

First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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TODAY'S SERVICES

November 26, 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 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Pethel*

*Welcome Brent Hyman

*10,000 Reasons

*#170 [brown] *Give Thanks*

*#86 [blue] *Now Thank We All Our God*

Child Dedication (Naomi Helmlinger)

*#489 [blue] *O Little Children, Gather* (vs. 1,4,5)

Children's Story Chris Hyman
Children ages 3-K may go to children's church following the story.

#490 [blue] *Lord of the Home* (vs. 1-3)

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Jim Buckingham

Offertory *Thanksgiving Medley/Sprunger*
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Blessing for Seth Ringger

Prayer of Intercession Marie Nussbaum

Scripture: II Timothy 3:10-17 Madison Hildago

Message *Eyes of Faith/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#404 [brown] *Faith of Our Fathers*

Anthem: *When Memory Fades* Nelson
Chancel Choir

Necrology

*#456 [brown] *Find Us Faithful*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *For All The Saints/Abels*

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 Sanctuary floral arrangement consists of 90 flowers expressing Stuart Lehman's thanks for the 90 years of fellowshiping with you all as members of the Family of God.

NO EVENING SERVICE

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – November 28

- 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 29

- 5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise (4 yr. old – 1st grade) Rm.17
6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)
6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)
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 – Kent Liechty – *Godly Leaders*
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 – December 2

- 7:00 p.m. Handel's Messiah

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.**

The menu for Wednesday, November 29: **Cook's choice.**

Just ahead on Wednesdays: Kent Liechty will be speaking on "Godly Leaders" (chapel). During December in the chapel, we will consider "Is Genesis History?" (DVD with Del Tackett); plus the elective "Parenting (and Grandparenting): Boundaries on Tech – Protecting from Porn," led by Chris Gilbert. Watch for information coming soon on new studies that will begin in January!

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!!

Offering envelopes for the New Year will be available in December. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2018, watch the bulletin announcements for when they will be available for you to pick up.

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.

The Pastoral Staff Thanks You for your generous appreciation shower. We do appreciate you and consider it a privilege to serve God in such gracious surroundings. Again, thank you, and we will do our best to serve God in your midst.

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.

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.

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)