

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

October 21, 2012

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 & Adult Ministries Pastor

Darren Kloepper - 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 SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *The Lily of the Valley/Varner*
Here I Am to Worship/arr. Labenske/Youth Bell Choir

Welcome Brent Hyman

#327 [brown] *The Old Rugged Cross* (vs. 1,3,4)
**Worthy Is the Lamb*
*#324 [brown] *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Mission Moment – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Bill Hirschy

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries John Kirchhofer

Offertory *What Do I Know of Holy/Addison Road*
Tara Steffen
Children ages 3-Grade 4 may go to Children's Church.
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture Colossians 1:21-23, 28-29 Kelly Wheeler

Message *If So, When?/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

Video: *Free*

Refiner's Fire

Prayer & Share Milly Fox, Cindy Reusser, Lana Shoaf, Becky Bryan

*#581 [blue] *Take Thou My Hand, O Father* (v. 1)

*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 *Psalm of Glory/Wells*
*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

5:15 p.m. Junior Quizzing

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Bill Hirschy will be speaking.

Youth – YOYO's in Fort Wayne! Bus leaving at 3:00! Return around 6!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 23

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal
7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – October 24

- 5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship meal
6:10 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:50 p.m. Imago Dei – youth. Building College Boxes in the FLC!
7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 Toddler nursery
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K: room at the bottom of the ramp. Exploring God's People.
7:00 p.m. BUGS! Small Creatures...Big Lessons-Spotlight rm. for grades 1-5
7:00 p.m. Evening Service-chapel. Naomi Lehman teaching on *Habakkuk*.
7:00 p.m. Christian Faith Forum: Room 17. Phil Eicher – Anabaptist History
7:00 p.m. Parenting Class for women led by Jaci O'Dell and Megan Linthicum in Room 15.
7:00 p.m. "Doing the Right Thing" DVD/discussion group – Room 12
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Menu for Wednesday, October 24: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, ice cream & drinks.

Fellowship Class is responsible for setting up the tables for the month of October on Tuesdays, for the Fellowship Meals on Wednesday evenings.

Next Sunday is Project Share.

Need Volunteers for Family Life Center to clean and sweep the building. See Kendall Lehman or Charlie Habegger if you are willing to help.

The Ministries Council unanimously voted to recommend to the congregation of the First Mennonite Church that we extend the call to Jeff Linthicum for an additional five years as Senior Pastor. The ballot vote will be on October 28, 2012, following the morning worship service. There are absentee ballots available in the church office.

A special congregational business meeting is called by the Ministries Council at the request of the trustees to approve the purchase of a new church bus. The bus will be a gift to the church from an estate. This business meeting will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday evening, October 24, 2012, at 6:45 p.m.

Please pick up your dishes from funerals, etc. There is a table down in the foyer for you to do so. Thank you!

Bring a Book for Blake to Borrow....KIDS - Bring a book for Blake Gilbert to read as he is recovering from his surgery. Make sure your name is inside so he can return them when he is finished. Place books in the green bucket by the Spotlight Room.

Pastor Appreciation – It is Pastor Appreciation Month and once again, we would like to invite the congregation to bless our staff by giving them a gift card shower to show how much we love and appreciate them. This could be done in a variety of ways: restaurant gift cards, gas cards, grocery gift cards, or cash. We want to thank them for all they do for us, so let's shower them with this gift of love! Please turn the gift cards in to the Spiritual Guidance mailbox by the office door. Thank you!

We Appreciate Our Teachers. Teachers of children, youth and adults are invited to the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on November 3, in the HeBrews Coffee area from 8:00 to 10:30. Bring your children to their own breakfast and fun in the Family Life Center. Please RSVP to djnussbaum@gmail.com with the number of those coming. Hope to see you there.

During the month of October, Class 96 will be hosting a baby shower for the Darin and Kim Ringger family and their new "son", Jayson. Jayson is from Burkina Faso. He is living with the Ringgers, awaiting surgery on his legs. Donations will be collected in the HeBrews area during the month of October. Items needed are: size 3 diapers, wipes, toddler formula, gas cards, Walmart cards. Gift cards can be left in the church office or given directly to the Ringgers.

Men's Night -- Men and boys, join us for Ft. Wayne Komets hockey on Saturday, November 17. Tickets are \$10 apiece. We will leave the church at about 3:30 and will stop and eat on the way. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the main foyer. Tickets need to be paid to Clint Stumph by Nov. 9 before tickets are picked up. Questions, call Clint Stumph at 849-2874 or Dave Shuey at 589-8815. Another event is being planned for the first of the year, which will be a family night.

You are invited to register your child (in grades 3-9) for the Mennonite Youth Choir Festival weekend to be held in Goshen, Indiana, on March 2 & 3, 2013. Listen to the choir singing and register online at <http://mennoniteyouthchoir.com> or through the festival representative for your church, Chris Hyman. The cost is \$28 per child if registered by October 31, 2012, and \$35 if after that date.

Prayer Sheets for Wednesdays and Sundays -- Our prayer sheets are used on Wednesday evenings and in Sunday school and worship on Sundays. The sheets were not intended to list people for many months or even years if there is no apparent change in physical condition. The sheets seem to be losing effectiveness because of their "never-changing" nature. The focus of our prayer sheet will be on ones going through a time of emotional or physical or spiritual difficulty. Presently, we often pray through a list that only changes when someone goes on to his or her eternal reward. There will continue to be the "At Home" and "Elsewhere" listings. Beginning with the December prayer sheets, you will not find the list of people who have not had changes in their health unless there are ongoing specific issues. Each prayer sheet will include a list of twelve names (families and individuals) for prayer focus for the week.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Clarence & Helen Buckingham, who will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on October 22; and to Lloyd & Carol Neuenschwander, who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on October 25.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jerome Flueckiger and other family members in the death of Thelma Flueckiger on October 10.