

First Mennonite Church

April 3, 2011

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ♦ SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude *Rejoice the Lord Is King/Shout to the Lord/Sprunger*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Paradox: 1. a statement or proposition seemingly self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expressing a possible truth. 2. Any person, thing or situation exhibiting an apparently contradictory nature.

Let the River Flow

Prayer

The Wonderful Cross

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

#714 [blue] Responsive Affirmation of Faith

#116 [blue] *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Offering AMBS
Prayer led by Ray Keim

Offertory *In the Cross of Christ I Glory/Linker*
Guests please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children ages 3-Grade 4 may go to children's church.

Scripture Mark 10:5-9; 15-16; 29-31; 42-44 Judy Moser

Message *His Paradoxes*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

#539 [blue] *Make Me a Captive, Lord*

Mary Beth Huser, Jeanne Stauffer, Byron Fox, and Fred Stauffer

Prayer and Share Jane Mosser

#343 [brown] *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1-3) (a cappella)

Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

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.

Postlude *Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise*/Smith

**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 Ernie and Berdella Liechty's 53rd wedding anniversary on April 5th and have been provided by their family.

- 8:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Ohio Conference delegates reporting on conference.
- Youth -- Small groups will be meeting. Check with your leader for times and locations.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – April 5

- 8:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
- 9:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society rehearsal
- 7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
- 8:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 9:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 9:50 p.m. Imago Dei
- 9:50 p.m. Men's Fraternity – Room 16
- 10:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2
- 10:00 p.m. Ages 2-3 - *Instant Lessons for Toddlers* in age 2 classroom
- 10:00 p.m. Age 4-K - *Miracles* in classroom at bottom of ramp
- 10:00 p.m. Grades 1-5 *Route 254* in Spotlight room – *Isaiah*
- 10:00 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Mental Health Series: *Counseling 101: How Do You Know When You or a Loved One Needs Counseling?* – Chris Gilbert & Amy Biegel
- 10:00 p.m. Bible Study on *The Coming Economic Armageddon* by Dr. David Jeremiah in room 14, led by Ernie Steiner & Dr. Kent Lehman.
- 10:00 p.m. Women's Ministries -- Project Committee room
- 10:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 10:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer
- 10:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for the Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Next Sunday it is for Mennonite Mission Network Home.

The menu for Wednesday, April 6: Haystacks, ice cream, drinks.

On Tuesdays for the month of April, the Cornerstone class will set up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

The Flower Committee would like your help to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. You may purchase through the church office a tulip, hyacinth, or lily plant that would be part of the Easter display in the church on Easter Sunday. You would be able to take your plant home following the Easter worship service. Call the church office to purchase a plant/plants for \$11.50 each. Deadline is Monday, April 11.

NOTICE: Provisions, Guidelines and Procedures for the Family Life Center are posted outside the church office on the bulletin board.

Change for Haiti: The third grade Sunday school class is sponsoring a fundraiser at our church for the *Dots in Blue Water* project at South Adams High School. All money collected in *Das Chute* during the month of April will be donated directly to his water filtration project. All cash donations are appreciated and donations by check need to be made payable to "South Adams." The First Mennonite third graders are excited to see how this fundraiser will help the people in Haiti.

Fruit Kabob Committee - WM is still looking for two willing couples to be in charge of the Fruit Kabob Stand at the MCC Michiana Sale in Goshen, IN, Saturday, September 24th. If you are interested, please contact Sue Sprunger, 589-8972. We would like to fill this position by June 1st.

A fall trip for Mennonite Seniors to Lancaster County, PA, has been scheduled for October 11-14. Seven attractions have been planned. Details and a bulletin board of explanatory brochures will be placed in the foyer later in April. Watch for it!

Nursery Caregivers: Tentative May-September nursery schedules are posted on the wall by the baby nursery and on the church website.

more "on call" nursery caregiver needed for our babies on Easter Sunday, April 24. Let Carole know if you would be able to do this.

The Family Life Center will be dedicated on Sunday, April 10. Following the morning worship service there will be a carry-in lunch at 11:45 a.m. The dedication will begin in the Family Life Center at 1:00 p.m. There will be worship and activities of interest for all ages during the service as we dedicate the Family Life Center to God's use! **We will be taking a church family picture, and it won't be the same without you! Please come and bring a pair of scissors for each member of your family for the ribbon cutting ceremony!** Following the dedication, there will be an open house from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the community to explore our new facilities.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Kent & Lillian Sprunger, who are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary today, and to Ernie & Berdella Liechty, who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on April 5.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Victor Steiner and Ernest & Dorothy Steiner, in the death of their brother, Jarvis Steiner on March 20; also to Louise Miller, Janet Miller, John Miller, Jack & Sue Shoaf, and other family members in the death of Robert Miller on March 25; to Ernest Sprunger, Dale & Sue Sprunger, Mark Sprunger, and other family members in the death of Eileen Sprunger on March 30.

Youth Announcements

Any student grades 6-12 who did not get their picture taken for the prayer photo bookmarks, please see Darren. He would like every student to participate!

Jr. High students have an opportunity to attend a youth conference in Anderson, IN on April 15-16. The cost is \$35. Please let Darren know as soon as possible if your child has interest in going.

The youth group will be accepting donated items for a parking lot sale on Saturday, May 14. Please sign up at the chalkboard in the foyer and include your name and item to donate. Darren has plans to write an advertisement in the local paper with a listing of items for sale. The money generated from this fundraiser will go toward the cost of the furniture in the new youth room. Arrangements can be made for the pickup of heavier items.

Building Project Summary

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,138,609.00	\$1,751,859.57	81.9%