

First Mennonite Church

January 1, 2017

ORGANIST – Janet McKean ❖ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem/Thygerson*

Welcome Brent Hyman

New Year's Welcome

Invocation Brent Hyman

*#245 [brown] *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 4)

*#21 [blue] *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* (vs. 1-4)

**Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

*#293 [brown] *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Offering for Eastern Mennonite Missions Bill Beachey

Offertory *Open My Eyes, That I May See/Arr. Johnson*

Children age 3-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:4-10 Jeff Bryan

Message *First Things/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#289 [blue] *Filled with the Spirit's Power* (vs. 1,2)

*#420 [blue] *Heart with Loving Heart United*

Prayer and Share Jane Mosser

Announcements

*#421 [blue] *Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1,2,3,6)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads/Ritter*

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please go to the chapel, as someone is waiting to pray with you.

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

NO EVENING SERVICE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – January 2
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – January 3

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
6:30 p.m. Prayer with a Pastor – Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – January 4

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise – Rm. 17
6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7
6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – choir room
6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center
6:50 p.m. Youth – meet in the Cellar
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – Room at the bottom of the ramp
7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 – Toddler Nursery
7:00 p.m. Chapel – *A Fresh Start* – Marcia Cressman
7:00 p.m. “Design for Discipleship” led by Malcolm Stauffer – Rm. 17
7:00 p.m. “Mennonite Beginnings” led by Dave Keim – Rm. 15
7:00 p.m. “Simply Relevant: Taste of Freedom” led by Lori Bailey – Rm. 5
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women’s Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room
8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Eastern Mennonite Missions. Next Sunday it is for the MCC Meat Canner.

On Tuesdays for the month of **January**, the Cornerstone Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

Menu for Wednesday, January 4: Ham sandwich, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, ice cream sandwich, beverages. Hot dogs for kids only.

New flower calendar for 2017 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You’re invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

There will be communion January 8, 2017, during the worship service.

Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 22, following the morning worship service.

Winter Retreats - Junior High @ Camp Luz, Jan. 13-15. Cost is \$60. Sign up and grab a flyer/registration form out in the foyer. Deadline is Jan. 8. Senior High in Chicago, Jan. 27-29. Cost is \$60. Sign up and grab a flyer/registration form out in the foyer. Deadline is January 11. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill.

THREE WINTER QUARTER ELECTIVE classes will begin this week, Wednesday, Jan. 4, in addition to the teachings in the chapel. "Design for Discipleship" a 9-week Navigator Bible study, led by Malcolm Stauffer. \$15 for materials. "Mennonite Beginnings," a retelling of the unique history of the "third way" of the Protestant Reformation, will be led by Dave Keim. "Simply Relevant: Taste of Freedom," a relational Bible study for women, will be led by Lori Bailey. \$8 for materials. Look for more information at the table in the foyer.

The showcase in the west lobby will again be having the decade wedding photographs for the months of January and February. The Historical Committee would appreciate all attendees to supply us with a photograph, preferably a framed 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10, by Dec. 30th. Please bring them to the church office. They will be returned to you in March. Letters are being sent out but if you attend First Mennonite and for some reason you do not receive a letter, bring your wedding picture in so that it can be included in the showcase. We may not have your wedding date on file. Questions, call Floyd Liechty at 849-1425.

Year-end reports for Ministries Council, Spiritual Guidance Cabinet, Board of Trustees, Adult Ministries Committee, Endowment Board of Trustees, Worship Commission, Witness Commission, Care Commission, Disciple Commission, and pastors, for the Annual Business Meeting, are due to the church office no later than January 2.

Baby Shower -- We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are providing you with the opportunity to purchase **new** baby items for The Hope Clinic. We are hosting a church-wide baby shower so that we can bless moms who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed: cribs, mattresses, high chairs, strollers, carrier infant car seats (up to 22 pounds), car seats (up to 40 pounds), toddler seats/boosters, baby gates, diaper bags, diapers (**especially sizes 4, or 5 or 6**) and wipes, crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chairs or rings, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles, Sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, clothes (**particularly sizes 12 months - 2T**) and formula. We would also like to have children's books for infant through at least 3 years of age. **For our mothers, we need gently used maternity clothing in sizes large and extra-large that is suitable for the work place.** Items not needed at this time include: onesies, baby powder/baby oil/baby shampoo/baby wash.

Congratulation and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Paul & Evelyn Norr, who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on January 2.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carol & Bud Lerdal and other family in the death of her brother, Jim Pals, on December 26.