

First Mennonite Church

July 24, 2011

ORGANIST - Brent Neuenschwander ♦ SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven/Hobby*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Announcement: Swiss Days Meal

#5 [blue] *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*

Invocation Brent Hyman

*#33 [brown] *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*#80 [brown] *I Stand in Awe of You* (chorus only – a cappella)

**Enough*

**Hosanna*

Offering Household Treasury/Local Ministries
Prayer led by Rick Gorrell

Offertory *Just As I Am/Wood*
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.

Prayer of Intercession Naomi Lehman

*Scripture Matthew 11:25-30 Gwen Habegger
Message *The Only Way to Victory – Is Our Focus*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#340 [brown] *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Communion Service

#472 [blue] *I Am the Bread of Life* (congregation sing refrain on first four verses, and all of verse 5)

Lord, From Your Hand/arr. Fettke

Sue Conrad, Bertie Lehman, Jeanne Frank, Heidi Lehman,
Carol Buckingham, Lana Schwartz, and Grace Sprunger

*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 *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*/Peeters

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

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Open microphone for testimonies, encouragement, confessions, etc.

NO YOUTH TONIGHT

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – July 26

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – July 27

7:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2

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

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

SATURDAY – July 30

8-12 noon das Marit Farmers' & Artists' Market – fresh veggies & plants, hot waffles & fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today and next Sunday is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Youth are hosting a community car wash for FREE! Come show God's love through action this Wednesday from 1-7 p.m.!

Youth Waffle Tent at Swiss Days: Come and support our trip to Haiti by stopping by our waffle tent, which will be directly in front of the post office!

College/Career Reminder: The college age class is continuing every Sunday morning in the new youth room. This morning Pastor Darren was our speaker. Next week is Chelly Neuenschwander, daughter of Ron & Carole. Chelly will speak on the topic of "Fitting In/Positive Self-Esteem." Adults are welcome to join also. The class starts at 9:00 a.m.

Jeron Baker from Hesston will be here next Sunday (July 31) to talk to the youth about Mennonite core beliefs and Hesston College. Any adults who want to sit in on the conversation are welcome to join the class at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

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.

5th Sunday – "Darren with the 5th Graders" is scheduled for Sunday morning, July 31, after dismissal from the worship service.

How can I be a blessing? Join the volunteers that make the market happen each Saturday morning. Questions? Call Jeanne @ 589-2666.

Attention children 1st-4th grades: Invite a friend and bring a pillow and come to the Junior Church party on August 7 from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A Middle East meal will be served, games played, and pictures of Egypt, Jordan and Israel will be shown.

Help needed to assist the Child Evangelism team with the children's program during the Swiss Days service, Sunday night, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. (escort to bathroom, find parents as needed, etc.) Also, nursery caregivers are needed. If you are available or if you would be willing to be on call as needed, please let Carole know.

Dive in, help kids go deep with Jesus! Lots of volunteers needed for children's ministries during the 2011-12 school year—SS, children's church, midweek, etc. To volunteer or for more information, give Carole a call.

Cedar Point Trip: The youth group is going to Cedar Point this year on Saturday, September 17. This day is called "Point Fest" and the park will have several well known Christian bands performing. Darren needs to order tickets by August 18. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The cost is \$45.

Agape Respite Care will have a Nelson's Chicken BBQ benefit in das Marit on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Presale tickets are available at das Marit on Saturday, July 30, or from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. at Agape Respite Care, 298 N. Forest Park Dr. Purchase of delicious Nelson's chicken will also be available on the day of the benefit. However, pre-purchasing is encouraged. Drive by pick-up will be available on Franklin Street or you may request delivery service in Berne by calling 525-3543. The proceeds will be used for the new Agape Sunroom and playground renovation project.

Please consider teaming with GROWTH and Compassionate Ministries to make fresh produce available to Adams County families in need. Bring any extra garden produce to First Mennonite Church on Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. during the garden harvest season. This produce will be taken to Compassionate Ministries for distribution on Thursday mornings. Call James and Trina at 589-8712 with questions.

It's not too late to sign up for the eWomen conference on Oct. 14-15 in Fort Wayne. Cost is ONLY \$39 for the conference, \$10 for an optional box lunch, and optional hotel room split with other women. Please sign up on bulletin board above the drinking fountain by August 14. If you have already signed up, please mark your lunch/hotel choice on the sign-up sheet by August 14. Money can be turned in at the church office or given to Chris Hyman. Hotel money will be collected at a later date. Please make checks (for conference and/or lunch) payable to First Mennonite Women's Ministry.

Senior Fellowship August Activity: The Senior Fellowship Activity will enjoy a buffet breakfast at Norm's Preble Gardens and then go to Ft. Wayne for a Tin Caps baseball game on Tuesday, August 9. It will be limited to 38 people. We will be leaving at 8:00 A.M. from the East parking lot. There will only be a few steps to negotiate at the ballpark. Cost will be \$20 per person, which includes ballgame ticket, breakfast and gratuity, and bus expense. Make reservations by calling Rod Lehman's at 589-2936 or Lester Egly's at 849-4054 no later than July 26 as we need an exact count for the ballgame tickets. We will be returning home at approximately 3:30 P.M.

MUMS (Moms Uplifting Moms) - It's time to fill out your brackets for the 2011-2012 season for "Mom Madness" and get ready for the "Sweet 16 of Motherhood." Mums is a group of Moms with young children that meets to encourage one another in one of the most important jobs-Motherhood! Meetings are held in the morning on the 1st and 3rd Wed.'s of the month beginning in September. Childcare is provided. Registration forms are online at www.mumsberne.wordpress.com or you can pick one up at the First Missionary Church office or Berne Public Library. Registration is \$35. We are

always looking for more caring volunteers to watch the children during meetings – if interested contact Chris Hyman at 589-2485. Feel free to contact Cheryl Caffee, 589-1485, or Mindy Zurcher, 692-6294, with any questions. We hope that you will join us!

Join MCC and Amigo Centre for a great weekend of bike riding in Southern MI, and raise money for relief efforts around the world with MCC. In eight years, MCC Bike Michiana has raised over \$119,000 to help our neighbors around the world. Come ride, fellowship, and support MCC, this year September 16-18. For more information, go to [http://www.amigocentre.org/Retreats/MCC Bike Michiana](http://www.amigocentre.org/Retreats/MCC_Bike_Michiana).

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

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

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Bryce & Deloris Christy, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on July 26; also to Bud & Carol Lerdal, who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on July 26; and to Miz & Pauline Lehman, who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on July 30.