

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
Christmas Worship Service
December 25, 2011

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

Prelude

*He Is Born/Whitworth
Away in a Manger/Innes
Joy to the World/Cherwein*

Movie: Christmas in 50 Words

- *#259 [brown] *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (vs. 1,2,5)
- *#260 [brown] *Worthy, You Are Worthy*
- *#254 [brown] *Isn't He*
- *#284 [brown] *The Birthday of a King*
- *#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (v. 3)

Greet One Another

Children can come forward for the Children's Story.

Children's Story

Lana Shoaf

#262 *Away in a Manger* (vs. 1,3)

Children can go to children's church.

Special Music

Youth Bell Choir

Pat-A-Pan/arr. Krug

Intercessory and Offering Prayer for Household Treasury Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Offertory

Silent Night/Sprunger

Mary Beth Huser and Scott Lehman

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Movie: *Social Network Christmas*

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25/Justin Sommer

Message

Season of Christ/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1, 3)

*#270 [brown] *Joy to the World* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*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

Angels We Have Heard on High/arr. Zimmerman

**We invite you to stand if you are able*

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

NO EVENING SERVICE OR YOUTH TONIGHT

Project Share is today. At this Christmas time, let's remember the needy in our community with gifts of staples and canned goods.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY – December 27

4:00 p.m. YOUTH ALL-NIGHTER! Meet at the church at 4 p.m. and bring \$20!

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 28

NO EVENING SERVICES

FRIDAY – December 30

Church office closes at noon

MONDAY - JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for the MCC Canner.

Communion Service will be held next Sunday, January 1.

Child Dedication will be held on Sunday, January 8. If you would like to have your child dedicated, please call the church office by January 4.

On Tuesdays for the month of January, Bible Basics Class will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

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.

Open Gym is available week of December 26-30 from 3-5 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy some basketball.

New flower calendar for 2012 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You're invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

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

Year-end reports for Ministries Council, Board of Trustees, Midweek 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 5.

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 Friday. Contributions received after that will be posted as 2012 giving.

Christmas Break Fun Day! Grades 1-5 are invited to a time of fun, fun, fun on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, from 1-4 p.m. Crafts, snack, obstacle course, games, movie and lots of fun! Come and go as needed, but be sure a parent comes to the patio to sign you in and out. Hope to see you there!

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.

Have you made plans for February? Consider including Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati in your schedule. This event happens February 3-5 and is organized by our sister congregation, Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship. It is a weekend of events and displays featuring various Mennonite artists. There will be visual art, music, poetry, and more. Cost is \$65 for those who register before January 15 or \$75 after that date. \$45 is the fee for students. Information sheets and registration blanks are on a table in the foyer.

The Historical Committee would like your help for the display cabinet for February. Framed wedding pictures are needed from the years 2002-1992-1982-1972-and sequent 10 years on down. Please bring these to the church office by January 10th. The picture and frame will be returned in March.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to George and Floine Dynes, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on December 30; and to Roy and Karen Lehman, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on December 31.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jerrold & Shirley Neuenschwander, Louise Miller, Alice & Merlin Sprunger, and other family members in the death of Paul Neuenschwander on December 17; also to Dean & Myrna Hendricks in the death of his sister, Jana Wynn, on December 19.

Youth Upcoming Events

Sr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is January 6-8. The cost is \$75. Darren needs to know by Friday, December 30, if you are planning to attend!

Multi-purpose Building Pledge Update:

	Pledges	Payments	
Combined	\$2,123,663.83	\$2,014,798.85	94.9%