila Spelman

February 26 - Andy Chappell-Dick

## **OFFICE NEWS**

~ Pastor Jeff Boehr will be attending the Pastors and Leaders event at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary this week. He will be out of the office Monday, February 21 - Thursday, February 24. For pastoral care contact Rich and Gloria Bucher.

**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!

~ We have a new password for the directory on the church website. Contact the church office for the information.

## Save the date! Bluffton Community VBS July 17-21!

### Prayer Request

#### **Update for Pete Amstutz**

His biopsy on his brain tumor was performed and his shunt was taken care of. Both procedures went well. Please continue praying for Pete as we wait for his biopsy results.

### Announcements

**Thank you** for your generous financial contributions that support higher education and FMC students through our church matching scholarship program. Each of seven students attending Mennonite colleges during this current 2021-22 school year received FMC scholarships of \$1000 [matched at \$1000]. Looking ahead, six students have applied for matching scholarships for the upcoming 2022-23 school year: Therisanyo Phetlhu at Bluffton University; Isaac Andreas, Seth Andreas and Sophia Gott at Eastern Mennonite University; Ana Neufeld Weaver and Ellie Nickel at Goshen College.

To continue supporting students with \$1000 scholarships, a total of \$6000 is needed. The current balance in the fund is \$963.57. The first payment of \$3000 is due by August 15, 2022, the second by December 15, 2022. Please consider supporting Mennonite colleges and FMC students with a contribution designated to the “scholarship fund.”

**Melissa Florer-Bixler**, pastor of Raleigh Mennonite Church in North Carolina, is the Keeney Peace Lecturer at Bluffton University this spring. She will offer two public presentations. At 7 p.m. on Monday, February 28, she will present “How to Have an Enemy”—based on her book by the same title—at First Mennonite Church (Fellowship Hall). At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, she will present “Third Way Politics, Cancel Culture, and Polarization” at Yoder Recital Hall. Both events are open to the public.

### Reminders

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.

### Connections

**Continuing impact of the Vietnam War** – February 27 at 6:00 p.m. – Lima Mennonite Church

All area churches are invited to an informational meeting hosted by Lima Mennonite Church, 1318 North Main St., Lima, OH 45801. Questions about the event can be directed to Brice Brenneman (419-394-3735). Many Americans have heard at least a bit about the effects of Agent Orange on Vietnam veterans. Some people have heard of the genetic health effects of Agent Orange on citizens of Vietnam down to the fourth generation. Very, very few people have heard of the serious impact of Agent Orange on the citizens of Laos, a country that neighbors Vietnam. Dan and Jeanne Jantzi, former Mennonite Central Committee Area Directors for Southeast Asia will speak about Americas long kept Secret War on Laos. They will share about the long-lasting impact of the war, and especially of Agent Orange on Lao people and how followers of Jesus can respond.