

## Sunday, December 12, 2010

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ❖ SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/McGregor*  
Brass Quintet

Welcome Brent Hyman

### Third Sunday of Advent: Candle of Joy

Advent Reading John 15:9-11/Bruce, Kim, Kate, Robert, and Kenna Kelsey

*Light the Candle of Joy* (see insert, verse 3)

Movie: *Joy*

\*#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

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

Parent/Child Dedication Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*#620 [blue] *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Offering for Mennonite Publishing Network  
Prayer led by Carole Neuenschwander

Offertory *The Birthday of a King/Schuster*

Chris Hyman, French horn Mary Beth Huser, piano

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

Children ages 3-grade 4 may go to children's church following the story.

Scripture Zephaniah 3:7-17/Heidi Lehman

Message *Joy Is Why*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*#273 [brown] *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Prayer and Share

\*#427 [blue] *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

\*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 *Joy to the World/Hobby*

Brass and Organ

\*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** this morning are in memory of Dr. Freeman & Mary Kay Burkhalter for their music contribution to this church and community.

**Offering envelopes** for the new year are available today. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2011, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service in the west walkway above the patio.

**11:20 a.m.** Listening Group in Pastor Jeff's office

**1:30 p.m.** Junior Quiz meet at Evangelical Community Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**6:30 p.m.** **Children's Christmas Program** - All children age 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade will have a part in the program and should arrive by 6:15 p.m. 2's & 3's meet in the 2's classroom upstairs, age 4-K meet in your SS room, grades 1-5 meet in choir room.

**No Youth due to children's program**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY – December 14

**6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour

**7:00 p.m.** Board of Trustees

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

### WEDNESDAY – December 15

**6:00 a.m.** Men's Fraternity

**5:00 p.m.** Adult Bell Choir

**5:45 p.m.** Fellowship Meal

**6:10 p.m.** Children's Choir Rehearsals

**6:50 p.m.** Imago Dei

**6:50 p.m.** Men's Fraternity will meet in room 16

**7:00 p.m.** Nursery for up to age 2

**7:00 p.m.** *Instant Lessons for Toddlers* in age 2 classroom

**7:00 p.m.** Age 4-K - *Bible People* in classroom at bottom of ramp

**7:00 p.m.** Grades 1-5-Christmas Party starting in the spotlight room. Singing, devotional, and lots of fun!

**7:00 p.m.** Chapel Service: Pastor Jeff – *Discipleship*

**7:00 p.m.** *Dwell* - Room 15 - Time of worship and prayer

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries (Women in Mission)

**7:00 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry

**7:00 p.m.** Prayer Room for corporate prayer

**8:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering** today is for Mennonite Publishing Network. Next Sunday it is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

**On Tuesdays** for the month of December, the Intergenerational class will be setting up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

**Menu for Wednesday, December 15:** East of Chicago pizza, tossed salad, ice cream sundae bar and beverage.

**The Chancel Choir/Grace Notes/Organ CD *True Evangelical Faith*** is now on sale in the church office for \$7.

**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.

**Cancellation Policy** – If South Adams Schools cancels classes because of inclement weather, we will cancel our evening services. If South Adams cancels due to fog our other non weather-related reasons, a decision will be made by 12:00 whether the fellowship meal and evening classes for all ages will be held that evening. The information will be posted at [www.firstmennonite.org](http://www.firstmennonite.org). Also, for church cancellation information, we will inform WZBD radio 92.7 FM and WBCL 90.3 FM. WBCL will read the announcement on the air and post it at their website, [www.wbcl.org](http://www.wbcl.org).

**The Christmas** decorations that have been placed throughout the church are beautiful. We want to thank those who decorate the church so lovely for the holidays.

**Pagan Poet Promotes Church Growth** – How did Paul’s knowledge of the pagan poet Epimenides provide an “eye opener” for the truth about the Supreme God in the idol-infested city of Athens? Why was Dionysus one of the earliest Greeks converted after hearing Paul’s preaching? Find out at *Perspectives*. Grab a brochure from the church foyer or call Darin Ringger at 260-565-3675.

**The prayers** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Jason Lehman, member of this church, and Becky Rawlins, who were married yesterday in Martinsville.

**Youth Upcoming Events:**

Jr. High Christmas party: December 19 @ 6:30 p.m. in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift)

Sr. High Christmas party: December 22 @6:30 p.m. in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift)

**Child Dedication**

<b>Child</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Blake Lee Rediger	Ben & Nicole	May 7, 2010

*Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’ Luke 18:16*

**UPDATE ON THE CHURCH’S FINANCES**

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

Benevolence Treasury	- \$ 4,309
Household Treasury	- \$ 45,372

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$37,263	\$48,217
Witness Commission	810	3,438
Worship Commission	6,753	8,945
Care Commission	11,007	16,958
Personnel	356,482	361,853
General Administration	33,508	39,004
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>77,969</u>	<u>101,429</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$523,792	\$579,844