

# First Mennonite Church

## December 24, 2017

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

Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful/Marvin

\*Welcome

Brent Hyman

\*#259 [brown] *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* (vs. 1,2,5)

\*#260 [brown] *Worthy, You Are Worthy*

\*#261 [brown] *Away in a Manger*

\*Candle of Love [see responsive reading on the screen]

Nate, Amy, Corbin, Aaron, and Ben Hirschy

\*Adore

Children's Story

Chris Hyman

Children ages 3-K may walk to children's church following the story.

Offering Prayer for Household Treasury/Local Ministries

Naomi Lehman

Offertory: *O Holy Night*

Adam

Jared Schwartz

Scripture: Romans 5:6-8

Lisa Smith

Message

*Advent Is....Love*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Special Music: *Messiah*

Battistelli

Hannah Taing

Intercessory Prayer

Charlie Habegger

Announcements

\*#258 [brown] *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (vs. 1,3)

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*Angels We Have Heard on High*/Zimmerman

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.

9:30 p.m. Prelude

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY –December 26

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

### WEDNESDAY – December 27

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Quiz Practice

**NO EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES**

### FRIDAY – December 29

**Church office closes at noon.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering** today and next Sunday is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

**On Tuesdays for the month of January**, The Cornerstone Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

**Next Sunday is Project Share.** Our church is requested to provide beans this month; however, all donations are appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**Volunteers needed!** If you can help clean the Family Life Center, which is once every two months, please give Steve a call at 525-3174.

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

**Year-end reports** for Ministries Council, Spiritual Guidance Cabinet, 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 1.

**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 on the table.

**January is National Sanctity of Human Life Month.** Starting January 3, come to a 5-week Wednesday night class to learn how to defend the pro-life position on abortion. Each week we will watch two 25-minute episodes of Scott Klusendorf's DVD series *Life Is Best* and then have a short discussion. Episodes cover human value, what the Bible says about abortion, men and abortion, the gospel and forgiveness, common arguments, and more. This class **starts at 6:45** and is led by Jessica Lehman. Come be equipped and inspired to join the fight for lives and souls.

**What:** Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a 15-week course developed by the US Center for World Mission. **Who:** Anyone with an interest in world evangelization is encouraged to take the class to gain a broader scope of the Biblical, historical, cultural and strategic perspective of missions. **When:** Each Monday evening from 6-9 p.m. from January 8-April 23, 2018. **Where:** Hosted at First Missionary Church, US 27 S, Berne. **How much:** Cost is \$275/person or \$250 for those who register prior to the first night of class. A \$30 discount is available for a spouse. **How to register:** 1) Any time online at [Perspectives.org](http://Perspectives.org), or 2) in person the first night of the class, Monday, January 8, 2018. **For more information:** Matt Wheeler, 260-417-1667, Connie Potter, 260-525-8516, or Gina Brewster, 260-692-2740.

**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.

26 Mary Hope Stucky 28 Brent Hyman 29 Camden Hyman (Brent)

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to George and Floine Dynes, who will celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 30.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Floine & George Dynes in the death of her sister, Willodyne Luginbill, on December 13; also to Barb & Dan Dawson, Ted & Judy Moser, Gregg & Karen Moser and Brian & Kelly Moser in the death of Glenna Moser on December 19.