

# First Mennonite Church

## TODAY'S SERVICES

November 27, 2016

Welcome to our Worship Service

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman ✦ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Sing to the Lord of Harvest/Eliot  
Light of the World/Daigle*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Advent Candle of Hope Brian, Susan & Andrew Culy

#178 [blue] *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

*Here I Am to Worship*

#191 [blue] *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Children's Story Jim Eicher

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Rick Gorrell

Offertory: *Carols Around (and a Round)* Nygard Jr.

Chancel Choir

Children age 3-K may walk to Children's Church.

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

Prayer of Intercession Marie Nussbaum

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5 Fred Stauffer

#183 [blue] *On Jordan's Banks*

Message *Why We Have Hope*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

#174 [blue] *Bless'd Be the God of Israel*

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*/Vaughn Williams

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.

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

5:15 p.m. Junior Quizzing

## NO EVENING SERVICE

8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir – choir room

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY – November 28

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

### TUESDAY – November 29

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 30

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise – Rm. 17

6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – choir room

6:30 p.m. **The Truth Project** – Pastor Jeff - Rm. 15

6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center

6:50 p.m. Youth – meet in the Cellar

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 – Nate & Pastor Jeff Linthicum will share about their trip to Kosovo.

7:00 p.m. Dave & Lona Shuey leading a video & discussion series on the Tony Dungy book, *Uncommon Marriage* - Rm. 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 3

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering** today is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Eastern Mennonite Missions.

**Menu for Wednesday, November 30:** Cook's choice.

**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 Class 96 will be responsible for setting up the tables.**

**Volunteers Needed!** If you could help clean the Family Life Center, please give Steve a call at 525-3174.

**Offering envelopes** for the New Year will be available in December. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2017, watch the bulletin announcements for when they will be available for you to pick up.

**MCC hygiene kits!** Help decorate the church and share with those in need by making a hygiene kit or giving a towel for MCC. Instructions are on the table at the bottom of the ramp.

**This year's commission** affirmation balloting will be held Sunday, December 11. Balloting will take place in the patio before and after Sunday school; after the morning service, balloting will take place 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: Gwen Habegger, Alan Habegger, and Damara Neuenschwander. Care: Mike Liechty and Nicki Lehman. Witness: Jessie O'Dell and Kent Lehman. Disciple: Dave Shuey and Rick Gorrell.

**The Winter Quarter** of Midweek teachings will begin soon! In the chapel we will hear from Bible teacher Rod Ovitt; DVD "Star of Bethlehem"; Marcia Cressman "A Fresh Start"; Dave Shuey "Obadiah and Nahum"; Tim Sprunger "Intimacy with God"; Tom Fox "Psalm 1"; African Children's Choir. There will also be several elective offerings beginning January 4. Malcolm & Jeanne Stauffer will lead the Navigator Bible study "Design for Discipleship." Dave Keim will teach about "Mennonite History." And Lori Bailey will lead a study for ladies, "Simply Relevant: Taste of Freedom," on self-control. Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy fellowship around the dinner table and gather together for growth and encouragement.

**Dec. 7 & 14 Chapel:** For these two weeks, we will have Bible teacher Rod Ovitt as our speaker. Rod is currently a Pastor/Teacher and publishes daily audio teachings and devotionals on his weekly blog called "Everyday Theologian." Rod serves as Executive Director at Logos Institute of Biblical Studies and teaches New Testament Survey, Life of Christ, Apologetics and Theology. On Dec. 7, his topic will be "The Advent, a Cosmic Event." Because of our over familiarity with the Christmas story, as believers we sometimes lose sight of the significance and impact of this world changing event. In this message we will take a closer look at this world altering occurrence and what it truly meant for God to visit this planet. The Dec. 14 teaching will be "Advent, Believers, and the Mind of Christ."

**The children's Christmas program** will be on Sunday, December 11, at 7 pm (note time change due to quiz meet). The preschool kids will practice in their Sunday School classes. Elementary kids have begun preparing the musical "Christmas County Spelling Bee" during Sunday School opening. We will also rehearse on these dates:

Wed., Nov. 30 from 6:45-8 pm

Wed., Dec. 7 from 6:45-8 pm

Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 am-12 noon

**The Missionary Care Team suggests that when the new list of birthdays comes out, you put the cards for the entire month in the basket. Overseas cards take some time to arrive, so we will mail them out so the cards arrive on time.**

**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

18 Bonnie Flueckiger      19 Megan Linthicum

19 Camden Hyman      22 Gordon Claassen      26 Mary Hope Stucky

28 Brent Hyman