

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

February 24, 2013

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

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jerry Flueckiger - Care & Adult Ministries Pastor

Darren Kloepper - Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Hazel Lautzenheiser - Interim Children's Ministries Director

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *You Are My All in All/Wagner*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Mission Moment: Haiti 2013
Faith, Courage, and Football

Praise God in All Circumstances

Psalm 34:1
**Blessed Be Your Name*
*Psalm 108:4
**One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)*
**You Never Let Go*
*#139 [brown] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v. 1)*

Children's Story Dawn Balsiger
Children ages 3-Grade K may walk to children's church following the children's story.

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Kent Liechty

Offertory *How Great Thou Art/Kerr*
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Obey God at All Cost

Scripture: Numbers 22:1-6 Craig McKean

Message *Blessings and Curses/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#571 [brown] *Trust and Obey (vs. 1,3,4)*

Prayer and Share Neal Reusser

*#602 [brown] *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Be Thou My Vision/Lovelace*
If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, you may go to the chapel where someone is there 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.

Today is Project Share. Please place your items on the table designated for this.

1:30 p.m. Quiz Play-off at First Missionary Church. All are welcome.

6:30 p.m. The worship service tonight is a hymn sing in our sanctuary with three other Ohio Conference churches. The hymn sing will start at 6:30 and will last an hour. Light refreshments will be available following the service.

Youth – Small groups should be meeting this weekend. Check with your leaders!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – February 26

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal
7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – February 27

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship meal
6:10 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:30 p.m. *Truth Project* led by Dave Shuey – Rm. 12
6:30 p.m. *Financial Peace University* led by Jennifer Wiley & Gina Brewster
6:50 p.m. Youth — TALK BACK open discussion night! – The Cellar
6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – FLC – *Agape National Park*
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K: room at the bottom of the ramp. Exploring God's People.
7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 Toddler nursery – Rm. 16
7:00 p.m. Evening Service-chapel. *The Unseen Battle* – Pastor Jeff
7:00 p.m. *Discipleship: The Growing Christian Lifestyle* led by Megan Linthicum & Jaci O'Dell – Rm. 15
7:00 p.m. *Made to Crave* led by Dawn Stevens – Rm. 13
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today & next Sunday is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Menu for Wednesday, February 27: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, fruit, cookie, & drinks.

On Tuesdays for the month of February, the Young Believers class will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals. Next month the Koinonia Class will be in charge.

If you have not filled out a Church Information Form to allow us to update our records in the church office, you may pick one up outside the church office on the shelf and then return it to the church office. Thank you for your help in this.

The Flower Committee is asking for your help in decorating the sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning worship service. By placing your order for a potted Easter lily, tulip, or hyacinth to the church office by Monday, March 18, the flowers will be placed in the church for Easter Sunday. You may then take them home after the service. The prepaid potted plants will be \$11.50.

The 3rd annual First Mennonite's Got Talent will be held on March 10 in the Family Life Center. See Brent Hyman to sign up for an act.

You are invited to a free worship concert performed at the Mennonite Youth Choir Festival on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. in Goshen, Indiana, in the Goshen College Music Center. Maggie, Elizabeth, and Juliana Bluhm, Camden Hyman, and Sara Sprunger will be part of a choir of over 160 singers in grades 3 through 9. See <http://mennoniteyouthchoir.com> for directions and more details.

Haiti 2013: There is a group planning a return trip to Haiti, August 3-10. Although there will be no official fundraisers in the church, participants are encouraged to raise personal support through letters or other means. The cost is approximately \$1300. The deadline to sign up is February 28. If anyone is interested, please contact Darren for more details.

Hope Clinic Volunteer Training: The Hope Clinic will hold a volunteer training on the following four Saturdays from 9-12 a.m.: March 9, 16 and April 6, 13. The training will take place at our Berne location. For more information and an application, call between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at 728-4191 or on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 589-3561. The Hope Clinic needs volunteers like you to make a difference – one life at a time!

Local Patriot and Current Colts Player to Share Inspiring Experiences – On March 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Belmont High School Auditorium – Decatur, IN – Marine Corporal Josh Bleill and current Colts quarterback Chandler Harnish will each share their inspiring life stories, a free event sponsored by the Men's' Community Fellowship. Corporal Bleill lost both his legs while serving in Iraq. After extensive rehabilitation, he returned home to Indiana, finding a new purpose in his role as the Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson. Corporal Bleill now travels the country to spread his message of hope "one step at a time." Also speaking is Bluffton native and Norwell High School graduate Chandler Harnish, now a quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts.

Elective Classes for Wednesday Evenings Spring 2013

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE: A 10-week book study by Richard Foster looking at spiritual disciplines such as meditation, fasting, simplicity, solitude, confession, etc. Each week a chapter will be discussed, then PRACTICED the following week. The class will be led by Darin Ringger and will begin March 13. The book cost is \$10.

CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM: A 9-week book study by Norman Geisler that will help equip believers to share their faith in an engaging and non-threatening way. The class will be led by Michael Mosser and will begin March 6. The book cost is \$10.

OVERCOMING DOUBT: A 7-week book study by Neil T. Anderson. This study explains the nature of doubt and the nature of faith. Certainly doubts are quite common to the believer, and this study will help process thoughts and aid in developing a life characterized by faith. The class will be led by Megan Linthicum and will begin April 10. The book cost is free for the first 25 to sign up.

Sign-up today in the foyer.

Bible Readings for the month of March

- March 1: Deuteronomy 5-7
- March 2: Deuteronomy 8-10
- March 3: Deuteronomy 11-13
- March 4: Deuteronomy 14-16
- March 5: Deuteronomy 17-20
- March 6: Deuteronomy 21-23
- March 7: Deuteronomy 24-27
- March 8: Deuteronomy 28-29
- March 9: Deuteronomy 30-31
- March 10: Deuteronomy 32-34
- March 11: Joshua 1-4
- March 12: Joshua 5-8
- March 13: Joshua 9-11
- March 14: Joshua 12-15
- March 15: Joshua 16-18
- March 16: Joshua 19-21
- March 17: Joshua 22-24
- March 18: Judges 1-2
- March 19: Judges 3-5
- March 20: Judges 6-7
- March 21: Judges 8-9
- March 22: Judges 10-12
- March 23: Judges 13-15
- March 24: Judges 16-18
- March 25: Judges 19-21
- March 26: Ruth
- March 27: 1Samuel 1-3
- March 28: 1Samuel 4-8
- March 29: 1Samuel 9-12
- March 30: 1Samuel 13-14
- March 31: 1Samuel 15-17