

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
No 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 --- Dr. Scott Lehman ✧ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *To God Be the Glory/Innes*

Welcome Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Announcements

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Open Up the Heavens*
**Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Ephesians 1:3

**#118 [blue] Praise God from Whom*

Scripture: Malachi 3:6-12 Lois Lehman

Video: *First Fruits*
Following the video, children age 3-Grade 4 may go to children's church.

Message *Return to Me*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Soul on Fire*

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Ernie Steiner

Offertory *Thanks Be to Thee/Handel*

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

Ezekiel 34:26

#430 [brown] There Shall Be Showers of Blessing (vs. 1,2,4)

Prayer and Share Neal Reusser

**#786 [brown] Count Your Blessings (vs. 1,3)*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *When In Our Music God Is Glorified/Young*

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 Chapel class.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Curt Claassen. His family expresses their deep love and thankfulness for Curt's life and loving witness to Jesus, and in celebration of his 99th birthday on September 28.

NO EVENING SERVICE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – September 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

TUESDAY – September 5

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer with a Pastor – Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – September 6

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – choir room

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 youth room.

6:50 p.m. Youth kickoff in the Family Life Center

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 9

9-Noon das Marit Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Menu for Wednesday, September 6: Ham sandwiches, baked beans, carrots, dessert, & 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 6, 13, 20 & 27.

Teachers and helpers - Adult, youth, and children's teachers and helpers, please pick up your THANK YOU gift for serving this past year - WE APPRECIATE YOU!! If we missed you, please accept our apologies and take a blank one!

You are still needed THIS FALL: Sunday morning: baby and toddler nursery, 4th -5th grade boys Sunday School teacher. Wednesday: baby and toddler nursery, gym check-in table. See Chris or Debby for more information or to get signed up!

Saturday, September 9th, will be a youth pond party and movie night held at Tim and Lana Shoaf's house starting at 4 p.m. Youth bring chips. Swimsuit rules apply. More details to come!

Reminder! Midweek meals and classes begin this Wednesday, September 6! We encourage YOU to come and join us for food, fellowship and deepening your walk with Christ. Men who would like to participate in the study "Goliath Must Fall," *please* sign up on the table in the foyer so that materials can be ordered.

If you have not had a chance to complete the Adult Ministries Survey, we would still like to hear from you. What topics or themes for study are of interest to you? What would be helpful for you to study in a small group? We want to provide opportunities in which we can grow together! There are still forms on the table in the foyer. Please fill one out and place it in the box labeled "Adult Ministries Suggestions."

Let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Michiana Mennonite Relief sale, September 22-23, by BAKING. We would like to encourage the congregation to do more baking for the sale. Information sheets, containers, and labels are on the table in the foyer. All baked items need to be at the church by 11 a.m., Friday, September 22.

The 50th annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is September 22-23, at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds. The sale begins Friday, September 22, at 5 p.m. with activities continuing until 9 p.m. Saturday opens at 7 a.m. until early afternoon. Come and make this weekend a family event! For more information about the sale or to download printable forms, see our website www.mennonitesale.org.

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.

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Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charlie & Waneta Habegger, who are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary today; also to Fred & Sonia Lehman, who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on September 6.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Denver Neuenschwander, Dan & Damara Neuenschwander, Matt & Becky Buckingham, Sean & Sara Davis and other family members in the death of Bertha Mae Neuenschwander on August 24; also to Cliff & Betty Habegger in the death of Les Habegger on July 6.