

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
December 9, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman SONG LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Angels from the Realms of Glory/Hobby*

*Welcome Brent Hyman

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Wise
First Mennonite Men's Quartet; Chris Hyman, Tara Steffen, and Lora Sprunger

*Advent Candle #2: Peace Chris & Shelby Reusser

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the hope we have in Christ. Teach us your peace. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

*#246 [brown] Isaiah 9:6 (responsive reading from the NKJV)

*#251 [brown] *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1,2,4)

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

**You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

*#254 [brown] *Isn't He?*

Offering Prayer for MennoMedia Brent Hyman

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City*/arr. McGregor
First Mennonite Brass Quintet
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: Isaiah 2:1-5 Seth Ringger

Message *The Light of Peace*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

#407 [blue] *We Are People of God's Peace*

Mission Moment #1 – Tract Ministry Steve Lehman

Mission Moment #2 – MCC Relief Kits Jim Eicher

Prayer and Share Neal Reusser

*#273 [brown] *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (v. 3)

*Responsive Benediction

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 *Alleluia* from "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"/J.S. Bach

*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

Offering envelopes for the new year are available today. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2013, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service in the west walkway above the patio.

Today is commission affirmation balloting. 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.

11:20 a.m. Listening Group in Pastor Jeff's office

1:30 p.m. Junior Quiz Meet at Murray Missionary. All are invited to attend.

6:30 p.m. ***Chris-myth Busters***, Christmas musical in the Family Life Center. Kids in grades 1-5 should arrive 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. Refreshments will follow the program.

Youth – Small groups are meeting throughout the day. Check with your leaders!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 10

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – December 11

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 12

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship meal

6:10 p.m. Children's Choirs

Youth — Mythbusters Series in the Imago Dei room!

7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5 Spotlight Room – Christmas Fun!

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. Pastor Jerry speaking on *Holiday Grief*

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 MennoMedia, the publishing and media agency of Mennonite Church USA. Next Sunday it is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Menu for Wed., Dec. 12: Ham loaf, potatoes, vegetable, roll, sheet cake, & drink.

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

If you signed up to bake cookies for the gathering after the Christmas program, please have them in the kitchen by 3:00 p.m. today.

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.

The staff of First Mennonite Church thanks you for your generous support and encouragement shown by the Pastor Appreciation gifts presented to us in November. It is such a pleasure to serve in a congregation that is responsive to God's calling and is so generous in many ways. We enjoy being involved with you in ministry here. Thanks so much. Jeff, Jerry, Brent, Darren, Hazel, and Chris.

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.

Scripture memorization – Because God uses his Word to speak directly to us, memorizing Scripture is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen our faith and our walk with Christ. The Scripture Memory program has a wonderful ABC memory book for young children, as well as memory plans for all ages. If you would like to enroll in this 15-week program that starts in January, contact Judy Moser (589-3108) by December 17.

Because God has mended two broken hearts and brought healing and joy to their lives, you are invited to join in a celebration of marriage for Marcia Ann Von Gunten and James Paul Cressman on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church. The most treasured gift is your presence; we request no other.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dwight Lehman, Mabel Lehman, and other family members in the death of Roberta Lehman on November 24; also to Lloyd & Carol Neuenschwander, Denver & Bert Neuenschwander, and other family members in the death of Benjamin Neuenschwander on November 22.

YOUTH

Youth Christmas Party will be Wed., Dec. 19, in the Imago Dei room! Details TBA!
Youth "All-Nighter" will be Friday, December 28! Details and cost TBA!

Upcoming Sunday Events

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