

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
Easter Sunday  
April 8, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE  
ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman    SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Then Came the Morning*/Gaither  
First Mennonite Men's Quartet  
*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*/Burkhardt

Welcome Brent Hyman

\**Happy Day*  
\**Alive Forever, Amen*  
\*I Cor. 15:55-57  
\*#353 [brown] *Victory in Jesus*

Special Music *All Things Are New* Schram  
JAM

Dedication (see bulletin insert) Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Pastor Darren Kloepper

Offertory *Jesus Shall Reign*/arr. Page  
Grace Notes  
Children ages 3-Grade 4 may walk to children's church.  
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Prayer of Intercession Milly Fox

Video *He's Alive*  
*Alive* (Mary Magdalene) Grant  
Lara Collett

Message *It's Empty*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\**Christ Is Risen*

\*Rev. 1:18

\*#368 [brown] *He Lives*

Anthem *Lord, You're Holy* James/Cottrell/Galbraith  
Tara Steffen, soloist  
Chancel Choir

\*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.

\*#367 [brown] *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

\*Postlude *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*/Zimmerman  
Brass & Organ

\*We invite you to stand if you are able  
**TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE**

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

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

**No evening service so you may spend time with family and friends.  
No Youth. Happy Easter!**

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY – April 10

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour  
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Anita Wenger & Megan Linthicum will share about their involvement with the jail ministry. Discussion on the future of WM following.  
7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY – April 11

- 5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir  
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals  
6:50 p.m. Youth – *Samarita's Secrets*  
7:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2  
7:00 p.m. Age 2-3- Toddler Nursery  
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – *Heroes of the Bible* - room at the bottom of the ramp  
7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5 – Spotlight room  
7:00 p.m. Adults–chapel– DVD by John MacArthur: *The Resurrection Body*  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Revelation by John MacArthur led by Kent Lehman & Ernie Steiner in Rm.14  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer  
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering** today is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Nursery School.

**Menu for Wed., April 11:** Beef stroganoff, carrots, lettuce, dessert & beverages.

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

**Ladies:** Help is needed to finish the new sanctuary bench pillows. We will be adding the foam and hand sewing the last side on Wednesday evenings in the WM room. If you have questions, call Jeanne Stauffer, 589-8936, or Nicki Lehman, 589-3009.

**E-mail Prayer Chain** – If you would like to be a part of the **churchwide e-mail prayer chain**, please contact the church office with your e-mail address. If you wish, you may receive these e-mails at more than one e-mail address, for example, your home e-mail and your work e-mail. Contact the office at 589-3108 or e-mail [judy@firstmennonite.org](mailto:judy@firstmennonite.org).

**Summer camps at Friedenswald** start in less than 2 months! Sign up today for a week of unforgettable memories and faith formation. There are camps for grades

1-12 as well as for the whole family. Register your child or family at [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org).

**RemedyLIVE coming to Berne:** A 2-day community youth (Jr. and Sr. High) event will take place at the South Adams auditorium on April 17 & 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. Live music from the band "Level 13" and director of RemedyLIVE, Clinton Faupel, will be speaking. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is free.

**Global Disciples** invites you to join us for a Banquet Celebration on April 26 at 6:30 p.m., held at the Family Life Center. Come and hear how God is using Global Disciples to enable believers all over the world to carry out the Great Commission and share God's love. We would love to have you host a table by inviting your friends to join you at your table of eight. There is no cost, but reservations are required. Child care will be provided for 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information on hosting a table, child care, or to make a reservation, please call us at 589-2778. We look forward to enjoying a great meal and having fellowship with you as we celebrate the work God is doing around the world through Global Disciples.

**Ladies, would you like a day away** to find nourishment for your starving soul? Then plan to attend the Ohio Mennonite Women Day of Inspiration on April 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Smithville Mennonite Church. Deb Horst will be the featured speaker on *Spiritual Disciplines: Nourishment for a Starving Soul*. There will be music and worship along with 2 choices of workshops. There will be a sign-up sheet on the WM bulletin board. There will be a \$5 donation for transportation.

**Do you have** computer, website design and IT skills and are tired of staying in an office and staring at grey office walls? If you are between the ages of 18-27, why not consider applying to MCC's SALT program, where you use your gifts to serve for 11 months in Kenya, Cambodia, Mexico and South Africa, to name a few. Check out [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org) for more information and apply now!

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Rodney & Sandy Lehman, who will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 12; also to John and Sonja Bluhm, who will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 13.

### **Building Project Summary**

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,132,705	\$2,060,800	96.6%
Remaining Pledge Balance Outstanding	\$71,905		

### **UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES**

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

Benevolence Treasury	- \$ 2,702
Household Treasury	\$ 8,516

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 6,456	\$10,219
Witness Commission	726	800
Worship Commission	1,359	2,581
Care Commission	2,337	3,475
Personnel	94,014	99,971
General Administration	6,477	8,750
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>21,430</u>	<u>28,025</u>

Total Household Treasury

\$132,799

\$153,821

## **Dedication**

Pastor: Since God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, enabled this congregation in 1912 to erect this house of worship to be used for His glory, and has graciously blessed us; on this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary we come before Him just now to gratefully dedicate anew this building, with all its appointments, to Him.

**People: Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.**

Pastor: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have been privileged to worship in this house; to the honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, our risen Lord and Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide,

**People: We reverently dedicate anew this house.**

Pastor: For worship in prayer and song, for the ministry of God's Word, for the observance of the holy ordinances,

**People: We worshipfully dedicate anew this sanctuary.**

Pastor: For a renewed devotion to the study of the Holy Scriptures together with our brothers, for growth in maturity in all relationships, for service in the name of our risen Lord, that we, by thought, word, and deed, may glorify Christ and help our fellow men,

**People: We thankfully dedicate anew this place of worship.**

Pastor: That we may proclaim the full redeeming Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that through Him men and women may be reconciled to God and enter into more abundant life,

**People: We sincerely dedicate anew this house.**

Pastor: For the cleansing of those who are weary of sin, for the encouragement of those who ought to pray but do not, for the building of Christian character, and the moulding of life in accordance with Christ,

**People: We humbly dedicate anew this house of God.**

Pastor: For the instruction of our children and our children's children, that they may learn the ways of the Lord, and walk in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake,

**People: We prayerfully dedicate anew this house.**

**Pastor and People in Unison:** With thankful memory of the past and vision for the future, realizing that we are "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" that have gone before, men and women who have served God in this community and those who have gone forth to all parts of the world, we do here and now dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God, both in precept and practice. We do now declare anew this building separated and set apart from common and secular uses and dedicate it anew to the sacred uses of God's people as a place of prayer and worship, nurture and Christian training, to the glory of God and the

salvation of man, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## DEDICATION OF TIME CAPSULE

Opening Prayer

Scripture Phil 3:12-14

Brief Comments

Recognition of oldest and youngest in attendance.

### Liturgy

Leader: We remember the past and why we are here

All: And when I think, That God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Leader: We consider the present and our purpose: We bow our hearts, we bend our knees, Oh Spirit come make us humble, we turn our eyes from evil things, oh Lord we cast down our idols.

All: Oh God let us be a generation that seeks that seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

Leader: As Christ prayed for all believers, including us, we pray for future believers and are reminded of what is to come.

All: When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and takes me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, How Great Thou art!"

Prayer for those in the future

Place items in capsule

Closing prayer

Dismiss and invitation to celebration in He Brews