

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

September 24, 2017

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

Guest Wi-Fi password - fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jerry Flueckiger - Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger - Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST --- Janet McKean ✧ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude

He Cares for Me/Ellis

*#83 [brown] *There's Something About That Name*

*#87 [brown] *Fairest Lord Jesus* (vs. 1,3,4)

*#78 [brown] *I Love You, Lord*

*#79 [brown] *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (vs. 1,2,4)

Prayer/Welcome

Brent Hyman

Children's Story

Ernie Steiner

Children age 3-K may go to children's church following the children's story.

#92 [brown] *O How I Love Jesus* (vs. 1,2)

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries

Bill Beachey

Offertory: *If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

Sarah Steffen, Chris Hyman, Mary Zuercher, Mary Beth Huser,
Rick Sprunger, Ted Beitler, Jonathan Steffen, and Brent Hyman
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture: John 14:15-21

Lydia Fox

Message

Just Eight Words/Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

*#605 [brown] *Living for Jesus*

MDS UPDATE

Jim Buckingham

Prayer and Share

Charlie Habegger

*Choral: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

Immortal, Invisible/Birchwood

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please go to the chapel, as someone is waiting 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 Helping Hands class.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Dave & Sue Wulliman's 48th wedding anniversary on September 27.

Today is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide canned meat this month, however, all donations are appreciated.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – Chapel. Genesis: Cory Sprunger.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – September 26

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

WEDNESDAY – September 27

- 5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – choir room (grades 6-8)
6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)
6:30 p.m. Beth Moore DVD study for women on *James* led by Lori Bailey & Becca Amstutz -- Room 15
6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center
6:50 p.m. Youth - Youth room
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 – Rod Ovitt - Elisha
7:00 p.m. DVD series for men -- *Goliath Must Fall* led by Dave Bauman -- Room 17
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
SATURDAY – September 30
9-Noon das Marit Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Church Camp.

On Tuesdays for the month of September, the Koinonia Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals. Next month the Young Believers class will be responsible.

Menu for Wednesday, September 27: Hawaiian meatballs, rice, lettuce salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit & beverages.

Tomatoes wanted: If you have extra tomatoes, the Wednesday evening meal team could use them. Please bring them to the kitchen by Wednesday at 2 p.m. on September 27.

Worldwide Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 1.

Child Care needed for Paul Tripp Parenting Seminar on the first 4 Sundays in October from 4-6pm. Please see Chris or Debby - or sign up on the table.

Once again, Berne Preschool asks you to help them by eating cookies. More specifically, you can buy cookie dough in our annual fund raiser between September 19 - October 3. Order forms are on the table in the foyer and can be returned to Greta Lehman's church mailbox.

JR QUIZZING TO BEGIN: Sign up now in the patio to join us for Junior Quizzing to study the book of James. Practices will begin in October and the season runs through February. Today is the final day to sign up.

Mennonite Choral Society will begin rehearsals for Handel's *Messiah* on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. All singers are invited to come!

Our Coins Count: A penny, nickel, dime and quarter a day will provide hope in a meaningful way. For those who are troubled and need a lift, our coins count offering will be a great gift. Our last offering for Our Coins Count will be taken up on October 8. Please save coins each day and help someone in need.

Women's Retreat: It's Time to Win: Unleashing the Conqueror Within will be held on October 13 & 14, 2017, in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$20. Sign up in the foyer through October 8. Please pay at the time of sign-up. Any questions? See Becca Amstutz or email her at beccaamstutz@gmail.com.

MDS Opportunities: As you well know, First Mennonite has a long history of involvement with MDS. This year has been filled with disasters from floods, hurricanes, and wildfires. The need is great. I have been in contact with MDS and have secured service opportunities in Bloomington, Texas, doing cleanup from recent flooding. They have penciled in First Mennonite for up to 5 people the week of October 8th. Phil Eicher, of our church, will be the director of the project. Then, I have secured the week of November 13th for up to 4 people in Lake County, California, where MDS is rebuilding homes lost in recent wildfires. Ryan Sprunger, of our church, will be leading that project as well. Please see me after the service in the Historical Room for more information on how you can be the hands and feet of Christ. Jim Buckingham, 260-525-1175.

Children's Choir opportunity! Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, **March 10-11, 2018**, in Goshen, Indiana. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue, it is **up to parents and the faith community around them** to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. **2018 Festival Dates:** Practice on Saturday, March 10, 2018; concert performance on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 2 p.m. (free and open to the public) **Who:** Children from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and beyond who love to sing—grades 3 through 9. **Cost per Child:** \$40 Registration. Deadline: November 15. (Music will be sent in the mail.) **Location:** The Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, in Goshen, Indiana. **2018 Guest Director:** Ardis Faber

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of September & October 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.

28 Curt Claassen October 15 Elias Bryan (Doug) 15 Loren Claassen
17 Nate Linthicum (Jeff) 20 Jonathan Fennig (Chuck) 27 Steve Hult
28 Marie Nussbaum

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 82,996
Household Treasury	\$ 11,109

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$28,621	\$25,667
Witness Commission	2,289	2,667
Worship Commission	5,390	6,283
Care Commission	6,271	7,450
Personnel	286,489	318,142
General Administration	21,087	23,617
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>73,632</u>	<u>80,233</u>
Total Household Treasury	<u>\$423,779</u>	<u>\$464,059</u>