

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
December 4, 2011

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

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Immanuel/Pethel
Let All Mortal Flesh/Ashdown*

Call to Worship: Luke 2:14 Brent Hyman

*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading Jerry, Sheree & Grace Barkley
Light the Candle of Bethlehem/Peace
#172 [blue] *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* (v. 6)
Prayer

**You Are Holy*

**Let the Peace of God Reign*

*#705 [brown] *It Is Well With My Soul* (v. 1)

Offering for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas/Wilmer Sprunger

Offertory Bill McGraw, Messiah bass soloist
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Anthem *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*/Handel
Chancel Choir
Children may go to Children's Church

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7/Susan Conrad

Message *Season of Peace*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#534 [blue] *Prince of Peace, Control My Will*

Announcement: Christmas Bundles Jim Eicher

Haiti Clip

Praises and Prayer Requests

#377 [blue] *Healer of Our Every Ill* (vs. 1,4)

Prayer of Intercession Marie Nussbaum

Choral Benediction *Peace I Give to You*/Davis
Chancel Choir and Chara Fennig, violin

*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 *Ding Dong, Merrily on High*/Young

*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

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: Gwen Coleman Detwiler, soprano; Lorelee Songer, alto; Jake Wilder, tenor; Bill McGraw, bass. Accompanists are: Dr. Scott Lehman, organ; Mary Beth Huser, harpsichord; Nick Manwell, trumpet, Cheryl Guise, timpani; Joan Kidder, cello. An offering will be received. Come, and let the *Messiah* be a part of your Christmas preparation.

5:15 p.m. Junior Quiz practice

6:30 p.m. Youth—Classic Christmas Night: “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and “build-a-sundae.”

No Youth Bell Choir tonight

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 6

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 – December 7

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals

6:15 p.m. Grades 1-5—Christmas program practice

6:50 p.m. Imago Dei – *Divine Addictions* (old youth room)

7:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2

7:00 p.m. Age 2-3- Toddler Nursery

7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – *Heroes of the Bible* - room at the bottom of the ramp

7:00 p.m. Adults—chapel –David Jeremiah DVD -- *If Christ Had Not Come*

7:00 p.m. Christian Faith Forum—Positive Parenting for Younger Kids - Park Center—rm. 17

7:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY – December 8

6:30-8:30 p.m. WM Movie Night... Our casual December meeting will be held in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join us and watch a Max Lucado story, **Christmas Child**, starring Steven Curtis Chapman. “**Christmas Child**” is based on Lucado's book The Christmas Child: A story of Coming Home. Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Menu for Wednesday, December 7: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, hot dogs (for kids only), green bean casserole, chips, applesauce, cookies & beverages.

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

Sunday evening, December 18, the congregation is invited and encouraged to go Christmas caroling for residents at Swiss Village and for shut-ins. We will leave from the church at 6 p.m. When we get back at 7:30, the Main Street Jazz Band will play a concert as we enjoy some refreshments.

Need Volunteers for Family Life Center to clean and sweep the building for next year, 2012. See Kent Frank or Kendall Lehman if you are willing to volunteer your time.

Practice for the Children's Christmas musical (grades 1-5) will be from 6:15 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in the Family Life Center. This is the final rehearsal. Please come to dinner early so you can send your child to practice on time! The musical "Christmas Hang-ups" will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Cookies! If you'd like to bless those attending the Children's Christmas Program, we would be grateful if you could bring 2 dozen cookies to the patio kitchen by 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th. If you'd like a reminder, there is a sheet with tear-off tabs on the bulletin board above the foyer drinking fountains. Thanks for making this a "sweet" occasion!

Family Advent Ideas: Want to surprise your kids with some simple, yet fun Christ-filled Christmas activities? Pick up a green sheet from the bulletin board by the children's director's office. Preschool kids will be taking one home since they aren't reading yet, but we don't want to spoil the surprise for the older kids!

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.

2012 WM Prayer Partners: Would you like to have a prayer partner for 2012? Place your name, address, telephone number, and birthday on a paper and place it in the green box near the church office door. WM officers will see to it that you are matched with a partner for the coming year. The deadline is January 1st.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred & Georgia Amstutz, who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on Dec. 7.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jane Bean and other family members in the death of Don Sprunger on November 28.

Youth Upcoming Events

The Senior High Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 18. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. Please bring \$15 for the night's activities.

The Junior High Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21 at 6:50 p.m. Meet in the Imago Dei room and bring a white elephant gift!

Sr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is just around the corner! The dates are January 6-8. The cost is \$75. Please let Darren know soon if you are planning to go!

Building Project Summary

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,122,900.33	\$2,005,988.85	94.5%