

First Mennonite Church

September 4, 2011

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ❖ SONG LEADER - Mary Beth Huser

Prelude *Exaltation/Dickinson*

Welcome Mary Beth Huser

#16 [blue] *God Is Here Among Us* (vs. 1,3)

Prayer Mary Beth Huser

*#65 [brown] *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (vs. 1,2,4,5)

*#101 [brown] *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (vs. 1,3,4,5)

*#343 [brown] *Amazing Grace*

Greetings from Wanda Stopher, Ohio Conference Regional Pastor

Offering for Ohio Mennonite Conference
Prayer led by Byron Fox

Offertory *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*/arr. Allen

First Mennonite Men's Quartet

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

1st through 4th grade meet in gym

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

Scripture: Jeff Bryan

The Writing on the Wall: Daniel 5:1-6

The Interpretation: Daniel 5:18-31

Message *Judgment and Grace*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#447 [blue] *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer Shawl Blessing Marie
Nussbaum

Prayer and Share Charlie
Habegger

*#541 [blue] *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

*#581 [blue] *Take Thou My Hand, O Father* (v.3)

*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 *Postlude in G/Kihlken*

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

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

SS Promotion Sunday for children and youth.

NO EVENING SERVICE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – September 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY – September 6

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – September 7

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals

6:30 p.m. *Truth Project* led by Pastor Jeff - Room 12; Beth Knuth - Room 13

6:50 p.m. Imago Dei -- Fall series: "Divine Addictions."

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 Echoes of the Past–*The Pure Heart*–Dr. Gerald Gerig

7:00 p.m. Study of Book of James – Pastor Jerry in room 17

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

SATURDAY – September 10

9-12 noon das Marit Farmers' & Artists' Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Menu for Wednesday, September 7: Ham sandwiches, baked beans, carrots, watermelon, cookies and drink.

L.I.F.E. Class is responsible for setting up the tables for the month of September on Tuesdays, for the Fellowship Meals on Wednesday evenings.

Mark Your Calendars!! 2012 date for the MCC Meat Canner in Berne is Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28.

All children's choirs will begin rehearsals on Sept. 7 at 6:10 p.m. This includes Little Notes of Praise (ages 4-1st grade), JAM (2nd grade-5th grade), and Mennonotes (6th-8th grade).

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin on Sept. 7 at 8:15 p.m. God has given us voices. Let's combine them to His glory! New members welcomed and encouraged!

Youth Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on September 11 at 8 p.m. in the choir room.

Needed for the display case in the foyer: Pictures of long-term missionaries overseas. Please bring to the church office by October 1. Thank You!

Missing Dishes? Dishes, silverware, Tupperware from funerals etc. are on a table in the patio for you to pick up. Please look and see if your missing item is one of these.

Dinner for Eight assignments for Sept. are posted, but LOOK CLOSELY! All participants will meet at the same time and place! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 6 p.m. Tables for eight will be set up in the Family Life Center with drinks and table service provided. The Adult Ministries Committee would like to use this event to get feedback and invite others who may be willing to participate in the future. If you haven't been a part of Dinner for Eight, and would like to try it out, join us for this event! Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board above the drinking fountain.

Due to the vast number of people dropping their land lines, we cannot get a hold of you if we do not have your number. Would you be willing to share with us your cell phone numbers so that we can keep them on file? Also if you have a cell phone number and a land line number and would like to share your cell phone number, we would love to have it as well. Call the church office at 589-3108 or e-mail renee@firstmennonite.org. We will make a cell phone directory that you can add to your pictorial in the back of the book, if you would like to have it published. Thanks-- the church office!!!

MDS opportunity to serve: We will be coordinating an MDS trip to one of the following MDS sites this fall: Birmingham, Alabama, Joplin, Missouri, or Minot, North Dakota. We will be leaving Sunday, October 16th, and returning home Saturday, October 22nd. We will know in a few weeks which site they would like us to work at. Anyone interested in serving a week, please contact Jim Buckingham at 368-7521 or 589-3525.

Did you know that the Chinese government has sent over 80,000 of their best and brightest young people to the United States for graduate and research studies at America's finest colleges and universities? After graduation, they return to China to assume leadership roles in business, industry, universities, and even their government. China is closed to missionaries – but what if these students could be reached for Christ while they are here, were discipled and trained to be future church leaders, and then were to become missionaries and win others for Christ when they returned to China in their new leadership positions? This is the unique mission of China Outreach Ministries. You are invited to a special event here at First Mennonite Church to hear more about how this is possible and the success China Outreach Ministries is experiencing in the goal of reaching China, the world's largest nation, for Christ. Please join us in the Family Life Center on Monday evening, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a wonderful catered meal and program explaining this amazing opportunity. The meal is free, but reservations are needed. Please pick up an invitation and reservation reply card from the table in the foyer, or simply call Carole at the church office to make your reservation. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about how you can help to win China for Christ!

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred & Sonia Lehman, who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 6; to Stan & Grace Sprunger, who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary

on September 8; and to Merlin & Alice Sprunger, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on September 9.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Logan Sprunger and other family members in the death of his brother, Delbert Sprunger, on August 27.