

First Mennonite Church

TODAY'S SERVICES

December 4, 2016

Welcome to our Worship Service

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

Prelude

*Christmas Fantasy/Frank
His Name Shall Be/Myrin*

Welcome

Brent Hyman

**What a Beautiful Name*

**Isn't He?*

**#245 [brown] O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 4)*

Advent Candle of Peace

Craig, Erin, Lauren, Adrienne, & Derek McKean

**#176 [blue] Comfort, Comfort, O My People (vs. 1,3)*

Offering for Eastern Mennonite Missions

Megan Linthicum

Offertory:

Away in a Manger/Marvin

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.

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Floyd Liechty

Message

Why We Have Peace /Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**#195 [blue] It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Prayer and Share

Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

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

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High/Hughes

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.

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

Offering envelopes for the New Year are available today. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2017, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service in the west walkway above the patio.

Youth Service Project - Decorating cookies following the morning service today in the youth room. Lunch will be provided. Next Sunday following the service we will eat and then head out to Swiss Village to pass out the cookies and visit. We should be done around 3 p.m. Please sign up out in the foyer, so we know how much food to get.

3:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society presents Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas section only) under the direction of Brent Hyman. The soloists are Jackie Stevens, soprano; Karen Lykes, alto; Joseph Leavitt, tenor; Dr. Craig Priebe, bass. Accompanists are Dr. Scott Lehman, organ; Andrew Jones, piano; Nick Manwell, trumpet. An offering will be received. Come and let *Messiah* be a part of your Christmas preparation.

5:15 p.m. Junior Quizzing

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 6

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 7

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 – Rod Ovitt – *The Advent, a Cosmic Event*

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

8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Eastern Mennonite Missions. Next Sunday it is for Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

Menu for Wednesday, December 7: Sloppy Joe sandwich, green beans, chips, applesauce, cookies, beverages. Hot dogs for kids only.

On Tuesdays for the month of November, Class 96 will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals

Mary Hope Stucky will be 100 years old on December 26. If you would like to participate in a card shower for her, there is a basket on the table in the foyer for cards. Please have your cards in the basket by Sunday, December 11, so they can be all be sent together.

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

Midweek Winter Quarter begins this Wednesday! We will welcome Bible teacher Rod Ovitt for the first two Wednesdays in the Chapel: Dec. 7 "Advent, a Cosmic Event" and Dec. 14 "Advent, Believers, and the Mind of Christ." Because of our over-familiarity with the Christmas story, believers sometimes lose sight of the significance and impact of this world-changing event. We will take a closer look at this world-altering occurrence and what it truly meant for God to visit this planet.

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

Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 am-12 noon

Youth Christmas Party - "Ugly Sweater Party" on Wednesday, December 21st, from 5-7:30 p.m. Food will be provided. Bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. Wear your ugliest sweater. Sign up out in the foyer, so we know how much food to get. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill.

Imago Dei All-Nighter - December 28th starting at 6 p.m. and finishing at 8 a.m. on December 29th. Cost is \$25 plus money for IHOP. We will be going to Sky Zone, Ice Skating, IHOP, bowling, and then free time/sleep, worship and devotion time at the church. Sign up and grab a form in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill.

Winter Retreats - Junior High @ Camp Luz, Jan. 13-15. Cost is \$60. Sign up and grab a flyer/registration form out in the foyer. Deadline is Jan. 8. Senior High in Chicago, Jan. 27-29. Cost is \$60. Sign up and grab a flyer/registration form out in the foyer. Deadline is January 11. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill.

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 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.

7 Renee Liechty	12 Josh Linthicum	18 Bonnie Flueckiger
19 Megan Linthicum	22 Gordon Claassen	26 Mary Hope Stucky
28 Brent Hyman	29 Camden Hyman	

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred & Georgia Amstutz, who will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on Dec. 7.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lana & Tim Shoaf and family in the death of her mother, Loretta Smith, on November 23.