

First Mennonite Church - July 3, 2011

ORGANIST - Waneta Habegger ♦ SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude *Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him!* arr. Smith

Welcome Brent Hyman

**This Is My Song*

First Mennonite Men's Quartet with Congregation (see screen for words)

Mission Moment: Peter Stucky

**Praise Medley of Gospel Hymns*

#495 [brown] *Jesus Loves Even Me* (vs. 1,2)

#746 [brown] *He Keeps Me Singing* (vs. 1,3)

#338 [brown] *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* (vs. 1,2)

#624 [brown] *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* (vs. 1,3)

#353 [brown] *Victory in Jesus* (vs. 1,2, optional refrain)

Offering Ohio Mennonite Conference
Prayer led by Eric Sprunger

Offertory *Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus!* arr. Thompson
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Video: *The Clean Cup*

Children ages 3-Grade 4 may walk to children's church.

Scripture: I Samuel 15:12-30 Chris Hyman, Ray Keim, and Jeff Lehman

Message *Keeping Up Appearances!* Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Hungry*

#486 [brown] *Come, Ye Sinners*

#495 [blue] *O Let All Who Thirst*

#488 [brown] *Just As I Am*

Prayer and Share Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

**#435 [brown] God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 1,3,4)

**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* *An Air for the Trumpet!* Telemann

**We invite you to stand if you are able*

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

A **listening group** from the Ministries Council will be in Pastor Jeff's office this morning following the worship service. They will answer questions regarding the proposed change of the corporate structure.

No evening service.

No youth.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

11:30 a.m. **Junior Campers** (grades 5 & 6) - your van will leave for Camp Friedenswald from the west parking lot. Please bring a sack lunch. Return time will be next Saturday between 4 & 5 p.m.

TUESDAY – July 5

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – July 6

Youth – Prayer Labyrinth open from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (see more details in the announcements below).

6:30 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2

7:00 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. *Echoes of the Past.*

7:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for the Ohio Mennonite Conference. Next Sunday it is for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas.

Anyone interested in Baptism or Church Membership should contact the church office before July 8.

Ladies: Dishes are stacking up from funerals, Bible School, etc. Please pick up your dishes in the room by the kitchen. Thank you!

Tickets are now on sale in the church office for the Swiss meal on Saturday, July 30, at 12 p.m. here at our church. They are \$12.00 for a ticket.

College/Career Reminder: The college age class is continuing every Sunday morning in the new youth room. This morning Dr. Tom Bergler from Huntington University was our guest speaker. Next week is Dr. Christy Hill from Grace College and Seminary. Dr. Hill will speak on the topic of "Spiritual Formation." Adults are welcome to join also. The class starts at 9:00 a.m.

Dinner for Eight: Thank you for all the positive feedback on your June Dinner for Eight groups! July Dinner for Eight assignments are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please call Lana Shoaf with any questions, 849-2062.

Prayer Labyrinth July 6: There will be a prayer labyrinth set up in the classrooms below the sanctuary this Wednesday night from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Youth and adults are welcome to walk through each room and pray (similar to the Stations of the Cross project). Each room will simply have a question that Jesus asked of people in the gospels. These questions are meant to provoke meditation and to provide a subject for prayer. This journey is designed for both young and old to individually answer the questions of Jesus in their own lives. Instructions and a map will be provided at the bottom of the ramp on Wednesday.

The Ministries Council has asked for a special congregational business meeting on July 10, 2011, following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a change in the corporate structure of First Mennonite Church. The proposed changes are to have the Ministries Council serve as the Board of Directors for the legal corporation rather than the Board of Trustees and also to have the president of the corporation be the moderator rather than the chairman of the trustees. This will allow the congregation to vote on the president and to be sure that person is a member of the Ministries Council. These changes will affect the Constitution, the By-Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation of First Mennonite Church. Proposed changes are posted on the bulletin board and copies are available on the shelf.

Married vs. Unmarried softball game! Wednesday, July 13th at the girls softball diamond. Please eat a light meal at home and come to the east side of Lehman Park to enjoy an Ice Cream Social. Schedule: 5:30 p.m. – Children's games/Home Run Derby; 6:30 p.m. -- Ice Cream Social; 7:00 p.m. -- Devotional, followed by softball game! Bring your lawn chairs and come for a fun time of fellowship!!!

Don Neuen (Conductor of Choral Activities at UCLA, world-renowned conductor, and son of First Mennonite Church) will be coming back to conduct a community choir this Swiss Days. All singers are encouraged to come! There is no charge. All you have to do is come to the rehearsals. The rehearsals and the Sounds of Switzerland concert will be in the sanctuary here at First Mennonite Church. Here is the schedule:

July 19	7-9 p.m.	Rehearsal with Brent Hyman
July 26	7-9 p.m.	Rehearsal with Brent Hyman
July 29	7-9:30 p.m.	Rehearsal with Dr. Don Neuen
July 30	9-11:30 a.m.	Rehearsal with Dr. Don Neuen
July 30	3:30 p.m.	Sounds of Switzerland Concert

This is an amazing opportunity to sing under one of the most sought-after choral conductors of our time!

Building Project Summary

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,197,276.87	\$1,897,360.52	86.4%