

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
December 2, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude

*Prelude in G Major/Bach
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus/Manz*

*Welcome

Brent Hyman

**Here I Am to Worship*

*Advent Candle #1: *Hope*

Stephen, Maria, and Lucas Costlow

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ, and hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.

*#182 [blue] *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?*

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

*Prayer

And the Glory of the Lord

Chancel Choir

Handel

Offering Prayer for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas

Floyd Liechty

Offertory

Karen Lykes

Children ages 3-Grade 4 may leave for Children's Church.
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Jeff Lehman

#255 [brown] *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* (vs. 1,3)

Message

The Light of Hope/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Jesus Messiah*

Prayer and Share

Milly Fox

Commission Affirmation Announcement

Rod Lehman

*250 [brown] *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1,4)

*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

People, Look East/Langlois

*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

The rose on the organ is in honor of Kyleigh Jean, daughter of Erich & Kelly Rediger, born on November 11.

The large hanging poinsettia in the east foyer is in memory of Dale, Elaine, & Maxiene Lantz and has been provided by the Dick Lantz family.

3:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas section only) will be presented by the Mennonite Choral Society under the direction of Brent Hyman. The soloists are: Dr. Lisa Dawson, soprano; Karen Lykes, alto; Jacob Wilder, tenor; Dr. Craig Priebe, bass. Accompanists are: Dr. Scott Lehman, organ; Mary Beth Huser, harpsichord; Nick Manwell, trumpet, Cheryl Guise, timpani; Melita Honsinger, cello. An offering will be received. Come, and let the *Messiah* be a part of your Christmas preparation.

5:15 p.m. Junior Quizzing

Youth – You are invited to attend Handel's *Messiah* at 3:00!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 3

7:00 p.m. **Women's Ministries - chapel.** Lana Shoaf sharing about advent activities. You could use some or all of the advent activities with your children or grandchildren. Light refreshments and a time of visiting will follow the meeting.

TUESDAY – December 4

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – December 5

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship meal

6:10 p.m. Children's Choirs

Youth— Mythbusters Series. Meet in old youth room.

6:30-8 p.m. **Christmas Program Practice**

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. Evening Service-chapel. Morning Star Fellowship from Muncie will be sharing.

7:00 p.m. Christian Faith Forum -- will meet in the Chapel.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Menu for Wed., Dec. 5: Sloppy Joe sandwich, green bean casserole, chips, applesauce, cookie, & drink.

On Tuesdays for the month of December, the Intergenerational Class will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

This year's commissions affirmation balloting will be held next Sunday, December 9. Balloting will be in the patio before Sunday School, between Sunday School and church and after church. 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.

Offering envelopes for the new year will be available next Sunday. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2013, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service on December 9 in the west walkway above the patio.

Chris-myth Busters, the elementary children's Christmas musical, is scheduled for next Sunday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. We have two more rehearsals – please don't miss them!! Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with a performance at Swiss Village at 2 p.m. Pre-school children will also be included in the program, but not expected at the extra rehearsals or Swiss Village. Kids in grades 1-5 should arrive on the 9th at 6 p.m. and go to the choir room to get into costume. If your child does not have a costume, please dress them in nice Christmas clothes. Pre-school kids should arrive at 6:15 p.m. and go to their classrooms.

Attention Snowbirds! If you are one of those fortunate beings heading south to beat the cold, please remember to leave your address with the church office.

Ladies, plan to attend the WM meeting on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel to hear Lana Shoaf sharing about advent activities. You could use some or all of the advent activities with your children or grandchildren. Light refreshments and a time of visiting will follow the meeting.

NEEDED: If you have a large (12 in. or so), **child-proof** nativity set that we could borrow for the children's Christmas program, please see Chris or Hazel.

Haiti 2013: There is a group beginning to discuss details about a return trip to Haiti in mid to late July of 2013. This group is NOT doing fundraising with the church. Therefore, each person who desires to go will be responsible to cover his or her own expenses. If anyone is interested, please contact Darren for more details.

BIBLE MEMORY - if your child (in grades K-5) has not received a Bible Memory book, please see Chris or Hazel. **WE NEED LISTENERS** - If you are available on Sunday morning from 8:45-9:10 or Wed. evening from 5:45-6:45, please sign up on the children's ministry bulletin board. There are also guidelines posted there so you know what to do!

Scripture memorization changes a life. If you would like your relationship with Christ to grow deeper and stronger, you are invited to memorize Scripture this coming year through the Scripture Memory program, which is a 15-week program that starts in January. There is a memory plan for every age. Cost is \$2 for materials. If interested, contact Judy Moser (589-3108) by Dec. 17.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred & Georgia Amstutz, who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on Dec. 7.

Upcoming Sunday Events

Dec. 9 th	Children's Christmas Musical at 6:30 in the FLC
Dec. 16 th	Christmas caroling at 6:00 p.m. followed by cookies, handbells, and the Main Street Jazz Band in the FLC
Dec. 23 rd	No Evening Service