

Blessings & Concerns

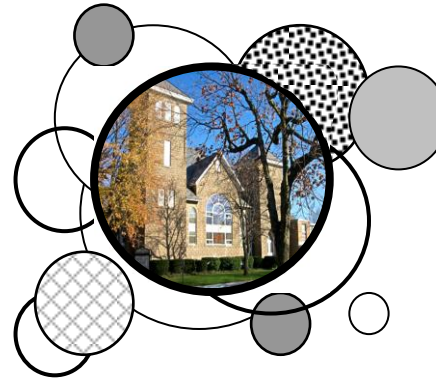
- Please continue to pray for Tom Schumacher who is at The James hospital in Columbus. Tom had surgeries for a wound on his arm. Healing will be compromised due to the radiation he received four years ago for cancer. Pray for healing.
- Pray for Pastor Matthew as he teaches the “Foundations for Christian Ministry” class at Bluffton University this fall.
- Pray for Kevin & Wilma Recker. Kevin contracted Guillain-Barre syndrome and is recuperating at Hilty Home. The Recker’s are friends of Don & Ruby Basinger.
- Keep June Fields in your prayers as she continues to wait for a kidney transplant. The donor pancreas was found not to be a good match. June is a friend of Chrissy Lugibihl and a volunteer at Et Cetera Shop.
- Pray for Phil & Esther Birkey as Esther heals and recovers.
- Pray for Frank and his friend Laurie, as Laurie struggles to make it through chemotherapy.
- Today on National Grandparents Day, give thanks for grandparents, both biological and surrogate, who lovingly nurture, pass on beliefs, values and distilled wisdom to the next generation. Pray that God may grant special blessings of strength and hope-filled courage to the grandparents who have the responsibility of raising grandchildren.



Grace Mennonite Church



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Parish Notes

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 September 8, 2019

Calendar

Sunday September 8	9:00 am – 9:10 am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 10:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Prayer time in prayer room Cherubic & Grace Notes Choir rehearsal Coffee & Snacks Sunday School Worship service Brazo en Brazo Fiesta Familiar-Lima MYF Kickoff
Sunday September 15	9:00 am – 9:10 am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 10:15 am 10:30 am after worship	Prayer time in prayer room Cherubic & Grace Notes Choir rehearsal Coffee & Snacks Sunday School Worship service All-church potluck
Samaritan House items		canned meats
Ottawa Food Pantry.....		paper products: Kleenex, bathroom tissue
Noisy Offering ...Rally Point Youth Center.....		October 6

Church News

Produce gleaning is done for the season. Beneficiaries of your generosity were Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, Rescue Mission, Samaritan House, and Southside Christian Corner. Thank you. *Tim Luginbill*

MYF Kickoff Sunday, September 8th 4pm-7pm at Karen and Justin Byers’ 1982 Road P1 – Bluffton. All 6th – 12th graders are invited to come for an evening of games and supper and talk about MYF plans for the coming school year. Friends are always welcome!

The first all-church potluck of the new school year is scheduled for next Sunday, September 15. We look forward to welcoming university students back, so please bring extra food to share. Table service will be available, but bringing your own is encouraged.

The MCC BIKE MICHIANA event will be held September 13-15. The fund-raising this year is for the MCC Great Lakes Immigration Work. Checks to support MCC through the bike ride should be made payable to **Amigo Centre** with "MCC Bike Michiana" on the memo line, and given to Ivan Friesen. Several people from Grace will be riding again this year. Thanks for your support.

Community Growth Event: *"God calls us to follow Jesus and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world."* This year's Community Growth Event (C.G.E.) will be presented by Day One. Day One is a prevention, advocacy and outreach task group of Crime Victim Services. The Day One team will present a day-long Saturday seminar on awareness, recognition and prevention of teen dating violence. *The seminar will be hosted at Grace* and will be free or low-cost and open to the public. Come learn about cultivating a culture of consent through self-esteem and healthy boundaries! More information, including a date and schedule, is on the way.

First Fruit Offerings 9/1/2019

Sunday School.....available next week
Budget.....available next week

Assisting with 9-15-2019 Service

Worship leader.....	Sarah Sprunger
Scripture reader.....	Beth Schey
Pianist.....	Katie Archer
Children's Time.....	Teri Steinmetz
Nursery.....	Steph Meyers
PowerPoint.....	Josh Schumacher
Ushers.....	Brad Spangler & Gene Augsburg
Pre-SS Greeters.....	Sophia Kauffman
Pre-Worship Greeters.....	Chris Renner
Post Worship Greeters	Foyer.....Pastor Matthew Yoder
	North.....Amber Amstutz

Church Related News

Elders in the community are invited to MHCO Elder Movie Day on Thursday, September 12 at 1:30 pm at Shannon Theater in Bluffton. The inspirational movie "Overcomer" will be shown. If you have any questions contact Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator at 419-358-1015 ext. 248.

Rehearsals for Bluffton University's 124th performance of Handel's "Messiah" will be held from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Tuesdays each week from September 24-December 3 in the Gillion Room of Mosiman Hall on campus. There are a total of 10 rehearsals, one dress rehearsal and one concert. Anyone interested in singing, from high school to adults, is invited to join the chorus, which includes Bluffton students, faculty, staff and community members. There is no cost to participate. Rehearsals will lead to the traditional Advent-season performance in Yoder Recital Hall at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 8. For more information, contact Dr. Kang at kangb@bluffton.edu or the music department office at 419-358-3347.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be hosting a Silent Auction during the annual Fall Festival at the Mennonite Memorial Home, Saturday, September 28th. To make the event a success, we need exceptional silent auction items, services or experiences. As one of MHCO Service Group's largest fundraising events, Fall Festival helps fund improvement projects and activities for more than 350 elders in our community. All donations are tax deductible. If you would like to gift an item, service, or event to the silent auction please contact Jessica Strahm Volunteer Coordinator 419-358-1015 ext. 248 or jstrahm@mhcoliving.org.

Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area - News and Needs

News: The new home, currently being built in Elida (207 W. North Street), is fully enclosed and is starting to see detailed inside work being completed. The plan is to dedicate the house in early November. Ohio Northern University sent more than 50 students to volunteer at the ReStore during the week of August 19-24. They made a significant impact on work that was getting backlogged due to lack of enough volunteer hours. **Needs:** 1. Regular volunteers at the ReStore or even volunteer groups to come in for a day. 2. Funds for the current build - every \$62 buys a square foot of the house. 3. Meals for either construction or ReStore volunteers. 4. Affiliate sustaining/ongoing donations of \$10 a month (No Place Like Home Club). **Please contact us to help or donate:** (phone) 419-222-4937, (website) www.habitatlima.org, (email) habitatlima@habitatlima.org

The next annual **Mennonite Arts Weekend** in Cincinnati is scheduled for February 7-9, 2020. You can find information for this event at www.mennoniteartsweekend.org.