

First Mennonite Church

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

ORGANIST --- Dr. Scott Lehman † WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem/Thygerson*

Welcome Pastor Jim Schwartz

Skit: *The Disciples and the Donkey* Skit Guys
Brent Hyman and Trey Lehman

*#298 [brown] Responsive Reading (see the screen)

*#297 [brown] *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Hosanna (Praise Is Arising)*

Children may go back to their parents

*#300 [brown] *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Offering Prayer for Eastern Mennonite Missions Becky Bryan

Offertory: *The Palms* Faure

JAM, Mennonotes, and Chancel Choir

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

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4; Titus 2:11-14 Darren Kloepper

#552 [brown] *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Children age 4-Grade 4 may walk to children's church.

Message *Living While Dead*/Pastor Jim Schwartz

**The Wonderful Cross*

Prayer and Share Milly Fox

Announcements

*#239 [blue] *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude *All Glory Laud and Honor*/Guilmant

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.

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands class.

11:15 a.m. **Listening Group** – Pastor Jeff's office

6:30 p.m. **Evening Service – Performing "Messiah" at N.Y. Carnegie Hall (DVD)**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – April 15

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – April 16

11:35 a.m. Swiss Village Hymn Sing

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – April 17

NO EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES DUE TO HOLY WEEK

7:00 pm. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY – April 18

Noon-8 p.m. **Maundy Thursday – There will be communion elements in the chapel for you to observe Maundy Thursday. Come with your family any time during these hours.**

FRIDAY – April 19

CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON

1:30 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at Swiss Village

7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows - Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, April 17th Youth Movie Night featuring "Passion of the Christ." Movie will start at 6 pm and finish around 8:30 pm. We will show the movie in the red room. Due to the sensitivity of what will be seen in the movie and the "R" rating of the movie itself, a parent consent form is needed in order for your child(ren) to watch it with the youth group. Forms can be picked up at the sign up table.

Sing hymns over the noon hour at Swiss Village on Tuesday, April 16. Meet near the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:35 and we'll get hymnbooks and sing in each of the four health care dining rooms. Total time required is a little more than an hour.

We are currently looking for more people to help run the soundboard for our morning worship services and at other times. If this is something you would be interested in learning how to do, please contact Brent (brent@firstmennonite.org).

Berne Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year will take place in the patio on Monday, April 29, from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Any child who is 3 or 4 years old by August 1, 2019, is eligible. The registration fee is \$40.00. Enrollment for morning and afternoon classes is on a first-come basis. For more information, please contact Greta Eicher Lehman at 589-2588. Families who attend First Mennonite are given preference and should call before registration.

SUMMER CAMP is only a few months away, and CAMP LUZ has opened their registration for 2019. Early bird pricing is available through April 15, so make plans now to reserve your child's spot. For more information about each program or to register online, visit www.campluz.com or talk to Debby.

The Senior Fellowship Activity will enjoy breakfast at an area restaurant and then go to Fort Wayne for a Tin Caps baseball game on Wednesday, May 22. We will leave at 8 a.m. from the east parking lot of the church. There will only be a few steps to negotiate at the ballpark. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes breakfast (including tax and gratuity), ball game ticket, and bus expense. Make a reservation by calling Stan Von Gunten at 589-3887 no later than April 21, as we need an exact count for the tickets. We will be returning home at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Ladies, gather your friends, sisters, daughters, and mothers for an afternoon tea on Saturday, May 11, at 3 pm. It will be an afternoon of fellowship, learning, and eating as we gather to celebrate our place in God's Kingdom. Cost is \$10 per person. This event is for age Kindergarten and up. Dress attire is requested, hats are optional. Sign up by April 21 to reserve your spot. Questions: call, text, or email Jennifer Reusser at 260-849-0246 or jlreusser@icloud.com.

Camp Luz is hiring summer staff for their 2019 summer programs. Anyone 16 or older can apply. Major needs include lifeguards and male counselors, but a variety of positions are still available. Summer staff members receive a weekly salary, and college-age staff may also be eligible for a matching staff scholarship. **More information and applications can be found on the summer staff page at www.campluz.com.**

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Ed & Joyce Fox, who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on April 20.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jerry & Bonnie Flueckiger and Mark & Kim Flueckiger in the death of Beth Magg on April 5.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 132,424
Household Treasury	\$ 78,611

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$7,818	\$10,523
Witness Commission	459	575
Worship Commission	1,497	3,256
Care Commission	824	2,274
Personnel	115,816	118,188
General Administration	10,200	8,846
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>28,963</u>	<u>28,800</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$165,577	\$172,462