

**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

**First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817**

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**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Jackie Wyse- Rhodes preaching, 10:30 a.m.,

Sanctuary, streaming simultaneously at

<http://tinyurl.com/FMC-on-FB> and at <http://tinyurl.com/FMC-zoom> (passcode: 11111).

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

**October 18 - October 23, 2021**

Tuesday, Oct 19 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,

Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct 20 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

Thursday, Oct 21 Deadline to submit announcements, 9 a.m.

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

Worship - Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Lectionary: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Hebrews

7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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

This time of transition isn't only about pastors and governance structures. You may notice the pulpit as the most recent change in our sanctuary. We will be trying out this new-to-us pulpit in the upcoming weeks as we explore life somewhere between the old pulpit, the size of which tended to diminish smaller bodies and occasionally required using a stool for some of us, and of the more recent lecterns, which had slender frames and revealed knocking knees for others of us. Besides offering a broader expanse to hold our notes and Bibles, this pulpit is an example of how we are living into our new highly participatory governance structure which encourages us to try different approaches when something isn't working and evaluate the results. Thank you to Don Burris for his leadership and time over several weeks of researching and searching for something just right after a number of staff discussions considering the lecterns, as well as procuring this pulpit, and then outfitting it to accommodate our sound system. May we continue to make this new governance road by walking - and exploring our gifts together!

**Mark Suderman will  
be out of the office**

**Friday, Oct. 15-**

**Monday, Oct. 18.**

**Happy Birthday!**

**Oct. 21 – Joyce Hostetler**

**Oct. Alison King**

**Oct. 23 – Ethan Nickel**

**Oct. 24 – Rodney Dyck**

**Mark Suderman**

**On Sunday, November 7, we will be having our All Saints Day service, remembering and celebrating our church members and other loved ones who have passed away since November 2020. We will be inviting people to come forward during the morning worship service, state their name, state the person they are remembering, give their relationship to that person, and then light a candle.**

## **Prayer Requests**

**Elaine and Mark Suderman** request prayers for Elaine's brother, Robert Regier, who has inoperable pancreatic cancer. For those who remember David and Tracey Sawatzky, Robert is Tracey's father.

## **Announcements**

**October 28, 2021** will mark the 70th anniversary of Dick and Corrinne Boehr. The family of Dick and Corrinne invite people to send a card or a note to share in this celebration. Cards should be sent to 110 Magnolia Lane, Bluffton, OH 45817.

**The Western Ohio Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, November 13, at Huber Mennonite, New Carlisle: Arrival and Breakfast at 8:30 AM; program 9 AM - 11:30 AM. Lunch will be provided, then a tour of the MDS homes under construction following the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes. The program will include updates from MDS binational on the responses to other recent natural disasters, including named storms Ida and Nicholas. If you would like more information about this meeting, including transportation options, contact Lawrence Matthews at [matthewsl@bluffton.edu](mailto:matthewsl@bluffton.edu) or 419.303.8056

## **Reminders**

**In an effort to make** sure we have all ministries up to date, please check the list on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and if a ministry is missing please let your Circle Leader or Shelby Cluts know so the information can be updated. Thank you! From: Leadership Circle.

**For those of you** who are contact persons for a ministry, there is going to be a Retreat on October 16, 2021 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. If you cannot attend please try to have a representative from your ministry present. This will be a time for Circle Leaders to meet with you and work will be done to put some procedures in place to facilitate communication and help us to learn how the new structure works. If you have any questions, please contact your Circle Leader or Shelby Cluts.

**The Faithful Living Class** welcomes all who would like to discuss the Salt & Light curriculum. We begin SS at 9:20 a.m. If you have questions, contact Greg Ring at [h.greg.ring@gmail.com](mailto:h.greg.ring@gmail.com) or by calling 419-379-5310.

**Faith & Life SS Class** meets in the parlor from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Alex Sider is teaching this fall. Contact Mary Amstutz if you need the material.

## **Our Connections**

Brazo en Brazo is considering entering into a more intentional church-planting effort. The proposal being considered is to begin Spanish language Bible studies weeknights in a number of communities around the area, including Bluffton and Pandora. Would you be interested in supporting or being involved in this ministry? Contact Paul Neufeld Weaver 419-296-9462 or [weaverpn@bluffton.edu](mailto:weaverpn@bluffton.edu)

**Mennonite Men** | Knowing Your Narrative | Oct. 26, Nov. 6 & 16

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men present a three-part, hybrid event on masculinity, faith and equity, facilitated by Ben Tapper. [Register here.](#)