

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
December 30, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman

Prelude *Swiss Noel/Daquin*

Welcome Kim Ringger

#840 [blue] Responsive Call to Worship

*\*My Soul Magnifies the Lord*

*\*#247 [brown] Let's Worship and Adore Him*

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

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries/Greg Meyer

Offertory *All Is Well/Smith Kirkpatrick*

Tara Steffen

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

Children's Story Lana Shoaf

Children age 3-K may go to Children's Church following the story.

Scripture Haggai 1:1-2 Jeff Bryan

Message *The Time Is Now/Pastor Darren Kloepper*

*\*#571 [brown] Trust and Obey (vs. 1,4,5)*

*\*#597 [brown] Take My Life (vs. 1,6)*

Announcements about Wednesday Classes

Prayer & Share Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

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

*\*Benediction* Pastor Darren Kloepper

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* *Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts/Saint-Saens*  
\*We invite you to stand if you are able

**TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE**

**On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.**

**The flowers** today on the organ are in honor of Jim & Bertie Lehman's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**No Evening Service tonight.**

**No youth tonight.**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY – December 31**  
Church office closes at noon

**TUESDAY – January 1**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**WEDNESDAY – January 2**  
No Evening Activities

**THURSDAY – January 3**  
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries in the chapel.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**There will be** communion on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

**New flower calendar for 2013** has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You're invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

**Women's Ministries** want to invite women and their families to the final WM meeting. Carol Knarr will be speaking on Thursday, January 3, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Her program is titled "Stories for Israel." She is a professional storyteller who took a trip to Israel with a group of storytellers last spring. The stories will be part 3<sup>rd</sup> person, 1<sup>st</sup> person, and travel stories with pictures.

**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 4.

**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 31. The church office will close at noon on the 31st. Contributions received after that will be posted as 2013 giving.

**The Historical Committee** would like your help for the display cabinet for February. Framed wedding pictures are needed from the years 2003-1993-1983-1973-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.

**The Children's Department** is seeking some "new" toys for use in Sunday School and Children's Church areas. As you are cleaning out and making room for your new Christmas gifts, if you have age-appropriate items (that do not require batteries) that you would be willing to donate, please leave them in the box outside the children's department office.

**Children's Programming Schedule** - There will be no children's programming on Wednesday, January 2. "Agape National Park" will begin on January 9 for grades 1-5. Pre-school will continue "Exploring God's People."

**Darren with the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** will be on **JANUARY 13!**

**Mark your calendars:** On January 25 and 26 the MCC mobile Meat Canner will be here in Berne. We need everyone working together to help with this project. How can you help: volunteer, give an hour or two of your time to help process the 26,000 pounds of turkey, give financially (cost to buy and process the turkey is \$62,500), and most importantly, pray for those who travel with the canner, those who volunteer, and the committee that organizes the event. Hope to see you there.

**Blessing Missionaries** – Do you have a special place in your heart to care for missionaries or to help our congregation keep up to date with our missionaries? Witness Commission is looking for some people from our congregation who might have a desire to bless our missionaries while they are in the mission field. If you would like to know more about some exciting ideas on how to do this, please contact Kim Ringger (260-565-3675) from Witness Commission.

**What is a Disciple's Purpose?** How does serving others differ from being enslaved to everyone's demand and never being able to say no? What are two responsibilities you have as a Christian ambassador who has been given the ministry of reconciliation? What do your goals reveal about what is most important to you? Answer these questions and many more with Megan Linthicum and Jaci O'Dell starting Wednesday evening, January 9<sup>th</sup>, for a simple Bible study titled "Discipleship: The Growing Christian's Lifestyle". This class is open to women of all ages and stages of life. Please sign up at the water fountain or contact Megan or Jaci by Sunday, January 6. Recommended book donation \$8.00.

**Truth Project:** In a recent study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic: Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a Biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy, and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and as a nation. Join us January 9 for a 13-week DVD presentation by the Truth Project's Dr. Del Tackett. Sign up in the main foyer. Limit of 14 enrollees. If you have any questions about the class, contact Dave Shuey at 589-8815 or e-mail [dp111967@yahoo.com](mailto:dp111967@yahoo.com).

**Made to Crave** is being offered again! Craving isn't a bad thing, but God created us to crave so we'd ultimately desire more of Him in our lives. Many of us have misplaced that craving, overindulging in food instead of lasting spiritual satisfaction. Join us for this 7-week video study that uncovers the missing link between a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment to make it happen! The class starts January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm! Sign up above the drinking fountain or by contacting Dawn Stevens at [ndckccstevens@gmail.com](mailto:ndckccstevens@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to George & Floine Dynes, who are celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary today; and to Roy & Karen Lehman, who will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 31.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Dave & Sandy Flueckiger and other family members in the death of Helen Stucky on December 25.

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Senior High Winter Retreat: Camp Friedenswald, January 4-6 (cost \$80)

Winter Jam: January 20 (\$10 plus one fast food meal)—leaving mid-afternoon; return could be as late as 11:30 (note this is a school night)

Junior High Winter Retreat: Camp Friedenswald, January 25-27 (cost \$80)

Pokagon State Park Toboggan Run (Jr. High students), Feb. 8-9 (cost \$25, plus two fast food meals)

# BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Jan 1: Genesis 1-3

Jan 2: Genesis 4-7

Jan 3: Genesis 8-11

Jan 4: Genesis 12-15

Jan 5: Genesis 16-18

Jan 6: Genesis 19-21

Jan 7: Genesis 22-24

Jan 8: Genesis 25-26

Jan 9: Genesis 27-29

Jan 10: Genesis 30-31

Jan 11: Genesis 32-34

Jan 12: Genesis 35-37

Jan 13: Genesis 38-40

Jan 14: Genesis 41-42

Jan 15: Genesis 43-45

Jan 16: Genesis 46-47

Jan 17: Genesis 48-50

Jan 18: Exodus 1-3

Jan 19: Exodus 4-6

Jan 20: Exodus 7-9

Jan 21: Exodus 10-12

Jan 22: Exodus 13-15

Jan 23: Exodus 16-18

Jan 24: Exodus 19-21

Jan 25: Exodus 22-24

Jan 26: Exodus 25-27

Jan 27: Exodus 28-29

Jan 28: Exodus 30-32

Jan 29: Exodus 33-35

Jan 30: Exodus 36-38

Jan 31: Exodus 39-40

