

# First Mennonite Church

## December 17, 2017

ORGANIST --- Dr. Scott Lehman ✧ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *Angels From the Realms of Glory*/Smith

\*Welcome Brent Hyman

Announcement

*Jingle, Jingle Happy Bells/Away in a Manger*  
Preschool

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* Red  
First Mennonite Men's Quartet

*Come On Ring Those Bells*  
Kindergarten

*The First Noel* Ryden  
Conner Hyman, Adrienne McKean, Camden Hyman

*Gloria a Dios* Grantham  
Little Notes of Praise

\*Candle of Joy [see responsive reading on the screen]  
Nick, Dawn, Cam, Kaleb, Cayden & Christopher Stevens

\*#271 [brown] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

*Little Drummer Boy* Galbraith  
Praise Band

*He Came, He Saw* Bolton and Singleton  
Elementary and Hannah Taing

Intercessory Prayer/Offering Prayer for Conference Pastor Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Offertory: *Gloria Hodie* McChesney  
Grace Notes  
Children ages 3-K may walk to children's church.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12 Lauren McKean

Meditation *Advent Is....Joy*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*He Shall Reign* Sorenson  
Chance Choir, Mennonotes, and JAM

\*The congregation is invited to sing #278 [brown] *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1,3) on cue.

\**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*  
Anyone desiring to sing the "Hallelujah" chorus can come to the chancel area.

\**Hallelujah* from *Messiah*

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Diemer*

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.

## TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands class.

6:30-8 p.m. Christmas Caroling

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY – December 18

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

### TUESDAY –December 19

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

### WEDNESDAY – December 20

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise (4 yr. old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade) Rm.17

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)

6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)

6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center

6:50 p.m. Youth - Youth room

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 – DVD: “Is Genesis History?” - - Part 3

7:00 p.m. “Parenting (and Grandparenting): Boundaries on Tech – Protecting from Porn” led by Chris Gilbert – Rm. 14

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 the Conference Pastor. Next Sunday it is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

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

**The menu for Wednesday, December 20:** Ham sandwich, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, ice cream, hot dogs (kids), & beverages.

**New flower calendar** for 2018 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You’re invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

**Sunday, December 31**, a carry-in dinner will be held following the worship service to honor Pastor Jerry and Bonnie Flueckiger's retirement. Following the dinner a time of sharing will be given in the patio. A card shower will also take place with baskets for you to place them in. Please bring your own plates & table service.

**Scripture Memory** – Move your faith to a deeper level through Scripture memorization. If you want to give it a try during the 2018 Bible Memory program (15 weeks starting in January), call Judy Moser [589-3108] to enroll in the program. Deadline is December 20.

**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.

**Treasurers of Sunday School classes**, Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end report by December 29.

**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.

**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 December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted as 2018 giving.

**Youth Christmas Party** will be held on December 20th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Snacks will be provided. We will have an ugly sweater party, \$5 gift exchange, Christmas carols, & more!

**Youth mystery night** Dec. 27 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Admission: 1 canned good.

**Junior High Winter Retreat** will be held January 12-14, 2018. Cost is \$70 for first child and \$40 for second, plus money for 2 meals. The theme is "Rooted" from Colossians 2:6-7. Registration is due January 7th. Forms are out at the table.

**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.

17 Lillian Meyer (Grant)    18 Bonnie Flueckiger    19 Megan Linthicum  
22 Gordon Claassen    26 Mary Hope Stucky    28 Brent Hyman  
29 Camden Hyman (Brent)

### **UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES**

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 88,395
Household Treasury	\$ 8,691

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$34,536	\$35,292
Witness Commission	2,881	3,667
Worship Commission	7,558	8,640
Care Commission	7,781	10,244
Personnel	395,227	437,445
General Administration	30,136	32,473
Church Property & Maintenance	97,081	110,321
Total Household Treasury	<u>575,200</u>	<u>638,082</u>