

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Mother's Day April 12, 2013

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Exaltation/Dickinson*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Call to Worship: Acts 1:3, 7-11 Brent Hyman

*#286 [blue] *Look, You Saints*

**Victor's Crown*

*Rev. 19:12 Brent Hyman

*45 [brown] *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (vs. 1-3)

Special Music *A Mother's Prayer* Lara Collett Getty

Baby Dedication

Special Music: *Mothers*

Little Notes of Praise

Following the special music, children ages 3-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Pastoral Prayer/Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries
Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Offertory *Ain'a That Good News*/arr. Dawson
Chancel Choir

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 Kathy Bauman

Message *Hope For a Nation*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#803 [brown] *If My People Will Pray*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Sending Song #788 [brown] *Now Thank We All Our God* (vs. 1,3)

*Postlude *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*/Bliss

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.

Those being dedicated this morning are: Kaylin Rose, daughter of Ben & Nicole Rediger; Kyleigh Jean, daughter of Erich & Kelly Rediger; Colton Robert, son of Ben & Jenny Garringer; Vienna Elise, daughter of Mike & Lara Collett.

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

NO YOUTH OR EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT! MOTHER'S DAY!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – May 14

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

WEDNESDAY – May 15

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship meal
6:10 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – FLC – *Agape National Park*
7:00 p.m. Youth - "In the Red" series concludes in The Cellar
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. Pastor Darren will be speaking on *Theology of Suffering*
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. *Overcoming Doubt* - 7-week book study by Neil Anderson - led by Megan Linthicum – Rm. 15
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 the Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for MennoMedia.

Menu for Wed., May 15: Pizza, chips, vegetables/dip, root beer & red pop floats.

On Tuesdays for the month of May, Class 96 will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

The church office will be closed Friday afternoon, May 17.

Voluntary Service Scholarships: College students, don't forget that scholarships are available for those who perform voluntary service in the summer months! Applications can be picked up in the church office.

From Trustees: In an endeavor to keep the church as secure as possible and not hinder ministries, the south doors on the west side of the church will be the only doors open from Sunday through Thursday until 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday these doors will be locked at 5 p.m. IF you have an activity either Friday or Saturday evening, please contact Kendall or Steve.

HELP is needed for the Spring Cleaning Sale on Saturday, May 18. There are three opportunities for service: 1) set-up at 7:00 AM; 2) work at the sale for one hour; 3) tear-down at noon. Please email Hazel@firstmennonite.org or sign up after church by Hebrews to assist with this project.

COMMUNITY VBS decoration days added! First three Mondays of May – 6, 13, and 20 – from 9 am-2 pm at First Missionary Church. If you can use a paint brush or a pair of scissors, we need you! Come for an hour or stay all day!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS: Please see the HUGE list at the registration table to see how you can help!

REGISTER TODAY!!! You can now register your kids (4 years old through completing 5th grade) for Community VBS! Visit the registration table or register online at www.tinyurl.com/communityvbs before May 19 to guarantee a free **GOTTA MOVE!** t-shirt! We still need volunteers to be “crew leaders.” All volunteers need to attend a training meeting at First Missionary Church in the Fellowship hall (enter office door #1) on either Sunday, May 19th, at 4 p.m. or Wednesday, May 29th, at 7 p.m.

W.M. CELEBRATION – There will be a celebration evening in honor of W.M. (Women In Mission) on Sunday night, May 19. We are looking for any pictures, articles, programs, etc., past or present, that we can display. If you would have anything to share for that evening, please contact Diane Antrim. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate all the many years of service of our WM ministry. Refreshments will be served following the celebration.

JUNE SENIOR OUTING, Friday, June 28th. We will leave the church at 8:45 a.m., have lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Blue Gate in Shipshewana, then attend the play “Half-Stitched.” Tickets need to be reserved by May 20th. Call Stan Von Gunten, 589-3887, or Dan Dawson, 589-2655. Cost will be approximately \$40, depending on number of people going.

It's time to start planning for Summer Camp! Info is here for both Camp Luz and Friedenswald (see the bulletin board outside the Children's Ministry office). Again this year our church will pay part of the camp fee. You can sign up on either web site, www.friedenswald.org or www.camppluz.com. The sign-up sheet for transportation is on the bulletin board. Transportation cost is \$20 if paid by May 26. Late payment is \$25. If you have questions, please ask in the church office.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Wilmer & Kenlyn Sprunger, Grace Herman, Leona & Phil Neuenschwander and other family members in the death of Irena Sprunger on May 2; also to Lana Schwartz, Jason & Becki Schwartz and other family members in the death of Ted Schwartz on May 6; also to Roger & Jenny Neuenschwander, Byron & Ruth Mary Liechty, Barbara Liechty and other family members in the death of Vernon Liechty on May 6.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 14,805
Household Treasury	\$ 43,699

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$13,534	\$13,467
Witness Commission	1,444	1,267
Worship Commission	1,550	3,258
Care Commission	3,839	5,677
Personnel	132,805	140,912
General Administration	13,475	13,500
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>35,949</u>	<u>34,183</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$202,596	\$212,264