

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

March 17, 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 *Sonata No. 3: Adagio and Allegro/Handel*
Edmund Sprunger, violin

Welcome Brent Hyman

Ephesians 1:17-23 Brent Hyman

**My Hope Is in You
In Christ Alone*
#526 [brown] *The Solid Rock* (refrain & vs. 4)

Offering Prayer for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas Mary Bauman

Offertory *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship/Doerksen/Wagner*
Youth Bell Choir
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children ages 3-Grade 4 may walk to children's church.

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-12a Steve Lehman

Message *Unlikely Ally/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

Video: *March of the Unqualified*

**#435 [brown] God of Grace and God of Glory*
#730 [brown] Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (vs. 1,4)

Prayer and Share Neal Reusser

*March Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9

*Choral Benediction: *Blessing* Sleeth
Mennonotes

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *The Rejoicing from Music for a Peace Celebration/Handel*

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.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Bob & Carol Garringer's 40th wedding anniversary.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Alexa Sindone will give her testimony.

Youth – Movie: *Unconditional* at 6:30 in the Cellar! Pop and popcorn will be served!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – March 18

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY - March 19

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 – March 20

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
- Rm. 16

6:50 p.m. Youth — Meet and greet Josh Gaskill in 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

7:00 p.m. Evening Service-chapel. Katie Sprunger from the Hope Clinic will be speaking.

7:00 p.m. *Discipleship: The Growing Christian Lifestyle* led by Megan Linthicum & Jaci O'Dell – Rm. 15

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Discipline – 10-week book study by Richard Foster led by Darin Ringger. Rm. 13

7:00 p.m. Conversational Evangelism – 9-week book study by Norman Geisler led by Michael Mosser. Rm. 17

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 is for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas. Next Sunday it is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Menu for Wednesday, March 20: Potato bar, lettuce salad, fruit & drinks.

On Tuesdays for the month of March, the Koinonia Class will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

THANK YOU to all who provided their wedding pictures for the display in the cabinet in the foyer. You may pick up your picture on the table in the foyer.

Stations of the Cross will be open every day during Holy Week (March 25-29) from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Come and "experience" the passion of Christ through this meditative journey through the Stations.

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.

Calling all commissions, committees, classes, clergy, choir directors, children's ministers, custodians and citizens – let's clear the clutter at church. Spring is almost here – that means spring cleaning!!!! First Mennonite will have a one-time garage sale at Das Marit on Saturday, May 18. Let's get into every closet and cupboard and remove all those things no longer used or needed at church. Please place items in room 9 (beside the kitchen) labeled as Garage Sale. Some things of greater value may be considered for a silent auction. Please complete the cleaning by Wednesday, May 15th.

Having faith means we Gotta Move -and we are going to do just that! Communitywide VBS will be happening this summer at South Adams School!!!! Mark your calendars for June 5th - June 12th with the final program the evening of the 12th. You will not want to miss this. Watch for more exciting details to be coming soon and pray about your involvement for GOTTA MOVE VBS 2013!

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Bob & Betty Reinhard, who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on March 22.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Laverne Gilliom and other family members in the death of Annie Gilliom on March 9.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of February, we have the following balances on hand:

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 11,107
Household Treasury	\$ 26,060

Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 6,439	\$ 6,733
Witness Commission	668	633
Worship Commission	1,141	1,629
Care Commission	2,184	2,838
Personnel	65,749	70,457
General Administration	8,707	6,750
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>20,544</u>	<u>17,092</u>
Total Household Treasury	<u>\$105,432</u>	<u>\$106,132</u>

Building Project Summary

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,213,819	\$2,202,211	99.5%
Remaining Pledge Balance Outstanding		\$11,608	