

First Mennonite Church

December 25, 2016

Merry Christmas

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

Prelude

On Christmas Day in the Morning/Waldrop
Grace Notes
Christmas Trumpets/Nagel
Matt Wheeler, James Sommer, and Chris Hyman

Welcome

Brent Hyman

Introit: *Christmas Bells*

Martin

Chancel Choir, Grace Notes, Mary Beth Huser, and Dr. Scott Lehman

*Carols:

#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Come to the Manger

*#262 [brown] *Away in a Manger*

Intercessory Prayer/Offering Prayer for the Household Treasury

Naomi Lehman

Offertory: *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

Hahn

Camden, Conner, and Cole Hyman
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

*Praise Music:

Born Is the King (It's Christmas)
Angels We Have Heard on High

**Happy Birthday*

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

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

He Is Born/Whitworth

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

The flower arrangement on the organ today has been placed there by the Bauman family, in loving memory of their father, Kenneth Bauman.

NO EVENING SERVICE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 27

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 28

NO EVENING SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY – December 30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Eastern Mennonite Missions.

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

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.

Sing hymns over the noon hour at Swiss Village on Tuesday, Dec. 27! Meet at the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:20. We will go to each of the four health care dining halls, singing a few hymns in each one. Total time required is a little more than an hour. Voices of all ages are needed and welcome! Please come!

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

New flower calendar for 2017 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, Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end report by December 30.

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.

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.

A new van has been purchased for the church. We have only **one** van, so if you are planning on using it, be sure to check ahead to make sure it is available for your use.

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.

The showcase in the west lobby will again be having the decade wedding photographs for the months of January and February. The Historical Committee would appreciate all attendees to supply us with a photograph, preferably a framed 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10, by Dec. 30th. Please bring them to the church office. They will be returned to you in March. Letters are being sent out but if you attend First Mennonite and for some reason you do not receive a letter, bring your wedding picture in so that it can be included in the showcase. We may not have your wedding date on file. Questions, call Floyd Liechty at 849-1425.

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 2.

Imago Dei All-Nighter - December 28th starting at 6 p.m. and finishing at 8 a.m. on December 29th. Cost is \$25. 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.

The First Mennonite Church strives to be current and up to date on all attendees in our church family. If you are newer attendees in the congregation or have not done so, please supply us with birth and marriage dates for our records. Also, the best phone number to reach you would be appreciated. There are forms outside the church office for you to fill out or you may contact the church office with your information.

Baby Shower -- We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are providing you with the opportunity to purchase **new** baby items for The Hope Clinic. We are hosting a church-wide baby shower so that we can bless moms who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed: cribs, mattresses, high chairs, strollers, carrier infant car seats (up to 22 pounds), car seats (up to 40 pounds), toddler seats/boosters, baby gates, diaper bags, diapers (**especially sizes 4, or 5 or 6**) and wipes, crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chairs or rings, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles, Sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, clothes (**particularly sizes 12 months - 2T**) and formula. We would also like to have children's books for infant through at least 3 years of age. **For our mothers, we need gently used maternity clothing in sizes large and extra-large that is suitable for the work place.** Items not needed at this time include: onesies, baby powder/baby oil/baby shampoo/baby wash.

Congratulation and best wishes of the congregation are extended to George & Floine Dynes, who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on December 30; also to Roy & Karen Lehman, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on December 31.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Laverne Gilliom, who died on December 16.