

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Weekly Announcements 11-15-2020

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

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- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, 419-230-1568, mastc@bluffton.edu
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Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020

Children's Zoom, 9 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/93359681335>

Taste and See, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/342273765>

Sojourners, Zoom, 9:15 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>

Faithful Living, Zoom, 9:30 a.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5299830168?pwd=SEVQNUdKSTFYK1F1ZHHUWnFMcXAwdz09> (Passcode: 1X3X6D)

SHY, Mast's backyard, 9:30 a.m., WEAR MASKS

Worship, Youth and children leading, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual fellowship hall conversation, Zoom, 11:30 a.m. -

12:15 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/93482279238>

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/4193585766>

Nov. 16-21

Monday (Nov. 16) Racial Justice discussion, Zoom, 7 p.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/96516134635>

Tuesday (Nov. 17) Morning prayers, Zoom, 7 a.m.,

<https://zoom.us/j/93803392337>

Staff meeting, 9 a.m., Zoom

Thursday (Nov. 19) Council, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020

Children's Zoom, 9 a.m., <https://zoom.us/j/93359681335>

Sojourners & Taste and See, 9:15 a.m.; Faithful Living,

9:30 a.m.; SHY, 9:30 a.m.

Worship, Wanda Stopher preaching, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual FH conversation, Zoom, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Learning circle, Zoom, 6 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 21 – Junia Spelman

Nov. 22 – Lois Andreas

Marty Hostetler

Paul Klassen

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/4193583208>. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of nominees to serve in the Leadership Circle as described in the revised FMC constitution and to approve a spending plan for the first six months of the coming fiscal year.

How is your family adapting holiday celebrations this year? Are you trying different ways to preserve traditions or celebrate cultures? Will you light Advent candles or sing some favorite carols with family at a distance via Zoom? Will you bundle up and light the fire pit so you can all eat outside? Share your ideas and/or plans with others at FMC in the December Menno-Life. Email Mary Steiner at fmc@fmcbluffton.org or call 419-358-5766 (leave message) by Friday, Nov. 25.

As catechism members regroup to continue their studies interrupted last March by the pandemic, please keep them in your prayers as their gatherings shift to a virtual format. Members include Allison Diller, Carter Dyar, Ellie Nickel, Landon Novak, Andrew Raeburn, Elam Suter, and Jacob Suter.

Reminders

The Racial Justice Ministry will hold discussions via Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Mondays, Nov. 16, 30 and Dec. 14. The link is <https://zoom.us/j/96516134635> ~ Co-chairs Jan Wiebe, Theo Andreas, Anita and George Lehman

SHY: Meet at the Masts, 177 W. Kibler St., for SS at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Walk around to the backyard to gather at the fire pit or in the case of rain, to the screened-in porch. Bring *Trouble I've Seen*, wear masks, and dress warmly! Bibles will be provided. To join by Zoom, check your email for a link.

Materials for comforter tops will remain in the fellowship hall for a few more weeks. Fabrics are laid out on tables, along with a few kits in progress. You may do one or all of the jobs—assembling fabric kits, cutting, laying out, or sewing. Please return your work to the proper category on the tables. Donations of yardage are also welcome.

Our Connections

Jason Kauffman, director of archives and records management for Mennonite Church USA, will lead a webinar, “Mennonite Relief Pioneers,” on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. ET. The webinar is part of “The Anabaptist Story Lives On: Virtual Museum & Archive Tour,” a series produced in partnership with nine other heritage organizations by [TourMagination](https://www.tourmagination.com), an Anabaptist travel company. Kauffman will highlight the work of the more than 100 Mennonites who served in France, Syria and elsewhere during and after World War I through the Mennonite Relief Commission for War Sufferers, a predecessor to Mennonite Central Committee. Topics in the series range from cookies and tractors to the Ukrainian KGB files. Archivists and executive directors from Anabaptist and Mennonite museums, archives and heritage centers in the United States and Canada will lead the webinars. Register and learn more at <https://www.tourmagination.com/vtour-2/>.

The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash originally scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed for one year. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue making comforters for MCC in your homes or churches. These handmade comforters bring hope and comfort to the people who receive them. They provide not only warmth, but also a tangible message that their needs are not forgotten. We also invite you to continue making comforter tops and backs (60” x 80”) and we will collect them at the Material Resources Center in Kidron for the Comforter Bash in April 2022. Contact Sarah Geiser at SarahGeiser@mcc.org or (330) 201-4515 for more information.

You're invited to the MDS Western Ohio Unit's annual meeting via Zoom Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. It will cover the Western Ohio Unit's response in Dayton following the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes, including participation in a parallel project for Dayton/Trotwood, *Pathways to Home Ownership*. Other reports will include the response to the Labor Day flood in Marion, and how MDS is responding to the multiple hurricanes that have devastated the gulf coast region. Join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/9863554218> or by phone at 1-301-715-8592, passcode: 9863554218 followed by # sign. If you have questions, contact Lawrence Matthews at woumds@gmail.com.

Take a virtual walk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ4nr46K7ms> with Amy Huser, Camp Friedenswald sustainability and outdoor education director, to learn about exciting initiatives taking place across camp in the area of sustainability. You'll get a behind the scenes view of the inner workings of camp (like the compost and recycling bins) as well as a rooftop view of the solar array. Chances are you'll learn something new!