

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

**First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817
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Sunday, October 31, 2021

Youth Choir 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Worship, Perry Bush 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.

November 1 – November 5, 2021

Tuesday, Nov 2 Morning prayers, sanctuary, 7 a.m.,
Staff meeting, parlor, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 3 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, Nov 4 Deadline to submit announcements, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov 7, 2021

Worship – All Saints Service

Lectionary: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John
11:32-44

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

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 1 – Keagan Schumacher

Nov. 5 – Everett Collier

WHAT: Generosity that pleases God

WHERE: St. John Mennonite Church

WHEN: 11/14/21, 7P.M

PRESENTERS: Steve Bustos, Ed Basinger

-See flyer in mailbox

WHAT: Fall Choral Concert

**WHERE: Bluffton University (Yoder
Recital Hall)**

WHEN: 10/31/21, 2:30 P.M

**COST: FREE. A free-will offering will be
taken for music scholarships.**

Ministry Highlights

~**FMC's Kitchen ministry** is in need of people willing to guide and oversee the use of our kitchens. This includes organizing and maintaining the kitchen resources such as dishes and appliances. Please contact Rich Bucher, richardwbucher@yahoo.com , 419-230 -0646.

~**Worship Coordinator:** Do you like talking to people, making contacts, encouraging others to participate in worship? Then the Worship Coordinator is the position for you. The church is in need of someone (or a few people) willing to contact others to serve as worship leaders, scripture readers, lead conversations with our children, and provide a chancel display for each Sunday. Please contact Mark Suderman if interested.

First Mennonite Church's Gifts Discovery ministry works to strengthen the ministries of the church by expanding the ministry involvement of the church's members and participants. In addition to weekly highlights of FMC ministries during the Ministry Minute and in the Ministries Highlights, we are particularly excited about a ministry fair being planned for early January. Continue to watch for the details to be announced and plan to attend. Anyone interested in affirming others and in finding creative ways to encourage active participation in the ministries of FMC should join in this ministry. Please contact Greg Hartzler, 567-204-9281, gregphartzler@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Evan and Amber Steiner would like to thank the congregation for the outpouring of support they've received since the passing of Evan's father. Reading the many greeting cards has been very uplifting in their trying time.

-Evan Steiner

Announcements

The Annual Church meeting will be held Nov. 21, 2021 immediately following the church service. Several items will be voted on during this meeting, including the spending plan for next year, proposed addition/changes to the bylaws of our constitution, and the elected slate for next year. The proposed additions/changes to the by-laws and the Annual Report will be put in your mailboxes. The proposed additions/changes to the by-laws of the constitution will also be posted on the church website.

RSVP requested: 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. A few pictures of these two homes are located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, including pictures of First Mennonite volunteers. A family who will occupy one of these homes is planning to share their story during our program. The program will also include updates from MDS binational on the responses to other recent natural disasters, including named storms Ida and Nicholas. Please RSVP to Lawrence Matthews at matthewsL@bluffton.edu or 419.303.8056.

November Prayer Vine available in the Fellowship Hall

Reminders

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.

The Taste and See SS Class explores various contemplative prayer practices. A typical class includes time for learning, silence and sharing. We meet upstairs in room 301 and are currently learning about Biospiritual Focusing. Contact Anne Marie Spelman at spelman.anne.marie@gmail.com with questions. Please join us any time!

Sojourners Sunday School Class is an intergenerational group that utilizes the denominational Adult Bible Study materials in class. We meet in the Assembly Room at the bottom of the stairs in the basement. Visitors and new members always welcome. Contact person for the class is Lori Nester NesterL@Bluffton.edu, 419-358-9650.

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 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 using the curriculum "Peaceful Practices. A Guide to healthy communication in conflict". Contact Mary Amstutz if you need the material.

Going, going, SOLD! The Senior High Youth welcomes **you and your donations** for their **auction on Sunday, November 14th**! Youth will be auctioning off their own goods and services, too. Gently used items, baked goods, meals, and services are all welcome donations. Have an idea for a donation? Contact any member of the SHY group or Carrie Mast. Don't have anything to donate? No worries! We need bidders! Won't be in town? We've got you covered! The auction will be **livestreamed via Zoom** with youth serving as your proxy bidders! Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

Our Connections

Volunteer opportunities at MHCO. Persons interested may contact Chris Moser at cmoser@mhcoliving.org, 419-358-1015 ext 263. See *Mission Peace and Service Bulletin Board*.