

First Mennonite Church

December 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude

*An Advent Suite/Martin
Count Your Blessings/Cota*

Youth Bell Choir

Welcome

Brent Hyman

Advent Candle of Hope: Isaiah 2:25

Joe, Jen, Haden, and Colby Meyer

*#178 [blue] *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Here I Am to Worship*

**When Hope Came Down*

Offering Prayer

Greg Meyer

Offertory: *O Holy Night*

Adam

Jackie Stevens

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

Following the offertory children age 4-Grade 4 may go to Children's Church.

Scripture: Romans 15:5-13

Barb Wulliman

Message

Hope/Pastor Jim Schwartz

**Hope for Everyone*

Prayer and Share

Neal Reusser

Announcements

*#191 [blue] *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Benediction

Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates/Martin

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.

The large white poinsettia in the east hallway is in loving memory of Dale, Elaine & Maxiene Lantz & Susie Baumgartner, and has been provided by the Dick Lantz family.

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Erma & Lee Neuen and have been provided by their family.

This year's commission affirmation balloting today will be held in the patio. This will take place before S.S., between S.S. & church, and after church. You are eligible to vote for each commission under which you serve. You do not have to be a commission or committee member, only serve. You should vote for each commission under which you serve.

Commission nominees this year are Worship: Lana Schwartz, and Dave Knuth; Care: Amy Tumbleson and Jim Buckingham; Witness: Matt Wheeler and Becky Buckingham; Disciple: Orlyn Lehman and Jane Nussbaum.

3:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas section only) will be presented by the Mennonite Choral Society under the direction of Brent Hyman. An offering will be received. Come and let *Messiah* be a part of your Christmas preparation.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 4

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – December 5

- 5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise (4 yr. old – 1st grade) Rm. 17
- 6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)
- 6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)
- 6:45 p.m. *Design for Discipleship*, led by Malcolm & Jeanne Stauffer and John & Renelle Stauffer in Room 13
- 6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center
- 6:50 p.m. Youth – Youth room
- 7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – Room at the bottom of the ramp
- 7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 – Toddler Nursery
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel – Pastor Jim Schwartz
- 7:00 p.m. *Life Changing Prayer* by Jim Cymbala. Led by Becca Amstutz and Pastor Jim. Room 15
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room
- 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesdays for the month of December, Class 96 will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

Menu for Wednesday, December 5: Sloppy joe sandwich, green bean casserole, chips, applesauce, cookie, and beverage.

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are here! If you had your photo taken by Lifetouch for the new pictorial directory, or if you submitted a photo, you may pick up your free directory today at the table in the foyer. They may also be picked up at the church office during the week. After December 9, an additional copy (1 per family until further notice) may be purchased at the church office for \$8.

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.

If you're new to First Mennonite, please stop by the Welcome Center out in the foyer, and find out more information about First Mennonite.

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning January 9 through March 6. Class time will be 6:30-8 p.m. Sign up in the foyer, call the church office, or contact Pastor Jim. Cost options for each family unit: register by Nov. 30 - \$75; register by Dec. 31 - \$85; register by Jan. 8 - \$100; after classes begin - \$109. Pastor Jeff & Greg Meyer will be leading the class.

Offering envelopes for the New Year will be available next Sunday, December 9. If you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2019, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service in the west walkway above the patio.

Cancellation Policy - If South Adams Schools cancels classes because of inclement weather, we will cancel our evening services. If South Adams cancels classes due to fog or 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, and a churchwide email will be sent out to those who have registered for that. Also, for church cancellation information, we will inform WZBD radio 92.7 FM, who will read the announcement on the air, and WBCL, who will post it at their website, www.wbcl.org.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of December birthdays for missionaries and church staff. A basket will be placed in the foyer in which you may place cards for them, and these will be sent for you.

7 Renee Liechty 12 Josh Linthicum 18 Bonnie Flueckiger 19 Megan Linthicum
22 Gordon Claassen 26 Mary Hope Stucky 28 Brent Hyman 29 Camden Hyman

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Fred & Georgia Amstutz, who will celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 7.