

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

February 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. 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

Jerry Flueckiger - Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Karen Moser ✦ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude

Welcome

Brent Hyman

Psalm 103:8-11

*#157 [brown] *The Love of God*

**Ever Be*

*Psalm 89:1

**Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)*

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries

Judy Moser

Offertory

One Pure and Holy Passion/Altrogge

Praise Band

Children 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: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Darren Kloepper

Video Clip

Message

Marriage/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#552 [brown] *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Marie Nussbaum

Prayer & Share

Marie Nussbaum

Announcements

*#592 [blue] *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vs. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

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.

5:15 p.m. Junior Quiz Practice

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – *An Overcoming Faith* – Pastor Jeff

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – February 20

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – February 21

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
6:30 p.m. Prayer with a Pastor – Prayer room
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – February 22

- 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
7:00 p.m. African Children's Choir - Sanctuary
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 and next Sunday is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

On Tuesdays for the month of **February**, the Fellowship Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals. **Next month, March, the LIFE Class will be responsible.**

Menu for Wednesday, February 22: Meatballs & noodles, pizza casserole, lettuce, vegetables, ice cream & beverages. Hot dogs for kids only.

Next Sunday is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide monetary donations this month, however, all donations are appreciated.

Sing hymns over the noon hour at Swiss Village this Tuesday, February 21! Meet at the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:20. We'll go to the dining halls of the four health care units and sing a few hymns in each one. Total time required is a little more than an hour. Voices are needed, so please come!

The Bible Memory booth needs another listener!! If you are willing to listen to kids quote God's words that they have hidden in their heart, please see Chris or Debby. Responsibilities would be in the patio on Sundays from 8:45-9am about 6 times a year. See Chris or stop by any Sunday morning to talk to current listeners if you have any questions!

Come join the African Children's Choir as they perform in our sanctuary during their U.S. tour. The Choir will be performing on **Wednesday, February 22**, at **7:00 p.m.** Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity, and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the choir's concert.

Because Campbell Soup is phasing out the Labels for Education, we will stop collecting them at the end of February. Hopi Mission is not saving them anymore, so if anyone knows of a place that still collects them, please let us know. Thank you to all who helped save them over the years. Roy & Karen Lehman

Reservations are being accepted for the Mennonite Seniors Tour, September 25 through 28th. The trip includes Frankenmuth, Sault Ste Marie, Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island, all in Michigan. The cost is \$397.00 per person. Please contact Dick McKean 849-4130 for details.

NEW GROWTH IN THE SPRING! Just as new plant growth does not happen without cultivation and human growth does not happen without nurturing care, spiritual growth does not happen without our tending. You are encouraged to be a part of our midweek studies this spring, beginning March 1! In the chapel, Pastor Jeff will teach a study on **The Ten Commandments**. Does God want only for you to put his commandments into practice? Or does He want you to understand more of His Father love for you through a deeper understanding of what is behind The Ten Commandments? Kim Ringger and Jenn Reusser offer a DVD series for women based on Susie Larson's "**Your Powerful Prayers: Reaching the Heart of God with a Bold and Humble Faith.**" The all-powerful God of the universe loves us and wants to talk with us--but it doesn't always seem that way. Why is prayer so hard at times? And why are some prayers answered while others are not? Susie Larson knows the struggle. You will be encouraged in your prayer life! Darin Ringger will lead "**Elementary Truth,**" a study of six elementary truths from Hebrews 6 in which we look at relationship with God from our first steps toward Him to what an eternity walking with Him could look like. We encourage you to sign up for the elective classes on the sheets in the foyer (advance sign-up is not *required*, but will help with our planning).

Southern Adams County Home Educators invite you to hear Todd Wilson of Familyman Ministries on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm, here at First Mennonite Church in the sanctuary. The 4:00 session is for homeschooling and prospective homeschooling families. The 7:00 session is for the public. His topics for this session will be "Dream Big" and "Irresistible Parenting." Todd is a dad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. His humor and gut-honest realness have made him a favorite speaker at events across the U.S. and a guest on Focus on the Family. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken. Questions? Contact Kent and Becky Lehman at 589-3537.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of February 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.
27 Laverne Steiner 27 Conner Hyman

After studying the parable in Luke of the man storing up his grain in barns, the kids of First Mennonite have been challenged to think about what earthly things they are storing up. Do they have excess they could give to someone in need? IGNITE kids are collecting money for the MISSION of HOPE where they sponsor a young boy named Schilo. The Mission needs to purchase the word of God in their native language of Creole.

We are also collecting the items below for the upcoming visit of the African Children's Choir. Boys and girls khaki pants (size 6, 8, 10); Boys and girls new underwear (small and medium); Boys and girls new socks (small and medium); Boys and girls undershirts (small and medium); Boys and girls pajamas (size 6, 8, 10); Duracell 9v batteries; Boys and Girls GoodNites Underwear size large; Goodnight sweet Bedwetting mats (with adhesive back); Gift cards in any amount: Target, Walmart, Payless shoes, Visa; New or gently used children's clothing or shoes. Please bring all money and donations to the church **by Wed., Feb 22**. There is a red box outside the Children's Ministry office for the Children's Choir donations. Money can be left in the office or given to Chris or Debby. If you would like a tax credit for your donation, please make sure it is clearly marked.