

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

November 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at West Missionary

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

For the Beauty of the Earth/Innes

Fanfare on *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

*(The congregation is invited to sing #797 [brown] on cue)

*Welcome

Brent Hyman

*Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Brent Hyman

*#169 [brown] *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

*#98 [blue] *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries

Kent Frank

Offertory: *Music Is a Gift*

Little Notes of Praise

Following the offertory, children age 3-Grade 4 may walk to children's church.

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

Message

Are You Thankful?/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Worthy Is the Lamb*

*#308 [brown] *There Is a Redeemer* (vs. 2,3)

Prayer and Share

Neal Reusser

Announcements

*New Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God/Karg-Elert

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.

7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service at West Missionary Church.

This is an annual community event sponsored by the South Adams Ministerial Association. Everyone is invited to this special time of thanksgiving celebration to our Lord and God – bring your generous support to our generous God. The speaker is Dathan Foust from the First Missionary Church. A variety of praise and worship will be shared from various segments of the local community. An opportunity is being extended to bring canned food items to go toward a food drive that will take place during the service – any and all canned items are needed. The food drive is in behalf of the Compassionate Ministry – Project Share food pantry.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – November 20

7:00 p.m. **Ministries Council**

TUESDAY – November 21

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – November 22

NO EVENING MEAL OR SERVICE

7:00 p.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

THURSDAY – November 23

THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY – November 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

On Tuesdays for the month of November, the Bible Basics Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals. **Next month, December, Class 96 will be responsible.**

Next Sunday is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide pasta this month, however, all donations are appreciated.

If you're new to First Mennonite, please stop by the Welcome Center out in the foyer, and find out more information about First Mennonite.

All announcements for the bulletin must be in by next Wednesday morning, November 22.

This year's commission affirmation balloting will be held Sunday, December 3. Balloting will take place before and after Sunday school and after the morning service on the main floor walkway along the chapel wall. You are eligible to vote for each commission under which you serve. You do not have to be a commission or committee member, only serve. You should vote for each commission under which you serve.

Commission nominees this year are Worship: Damara Neuenschwander and Ted Beitler; Care: Rod Mosser and Lois Lehman; Witness: Fred Linn and Becky Bryan; Disciple: Michael Mosser and Randy Sprunger.

Night in Bethlehem will be on December 10 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. **YES - WE NEED YOU!!** This community outreach event can involve every member of our congregation! There is something you can do - no matter your age, talents, or hectic lifestyle. Please consider how you can help! Items needed (please clearly mark items to be returned): Baskets, artificial plants and trees, lanterns, white Christmas lights, wooden boxes, carts, tools, urn style vases, etc., sheets (no floral patterns please - these will NOT be returned). Food donations and volunteers - check the chapel wall for more information.

ALL children will sing on December 17, Christmas Music Sunday, during morning worship.

Coming soon! EAT THIS BOOK 2018 challenge! Getting kids into the Bible and the Bible into kids!! Keep watching for more information!!

HELP NEEDED: The children's department is looking for new members for our Wednesday night team! Both elementary and preschool teams have open spots. All lessons are prepared by Chris and Debby and require minimal preparation (10 min or less). We also need volunteers to chaperone the gym from 6:10-6:50. No preparation needed. See Chris or Debby if interested.

MIDWEEK – We invite you to join us in the chapel on Nov. 29. Kent Liechty will be teaching on “Godly Leaders.” During December we'll be journeying through a DVD presentation by Del Tackett, *Is Genesis History?* All of Scripture is the truth of God's own word, and Del will help us with some of the difficult questions we all encounter concerning challenges to the revelation God has given us in the Bible. In December there will be an elective offering, “Parenting: Boundaries on Tech – Protecting from Porn.” The 3 sessions will include valuable instruction and sharing and will be led by Chris Gilbert.

Youth Christmas Cookie Project December 3rd and 10th. On the 3rd we will be decorating the cookies, and on the 10th we will be delivering the cookies to our Swiss Village congregation. Lunch will be provided both days following morning service. Youth can sign up out at the table.

City Challenge 2018 - We will have a promo night on December 6th, which will entail current and past youth sharing their experiences while they were a part of past City Challenge trips. Everything youth and parents will need to know will be explained, along with packet and forms being handed out.

Youth Christmas Party - will be held on December 20th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Snacks will be provided. We will have an ugly sweater party, \$5 gift exchange, Christmas carols, & more!

Junior High Winter Retreat will be held January 12-14, 2018. Cost is \$70 for first child and \$40 for second, plus money for 2 meals. The theme is “Rooted” from Colossians 2:6-7. Registration is due January 7th. Forms are out at the table.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of November & December 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.

25 Arlene Bauman 28 Mary Bauman December 7 Renee Liechty
12 Josh Linthicum (Jeff) 17 Lillian Meyer (Grant) 18 Bonnie Flueckiger
19 Megan Linthicum 22 Gordon Claassen 26 Mary Hope Stucky
28 Brent Hyman 29 Camden Hyman (Brent)

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Merlin & Betty Alt, who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on November 23; also to Laverne & Letha Steiner, who will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on November 24.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lloyd & Gail, Gordon & Jarna, Eldon & Jan, Loren & Pat, and other family in the death of Curt Claassen on November 15; also to the family of Robin La Rue, who died on November 12.