

WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Youth Sunday:

Worship, Ellie Nickel preaching, 10:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday, February 7

Morning prayers, 7 a.m. Sanctuary

Staff meeting, 9 a.m. Parlor

Wednesday, February 8

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 13, 2022

Worship – Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma preaching

Lectionary: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;

Luke 6:17-26

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

OFFICE NEWS

~ Please review your directory information on the table in the Fellowship Hall and provide updates by checking the printed pages or contacting the church office. If your information is correct, please let us know that, as well, by noting this next to your contact information or letting Trusty know.

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 6 – Walt Paquin

February 7 – Alicia DeMarco

Marlyce Gundy

Chris Moser

February 11 – Karen McCullough

ANNIVERSARIES

Mustaq & Becki Ahmed

45 years

Announcements

The Racial Justice Ministry is co-sponsoring a Bail Reform Public Meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 6 p.m., via Zoom only. Learn about the injustices within the pretrial system and how to advocate for reform. Register online here: bit.ly/ACReform.

The Racial Justice Ministry is hosting a session with Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma on February 13th, 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).

Ten Thousand Villages Valentine's Day Sale

Orders with payment for the Ten Thousand Villages Valentine's Day Sale are due today! Order pick up options are in store on Feb. 11th & 12th or at church on the Sunday 13th. Indicate your preferences on the order forms available just outside the sanctuary. Place your order in Bill Suter's mailbox. Thank you for the support of TTV!

Want to shop for something extra special? Visit Bluffton Ten Thousand Villages store at 115 S. Main Street for other gift options that provide long term employment to thousands of artisans in 35 developing countries.

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

JP Schumacher will be concluding her journey program with AMBS through a self-designed independent study required by CDC. She has 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.

Menno-Life February issue available in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

Family Winter Camp - Feb 18-20: [Winter Family Camp](#) provides more opportunities for intentionally connecting with other families & friends throughout the weekend through outdoor intergenerational worship and activities. All programming is optional. Due to COVID constraints, child care will not be offered in the same way as in the past, although kid-friendly activities will be woven throughout the days!