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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship:

Doug Luginbill preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Congregational meeting

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

Monday, February 28

Melissa Florer-Bixler presentation, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, March 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

Ash Wednesday Service 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

Worship – Lynn Miller preaching

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans
10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us on Wednesday at 8 p.m.
for our Ash Wednesday Service that
will include the imposition of ashes.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following the church
service today is the congregational
meeting. If you would like to join this
meeting via zoom, use the link below

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

You can cast your vote via zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 28 – Ethan Blount

March 1 – LuAnn Stuckey

March 6 – Dave Moser

Prayer Request

Sara Brenner's mother, Dorcas Brenner passed away on Tuesday. Visitation will be on March 5, 2022 at 1 p.m. followed by the Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Prayers appreciated.

Dave and Jenny Moser are requesting prayers. Jenny is having surgery on Monday February 28 at the Cleveland Medical Center for the reoccurrence of cancer.

The family of Keith Brauen would like to thank the church for their support during the death, visitation, funeral and meal for our Dad. We appreciate your willingness to work with us during this rough time. We know this funeral was the first big one of this COVID time and we couldn't be more appreciative of all you did for us. We will greatly miss our dad and grandpa but we were able to say our goodbyes at his home church. Thank you!

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

Maple Crest is looking for volunteers to help lead Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. If you are interested please contact Amber Steiner at 419-296-2830, arshelly11@gmail.com or De Michel at dmichel@mhcoliving.org or 419-358-1015.

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

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.

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."

Connections

Learn about the "Accessibility Resolution," which will be voted on at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. MHS' Clare Krabill and Anabaptist Disability Network's Jeanne Davies will discuss it during a webinar on Monday, Mar. 7 at 7 p.m. ET. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate