

First Mennonite Church

December 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/Raney*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Advent Candle of Peace: Isaiah 11:1-10 Dave, Kelly, Spencer, Caroline,
Jane, Quentin, and Walker Keim

*#245 [brown] *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 4)

**Light of the World*

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Anthem: *Christmas Adoramus* Dengler
Chancel Choir

Scripture: Luke 2:1-14 Kent Liechty

*#195 [blue] *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (vs. 1,2,4,5)
Children age 4-Grade 4 may go to Children's Church.

Message *No Time for Peace Like the Present/Darren Kloepper*

*#176 [blue] *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Offering Prayer John Stauffer

Offertory: *What Sweeter Music* Rutter
Palestrina Ensemble

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

Prayer and Share Pastor Jim Schwartz

Announcements

*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction Darren Kloepper

*Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High/Hughes*
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 roses on the organ are in honor of Hans Neal, son of Bracton & Briana Eicher, born on December 3; also to Levi Scott, son of Phil & Anne (Lehman) Shenk, born on December 3.

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

- 11:20 a.m.** Listening Group – Pastor Jeff’s office
- 6:30 p.m.** **Kids Christmas program is TONIGHT!!** Elementary kids can arrive at 5:45 to get into costume in the choir room. Preschool kids (age 2-Knd.) should go to their Sunday School classroom at 6:15.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 11

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

WEDNESDAY – December 12

- 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 – Anita Wenger and Tad Wulliman sharing about the jail ministry
- 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
- 8:15 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 12: Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, sheet cake, and beverage.

Church Broadcast to Swiss Village -- -- There will possibly be a disruption of our broadcast signal to Swiss Village next Tuesday and Wednesday, as changes are going to be made to Swiss Village’s system.

Parents - check out the Children’s Ministry bulletin board for family advent ideas!

On Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, there will not be Sunshine Hour due to the holidays.

TODDLER GYM JUMP AROUND is this week on Thursday, December 13, from 10-11 AM. Enter through the Family Life Center doors. *Note: if South Adams schools delays 2 hours, we will still meet at 10. If there is a cancellation, we will not meet. Everyone is welcome - toddlers - 4 yrs.

Please consider donating Bibles for the Gideons to distribute as part of your Christmas giving. See the display in the patio to donate, fill out a card and hang it on the tree. Can we fill the tree this month? You can also designate your donation in honor of a loved one on the card. You can choose to mail your donation or put it in the box under the tree, which will be emptied every Sunday and Wed. If your loved one is from our church, we will give them the card after the holidays. See Chris or Jane Nussbaum with questions.

New Church Pictorial Directories are here! If you had your photo taken by Lifetouch for the pictorial directory, or submitted a photo, you may pick up your free directory at the church office during the week. After today an additional copy (1 per family until further notice) may be purchased at the church office for \$8.

MCC Meat Canner has informed us that due to a lack of labor to run the canner, MCC has had to revise their canning schedule. The canner will not be stopping in Berne this January 2019. MCC plans on finding a full crew for next canning season and being back in Berne in January 2020. More details will follow soon.

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wed. evenings beginning Jan. 9 through Mar. 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 Dec. 31 - \$85; register by Jan. 8 - \$100; after classes begin - \$109. Pastor Jeff & Greg Meyer will be leading the class. **For those who have registered, your registration fee is due by the first class.**

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.

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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mary Eicher, Phil & Cindy Eicher, Jim & Linda Eicher, Scott & Greta Lehman, Don & Nancy Graber, Connie & Lena Nagel and other family members in the death of John Eicher on Dec. 1.

YOUTH NEWS

December 17th - Sophomore Class Party from 6 pm to 8 pm down in the youth room. Fun, food and fellowship are to be expected.

December 19th - Youth Christmas Party from 6:30 pm to 8 pm down in the youth room. Ugly sweater contest, \$5 gift exchange, saran wrap balls, Christmas carols & more! Snacks provided.

February 1-3 - Senior High Winter Retreat @ Camp Luz. Sign up and grab a form out at the table. Cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. Deadline to sign up and turn stuff in is January 27th. Please see Pastor Bill if you have any questions or if finances are an issue. We want your child to go.

February 15-17 - Junior High Winter Retreat @ Camp Luz. Sign up and grab a form out at the table. Cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. Deadline to sign up and turn stuff in is February 10th. Please see Pastor Bill if you have any questions or if finances are an issue. We want your child to go.