

First Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 9, 2011

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

Prelude Jesus, Priceless Treasure/Manz

*Days of Elijah

*Hosanna

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*#763 [brown] The King Is Coming

Offering Mennonite Mission Network Overseas
Prayer led by Mary Bauman

Offertory Lamb of God/Paris
Guests please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture Mark 1: 1-13/Jeff Lehman

174 [blue] Bless'd Be the God of Israel
Children ages 3-grade 4 may go to children's church

Message His Preparation/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#502 [blue] Spirit of God! Descend [vs. 1,2,4,5]

Prayer & Share Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Perspectives Reminder

MCC Meat Canner Reminder Jeff Lehman

*#581 [blue] Take Thou My Hand, O Father [vs. 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 Sing the Glad Song/Ritter

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

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. Tom Kauffman from the Ohio Conference will be speaking.

No youth gathering due to retreat weekend.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – January 11

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – January 12

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
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
6:50 p.m. Men's Fraternity-- room 16
7:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2
7:00 p.m. Ages 2-3 - Instant Lessons for Toddlers in age 2 classroom
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K - Bible People in classroom at bottom of ramp
7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5: Route 254 in Spotlight Room
7:00 p.m. Chapel Service: Video Series: Wisdom from Ephesus: Gospel of John.
7:00 p.m. Mental Health Series: Grief and Loss
7:00 p.m. Dwell - Room 15 - Time of worship and prayer
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries (Women in Mission)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas. Next Sunday it is for Mennonite Mission Network Home.

Menu for Wednesday, January 12: Chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, cookies, mixed fruit, and beverages.

On Tuesdays for the month of January, the Bible Basics class will be setting up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

New Years Resolution? Weigh and Pray meets Monday morning in the prayer room from 7-7:30 a.m. Accountability and encouragement for weight loss. Everybody is welcome. Questions call Chris Hyman, 589-2485.

In support of Sanctity of Human Life, during the month of January our church is holding a baby shower for the Hope Clinic. Donations may be dropped off in the tote located on the table in the foyer. Please donate diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, or 5), diaper wipes, or any new baby items or new baby clothes. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The children's choirs are accepting new members.

The Annual Business Meeting will be on January 30, at 1: 00 p.m.

New members to the Worship, Care, Witness, and Disciple Commissions will be affirmed today, January 9. The voting will take place in the patio before and after Sunday school and after the church service. You can cast a ballot for each commission that you serve in a ministry under that particular commission. Separate tables will be set up for each WCWD commission.

The youth group will offer a chili dinner on January 30 (after church but before the business meeting). Tickets will be given out to determine approximate number attending. Money donated will go to offset the cost for those attending the Mennonite USA conference in July.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in keeping the new activity center clean. This would take approximately 6-8 hours a month. Please contact a trustee or Kendall if interested or for more information.

Heading to College next year? Consider applying for an Everence College Scholarship before February 28. Ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, the scholarships are open to high school seniors or college students who own (or whose parents own) a product or service from Everence, the organization formerly known as Mennonite Mutual Aid. Learn more about this scholarship opportunity by contacting Linda Eicher, Everence Advocate, here at First Mennonite, 589-8331 or leicher@hotmail.com

To all ladies: Would you like to have a prayer partner for 2011? Just place your name, address, telephone number, and birthday in the green box near the office door and WM will see to it that you are matched up with a partner. The box will be here until mid-January.

Ohio Conference is inviting all young adults to a special meeting during which we will share about the vision, roles and responsibility of the Ohio Conference for area churches and the denomination. Tom Kauffman, Sherah-Leigh Gerber and Tamara Gill are working together to coordinate this unique opportunity for fellowship, learning and sharing in three different regions. We will be meeting in the fellowship area at Kidron Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio) on Sunday, January 23rd at 12:30 p.m.; Bethel Mennonite Church (West Liberty, Ohio) on Sunday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.; and North Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio) on Sunday, February 6th at 12:p.m. If you are able to attend, we request that you reserve your seat at the fellowship table so that we can plan appropriately for the pizza meal and childcare. Questions and reservations (not required) can be sent to Tamara at tamarajg@gmail.com

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred and Mary Jane Whitehurst, who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on January 11.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Marjorie & Dwight Zurcher, Elaine & Mike Liechty, Susan & Brian Culy, and other family members in the death of Raymond Zurcher on January 5.

Youth Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 23: Winter Jam (cost is \$10, plus food. Bus will leave around 3:30 p.m.)

January 28-30: Jr. High Winter Retreat (Please see Darren soon if interested; cost is \$70)