

# First Mennonite Church

September 18, 2011

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ✦ SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*/Martin

Welcome Brent Hyman

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

#126 [blue] *How Wondrous Great* (vs. 1-3)  
Sue Conrad, Heidi Lehman, Byron Fox, and Brent Hyman

Scripture Daniel 7:1-14 Michael Mosser

*\*Sing to the King*

*\*Ancient of Days*

*\*Days of Elijah*

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries  
Prayer led by John Kirchofer

Offertory *Take Time to Be Holy*/Wells

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.

1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade meet in gym.

Message *Four Beasts*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*\*You Are Holy*

Prayer and Share Milly  
Fox

#757 [brown] *Soon and Very Soon*

\*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 *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

Brass & Piano

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

## TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

**Children's mission banks** are being distributed today. Please be sure your family gets yours picked up from the table in the foyer. Extra banks are available for families without children who want to help with our Japan relief project. Banks should be returned on Sunday morning, November 13.

**6:30 p.m.** Evening Service – chapel. *Dots in Blue Water* – Jeff Lehman speaking.

8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir

NO YOUTH TONIGHT

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY – September 19

6:30 p.m. Ministries Council

#### TUESDAY – September 20

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

#### WEDNESDAY – September 21

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

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

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—Angel Food Cake (relay)

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

7:00 p.m. Study of Book of James – this is on hold till Pastor Jerry is feeling better

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 24

9-12 noon das Marit Farmers' & Artists' Market--- try pumpkin or banana nut waffles by Imago Dei, gourds, pumpkins and chrysanthemums.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Menu for Wednesday, September 21:** Tacos, applesauce, dessert, & drinks.

**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.

**All SS teachers for grades 1-5** – quick meeting at 9:00 a.m. during opening in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade room on Sunday morning, September 25!

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

**The Mennonite Choral Society** will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. All singers are welcome.

**Exercise class** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. for all ages in the Family Life Center. Walk in place and firming exercise.

**College Age Students/Parents!!** Please send Darren your address at college (or local address if you are commuting)! We are planning to send out gift boxes

during the school year and if Darren doesn't have a correct address, then you will miss out! Send contact information to [darren@firstmennonite.org](mailto:darren@firstmennonite.org).

**Tomatoes wanted:** Wednesday night meal team would appreciate any extra tomatoes you could spare. Other vegetables you could put on salad would also be welcome. Please have them in the kitchen before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**The Michiana Relief Sale** on September 24<sup>th</sup> needs baked goods! Containers and instructions are on a table in the foyer. Baked goods need to be at the church by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The van taking them to Goshen will leave at 9 a.m. There is also a sign-up sheet if you are interested in riding the bus to Goshen.

**Needed** for the display case in the foyer: Pictures of our local long-term missionaries overseas, past and present. This display will be used for Mission Festival. Please bring to the church office by October 1. Thank You!

**Nursery** caregivers needed for the next 6 months, October-March! If you are available and not already on the schedule, please complete the bulletin insert and put it in the offering plate or in Carole's mailbox. More caregivers are needed 1 time every 2 months for both Wednesday and Sunday nights!!!

**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.

**Anyone planning** to go to Haiti in 2012 please make it a priority to come and hear Dave Fox from The Bridge on Sunday night, September 25, at 6:30 in the chapel! Dave and a few others will speak on their experiences when they traveled to Haiti the last few summers. This group from The Bridge went through Mission of Hope, which is the same organization that we will be working with in 2012.

**All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders** are invited to join Jr. Quizzing. We will quiz over the Fact-Pak. You will learn about the Bible, memorize verses, and quiz against area churches. This program runs from October-February. Sign-up is in the patio. Come join us!

**The Hope Clinic** will be holding volunteer training sessions at our Decatur office on the following Mondays: October 10, October 31, November 14, and December 5. Call between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 728-4191 on Mondays and Wednesdays or 589-3561 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for information and an application. The Hope Clinic needs volunteers like you to make a difference – one life at a time!

**The Hope Clinic** will be holding a "Walk for Life" on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The walk begins at 9 a.m. at Cross Community Church in Berne. It is a simple 2-mile walk throughout downtown, and we plan to walk, rain or shine. As a walker, you do not need to collect money. Simply collect pledges and the Hope Clinic will collect the donations. Please pick up a walk brochure by the church office, round up some sponsors, and join the community Walk for Life with the Hope Clinic on September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or need more brochures, contact Lydia Fox, who is our church's liaison with the Hope Clinic.

**Uncharted Territory** is the theme for a series of meetings sponsored by the South Adams Ministerial Association in an event designated as Community Impact Services. Pastor Joel DeSelm will be the speaker sharing from God's Word the Lord's direction in uncharted territory. Pastor Joel DeSelm has been the pastor for over 20 years of the Woodburn Missionary Church in Woodburn, IN. Our Community Impact will be celebrated for three consecutive Sunday evenings, October 9, 16, 23 at 6:30 p.m. here at First Mennonite.

**Youth Fall Retreat** will be October 14-16 at Camp Friedenswald. The cost will be around \$50. Please see Darren for details.

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended Phil & Leona Neuenschwander, who will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 22.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Miz Lehman and other family members in the death of his wife, Pauline Lehman, on September 10.

### UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	- \$ 980
Household Treasury	- \$ 21,600

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 27,457	\$ 33,033
Witness Commission	1,281	2,367
Worship Commission	4,270	6,033
Care Commission	10,462	10,133
Personnel	265,184	271,172
General Administration	18,229	26,367
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>79,781</u>	<u>78,089</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$406,664	\$427,194