

# First Mennonite Church

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## **TODAY'S SERVICES**

September 8, 2013

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning worship

6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

WPGW, Portland, 1440 AM, 100.9 FM - Scanner frequency 161.76

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jerry Flueckiger - Care & Visitation Pastor

Darren Kloepper – Director of Christian Education

Josh Gaskill – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Hazel Lautzenheiser - Interim Children's Ministries Director

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

Prelude *We Pray to Thee/Buxtehude*

Introit: *Alleluia, Lord God!* Palestrina  
Chancel Choir

Invocation & Welcome Brent Hyman

\*#51 [blue] *Let the Whole Creation Sing*

\*#59 [blue] *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

\*#120 [brown] Responsive Reading

*\*Glory to God Forever*

Bible Memory Recognition Chris Hyman

Offering Prayer for Ohio Mennonite Conference Byron Fox

Offertory *Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ/Sedio*  
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.

Scripture: Ezekiel 16:44-52 Megan Linthicum

Message *Consider Sodom/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

\*#399 [brown] *We Are God's People (v.2)*

September Memory Verse: Micah 6:8

*\*Give Us Clean Hands*

Intercessory Prayer Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Announcements: Life Groups  
Beth Moore

Business Meeting Naomi Lehman

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

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude *Take the Name of Jesus With You/Innes*

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.

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

**6:30 p.m.** Evening service – chapel. Agape Respite Care, Bertie Lehman.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY – September 10

**6:30 p.m.** Board of Trustees

**6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour

**7:00 p.m.** Prayer with a Pastor – chapel.

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

### WEDNESDAY – September 11

**5:45 p.m.** Fellowship meal

**6:10 p.m.** Mennonotes Choir

**6:10 p.m.** JAM Choir (for kids in grades 2-5)

**6:50 p.m.** Youth — Transformer Series in The Cellar!

**6:50 p.m.** Grades 1-5 – FLC

**7:00 p.m.** Age 4-K: room at the bottom of the ramp.

**7:00 p.m.** Age 2 & 3 Toddler nursery

**7:00 p.m.** Chapel - *The Gospel According to Romans* - Pastor Darren

**7:00 p.m.** *Know What You Believe* led by Pastor Jeff & Dave Keim – Rm. 15

**7:00 p.m.** *On Bended Knee* led by Chris Gilbert – Rm. 17

**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 Rehearsal

### SATURDAY – September 14

**9-noon** das Marit Farmers' & Artists' Market - Mums, melons & fresh, free range eggs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**On Tuesdays for the month of September**, the L.I.F.E. Class will be setting up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

**Menu for Wednesday, September 11:** Hearty hamburger soup, salad bar & beverages.

**Tomatoes wanted:** If you have extra tomatoes, the Wednesday evening meal team could use them. Please bring them in by Wednesday at 2 p.m. on September 11, 18, 25.

**Wednesday Night Electives** are still open for anyone who is interested. Last week was an introduction night for each of the classes. So please feel free to jump into a class! The class "On Bended Knee" meets in Room 17 and "Know What You Believe" meets in Room 15. Books are \$13 each. For more information, see the postcards on the table in the foyer. Come and let's grow together this fall!

**The Trustees** are planning a work day at Fellowship Point on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. Bring chain saws and tree trimming equipment. If we have a good turnout, it shouldn't take that long to get the job done. Your help would be much appreciated.

**Ladies, you are invited to attend "Connective-Tea: Connecting with God. Connecting with Others"**, November 15-16, at Camp Friedenswald. As you entered the sanctuary today, you hopefully received an invitation. Please keep this as a reminder or pass it on to a friend you'd like to invite. The cost is \$60. Registration will be October 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Our topics for the retreat include: "Hospitali-Tea", "Accountabili-Tea", "Adversi-Tea", and "Identi-Tea". Come and connect with God and others over a nice cup of tea (or whatever you prefer!) Call Megan for any questions (589-3394).

**The free 8 x 10 pictures** are here for those who had their pictures taken by Lifetouch in August, and did not order more pictures. Please pick them up at the table by the ramp after church.

**We want to include** all members and attenders in the new church pictorial directory, so Lifetouch has opened up a few more photo sessions on Sept 17-21, so if you have not signed up yet there is still time and there are sessions available for your family to be photographed for the directory. Go to the church website and follow the link to sign up or call Jane Nussbaum, 849-2809. Each family will receive a free 8 X 10 and a directory.

**Women's Retreat Sept. 13-15** at Camp Friedenswald. Join together with other women for a retreat in the Peaceful Woods. Connect to the theme "Rooted and Growing" with retreat speaker, Janeen Bertsche Johnson, campus pastor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Young adult women 25 and under register free. To register, go to [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org) or call the camp office (269-476-9744).

**The Senior Activity** for September will be a delicious buffet breakfast at the Social Corner at Swiss Village on Friday, September 13, at 9:00 A.M. The cost will be \$6.00, tip included. Reservations must be received by September 9. Contact Jerry & Bonnie Flueckiger at 589-4666, or Doyle & Anna Lehman at 589-2055.

**Ladies: You are invited** to attend a Beth Moore simulcast on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9:00-4:30 at Life Church in Bluffton, Indiana. The cost is \$20 and includes a lunch! We will be taking a church van and plan to leave our church parking lot at 8:30. Please sign up on the designated list located on the bulletin board! Call Lana Shoaf with any questions: 260-849-2062.

**God calls us to** encourage each other. Here is a list of September birthdays for missionaries and church staff. A basket will be placed in the foyer in which you may place cards for them and these will be sent for you.

16 Jarna (Mrs. Gordon) Claassen  
28 Curt Claassen  
30 Steve Bauman

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Stan & Grace Sprunger, who are celebrating their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today; also to Merlin & Alice Sprunger, who will celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9.