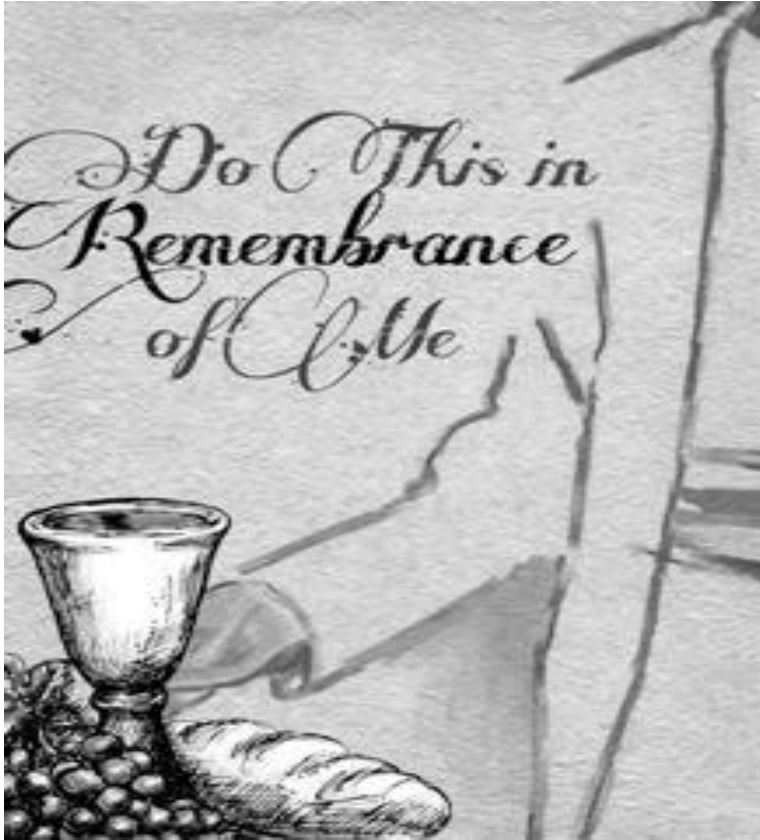


# First Mennonite Church

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## **TODAY'S SERVICES**

January 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
No Evening Service

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

WPGW, Portland, 1440 AM, 100.9 FM - Scanner frequency 161.76

Guest Wi-Fi password - fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz - Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger - Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

ORGANIST --- Dr. Scott Lehman ✧ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/Shaw*

\*Welcome

Brent Hyman

\**New Year's Welcome* (v. 1 English, v.1 German)

\*#651 [blue] *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song*

\**Great Are You, Lord*

\**We Believe*

Prayer for Jim and Mary Carol Schwartz

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Intercessory Prayer

Bill Beachey

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-19

Renelle Stauffer

#309 [blue] *Built on the Rock* (vs. 1,2)

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

Message

The Church Revealed/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*#731 [brown] *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Offering Prayer for Eastern Mennonite Missions

Becca Amstutz

Offertory

*God Leads Us Along/Hegarty*

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

Communion

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*To God Be the Glory/Wagner*

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.

## TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

**On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands class.**

**The candle arrangement** in front of the church is being provided by Jamie and Marcia Cressman in honor of their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate January 12<sup>th</sup>. "We thank God for the second blessing He gave to each of us."

**11:20 a.m.** Listening Group in Pastor Jeff's office

**5:30-6:30 p.m.** Jr. quiz practice

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY –January 9

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

### WEDNESDAY – January 10

- 5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir  
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise (4 yr. old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade) Rm.17  
6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)  
6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)  
6:45 p.m. DVD Series *Life Is Best* led by Jessica Lehman – Rm. 15  
6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center  
6:50 p.m. Youth - Youth room  
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 – *I've Heard That Before* – Steve Lehman  
7:00 p.m. *The Real God* Chip Ingram book study led by Malcolm Stauffer and Michael Mosser. Rm. 12  
7:00 p.m. Parenting: What Does the Bible Say? Led by Kent & Becky Lehman. Rm. 17  
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  
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering** today is for Eastern Mennonite Missions. Next Sunday it is for 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.

**The menu** for Wednesday, January 10: Chili soup, hot dogs for all, applesauce, cupcakes & beverages.

**Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 28, following the morning worship service.**

**Offering envelopes** are still available to be picked up. If you do not yet have your envelopes, please locate them on the table in the hallway on Sunday mornings or pick them up from the church office.

**EAT THIS BOOK** folders are available on the bible memory table today!! Chris will take a picture of all participating children to track their progress on the board. Get 2018 started with a habit of digging in to God's word!

**Apply now for a scholarship.** Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is February 28. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships).

**Junior High Retreat is January 12-14.** Cost is \$70 for first child and \$40 for second. Registration due today. Forms are out on table.

**The Children's Ministry Department** has revised their Children's Prayer Calendar for 2018, which includes kids who attend Sundays & Wednesdays. Pick one up and use it to uplift our children and volunteers in prayer each week. They are located on the table across from the sanctuary as well as the Bible Memory station in the patio.

**Hope Clinic Baby Shower – January 7 - 28.** 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 items that are always needed: diaper bags, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, **new** baby equipment (cribs, mattresses, high chairs, baby gates, strollers, carrier infant car seats, car seats for up to 40 pounds, and toddler seats/boosters), crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chair or ring, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles and sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, baby clothes (newborn through 2T), receiving blankets, baby food, baby cereal and formula. Children's books for infant through at least 3 years of age. Items not needed at this time include: baby powder and baby oil. For our mothers, we need gently used maternity clothes in sizes large and extra-large that are suitable for the workplace.

**The showcase** in the west lobby will again be having the decade wedding photographs for the months of Jan. and Feb. The Historical Committee would appreciate all attendees to supply us with a photograph, preferably a framed 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10. 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.

**God calls us to** encourage each other. Here is a list of January birthdays for missionaries and church staff. A basket will be placed in the foyer in which you may place cards for them, and these will be sent for you.

13 Neill Von Gunten 19 Brian Fox

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Paul & Evie Norr, who celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on January 2; also to Fred & Mary Jane Whitehurst, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 11.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Dale & Sue Sprunger, Mark Sprunger, and other family in the death of Ernest Sprunger on January 2.