

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
December 11, 2011

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

Prelude *Fantasia On a French Carol/Hughes*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful*/#247 [brown] *Let's Worship and Adore Him*

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading Jeff, Julie, Erica, Elizabeth, Adam, Anna and Audra Chrisman

Light the Candle of Shepherds/Joy

#172 [blue] *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* (v. 3)

Prayer

*#278 [brown] *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Offering for Mennonite Publishing Network/Lara Collett

Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*/arr. McGregor
First Mennonite Brass Quintet

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children may go to Children's Church.

Scripture Luke 2:8-14/Vickie Beachey

Message *Season of Joy*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#269 [brown] *How Great Our Joy!*

*#273 [brown] *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (vs. 2,3)

Mali Mission Trip Announcement

Truth Project Promo

Prayer & Share Milly Fox

#258 [brown] *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*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 *Joy to the World/Konkel*

**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 Katelyn Gabriella, daughter of Chris & Jenny (Bryan) Dubach, born on December 7.

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

1:30 p.m. Junior Quiz Meet at Murray Missionary. Everyone is welcome!

6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program "Christmas Hang-Ups" will be in the Family Life Center. Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Youth – small groups will be meeting throughout the day. Check times with your leader.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 13

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 14

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

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

6:50 p.m. Imago Dei – *Divine Addictions* conclusion (Imago Dei 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. Grades 1-5 – Spotlight room

7:00 p.m. Adults–chapel –David Jeremiah DVD – *Christmas Without Christ*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Mennonite Publishing Network. Next Sunday it is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Menu for Wed., Dec. 14: Ham loaf, hot dogs (for kids only), scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, sheet cake & beverages.

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

Reminder: to bring your "sweet treats" (2 dozen cookies) for the Christmas program tonight. Please have them in the kitchen by the patio at 6 p.m.

First Mennonite's presentation of "Messiah" will be broadcast on Sunday, December 18, at 4:05 p.m. on WPGW 100.9 FM in Portland.

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.

Sunday, December 25, there will not be any Sunday School for babies up through grade 5. This was done the last time Christmas was on a Sunday in 2005. It is meant to give families time together Christmas morning. Nursery care will not be provided during Sunday School, but will be available during the church hour. Preschool Children's Church will still be held during the service, but Children's Church for 1st-5th grade will not be held, as is normal for 4th Sundays. There will be no Sunday School classes meeting for the adults, unless your class would like to meet that morning. Just let the class know and meet as usual.

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!

MALI Mission Trip: Last summer the Bible School Children raised funds for the supplies needed to replace faulty plumbing in the Pediatric Ward for the Mission Hospital in Koutiala, Mali, where Doug and Angela Wenger serve. The supplies have been bought and are on their way to Africa. Now we need a team of people to do the work needed to replace the old with the new. We need one skilled plumber and 2-5 good hard workers with a joy in their heart to serve the LORD and a willing spirit to give in this way. The trip will be in March 2012 for approximately three weeks. Please give this prayerful consideration and contact Elaine Crider or Kim Ringger for more information.

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.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Glen & Beverly Grandlinard in the death of his brother, William Grandlinard, Jr., on November 19.

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 wrapped 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!

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of November, we have the following balances on hand:

Benevolence Treasury - \$ 12,472
Household Treasury - \$ 30,360

Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 35,141	\$ 45,421
Witness Commission	1,909	3,254
Worship Commission	5,901	8,296
Care Commission	12,389	13,933
Personnel	364,198	372,861
General Administration	25,538	36,254
Church Property & Maintenance	101,851	107,373
Total Household Treasury	\$546,927	\$587,392