

Sunday, December 19, 2010
All Music Program

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

Prelude *Night of the Father's Love/Choplin*
Youth Bell Choir
The First Noel/Innes
Dr. Scott Lehman, organ; Mary Beth Huser, piano
Carol of the Bells/McChesney
Grace Notes Bell Choir

Introit *Ding Dong Merrily on High/Cable*
Chancel Choir

Welcome Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Candle of Hope

Advent Reading Isaiah 60:2/Paul Ketron and Mark Conrad

Light the Candle of Hope (see insert, verse 4)

Movie: Hope

Special Music *Breath of Heaven/Eaton/Grant*
Tara Steffen

*#244 [brown] *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
*#250 [brown] *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
*#259 [brown] *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs. 1,2,5)*
*#260 [brown] *Worthy, You Are Worthy*

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries
Prayer led by Rod Lehman

Offertory O Come, All Ye Faithful

Men's Octet

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children ages 3-grade 4 may walk to children's church.

Prayer of Intercession Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-15/Michael Mosser

#255 [brown] *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Meditation

Hope Is Why/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Jesus Messiah*

Those who would like to sing in the Hallelujah Chorus may come forward during this song and get a copy of the music.

**Hallelujah* (from Messiah) Handel

*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/Zimmerman
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.

6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling and Jazz Band Christmas Concert following

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Christmas party in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift);
Sr. High all church caroling at 6:30 p.m.—Main Street Jazz band following

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 20

6:30 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – December 21

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – December 22

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity -- **the next meeting is January 12th**

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Sr. High Christmas party in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift)
(Jr. High activity TBA)

6:50 p.m. Men's Fraternity-- room 16 -- **the next meeting is January 12th**

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

7:00 p.m. Ages 2-3 - *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

FRIDAY – December 24

Church office closes at noon.

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today and next Sunday 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 22: Potato bar with various toppings, mixed fruit, sheet cake and beverage.

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

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

The church will be closed and locked on Saturday, Christmas day. Contact Rod Mosser at 525-6673 to unlock for emergencies.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in keeping the new activity center clean. This would take approximately 6-8 hours a month. Please contact a trustee or Kendall if interested or for more information.

New flower calendar for 2011 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You're invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

To all ladies: Would you like to have a prayer partner for 2011? Just place your name, address, telephone number, and birthday in the green box near the office door and WM will see to it that you are matched up with a partner. The box will be here until mid-January.

Treasurers of Sunday School classes, WM, Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end reports by December 28th.

Year-end reports from 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, 2011.

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. The church office will close at noon.

What is the major theme of Scripture? PERSPECTIVES will give you a whole new understanding of how God's plan to extend His Kingdom develops from Genesis to Revelation. Students all over the world have said this one semester class may be the single most life-changing course available anywhere! Early sign-up discount deadline is December 20.

The prayers and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Nathan Lehman, member of this church, and Jessica Geisler, who were married yesterday, December 18, in Trinity, Indiana.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Anita & Bud Marble and other, family members in the death of her sister, Deb Nussbaum, on December 11.

Youth Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 29: All-Nighter (starting time TBA)