

First Mennonite Church

TODAY'S SERVICES

December 11, 2016

Welcome to our Worship Service

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

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful*/Marvin

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #271 [brown] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Advent Candle of Joy Jim, Amanda, Elizabeth, Maggie, Luella, Burton Bluhm

*#278 [brown] *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1,2,3)

Baby Dedication: Brinley Annette Steury (Trent & Kim)
Zoey Niah Sprunger (Cory & Allison)

*#620 [blue] *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Offering for Lancaster Mennonite Conference Brent Hyman

Offertory: *Noel We Sing* De Cormier

Chancel Choir and Dr. Scott Lehman
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 12 Darren Kloepper

Message *Why We Have Joy* /Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Special Music: *Noel*
Courtney Ringger & Tara Steffen

Prayer and Share Milly Fox

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

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*/Young

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.

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

2:00 p.m. Quiz Meet at Avalon Church in Fort Wayne

7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program – *Christmas County Spelling Bee* -
Family Life Center

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 13

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

WEDNESDAY – December 14

- 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 – *Advent, Believers, and the Mind of Christ*
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
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Menu for Wednesday, December 14: Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, sheet cake, beverages. Hot dogs for kids only.

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

Today affirmation 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.

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.

Christmas Caroling at Swiss Village – Sunday, December 18. Meet at the church at 6 p.m. Return for cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate.

Christmas Morning – join us for a family worship experience at 10 a.m. Nursery will be provided only for kids age 2 and under. All others will celebrate the birth of our Savior together in the sanctuary. Kids will enjoy a special activity packet, familiar songs, and birthday cake!

Offering envelopes are still available to be picked up. If you do not yet have your envelopes, please locate them on the table in the hallway on Sunday mornings or pick them up from the church office. Envelopes will not be mailed, except to out-of-town members. Envelopes will be delivered to those at Swiss Village who are unable to attend. This will save quite a lot of expense for the church. Your help would be appreciated.

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.

Treasurers of Sunday School classes, Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end report by December 30.

Year-end reports for Ministries Council, Board of Trustees, Adult Ministries Committee, Endowment Board of Trustees, Worship Commission, Witness Commission, Care Commission, Disciple Commission, and pastors, for the Annual Business Meeting, are due to the church office no later than January 2.

Individual Year-End Giving – In order for year-end contributions to be credited to this year's giving, they must be received at the church office, or postmarked, by noon on December 30. The church office will close at noon on the 30th. Contributions received after that will be posted as 2017 giving.

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.

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.

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 Melvin & Rita Augsburg, who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 14.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Doyle & Anna Lehman and other family members in the death of Maynard Lehman on December 7.