

# First Mennonite Church

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thankful  
for...

## **TODAY'S SERVICES**

November 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

7:00 p.m. Community Evening Service

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

WPGW, Portland, 1440 AM, 100.9 FM - Scanner frequency 161.76

Guest Wi-Fi password - fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *Thanksgiving Medley/Sprunger*

Welcome Brent Hyman

\*#797 [brown] *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

\*#359 [brown] *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

\*#118 [blue] *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Prayer Floyd Liechty

Offertory: *Jesus Loves the Little Children* and *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Little Notes of Praise

Following the offertory, the children may go to Children's Church.

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

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9 Kathy Fox

Message *Are You Thankful?* /Pastor Bill Helmlinger

\**Great Are You, Lord*

Intercessory Prayer Darren Kloepper

Announcements

\*#788 [brown] *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*Closing Prayer Pastor Bill Helmlinger

\*Postlude *Give Thanks/Doran*

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.

**7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service** at West Missionary Church. Come and join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving with music from various churches and a canned food collection to benefit Compassionate Ministries.

**8:00 p.m.** Youth Bell Choir (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**TODAY - if any child (or family)** would like to go along to LOVE ABUNDANT in Bluffton, IN, to deliver the 62 pairs of shoes we collected through Mission Festival, please be at the office doors at 2 pm today. Please let Chris or Debby know if you are planning to come so we are sure to have enough transportation. Van will return by 3:30 at the latest.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday – November 19**

7:00 p.m.      **Ministries Council**

**TUESDAY – November 20**

6:30 p.m.      Sunshine Hour

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

7:00 p.m.      Mennonite Choral Society

**WEDNESDAY – November 21**

**NO EVENING ACTIVITIES**

**THURSDAY – November 22**

**THANKSGIVING -- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY – November 23**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The total raised through Mission Festival offerings is \$221,225.**

**Next Sunday is Project Share.** Our church is requested to provide pasta this month; however, all donations are appreciated.

**NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES OR FELLOWSHIP MEAL THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING.**

**The church office will be closed due to the holiday weekend on Thursday, November 22, & Friday, November 23. All announcements should be in to the church office by Tuesday, November 20, at 4 PM for the bulletin.**

**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.

**After 30 years**, we still have an inventory of Our Swiss Pantry II. Remaining cookbooks will be available in the foyer until the end of the month. There will be no charge for the cookbooks. However, donations will be accepted and will be given to missions.

**Our children's Christmas program** will be on Sunday, December 9, at 6:30 pm. All kids ages 3-4th grade will participate. Preschool kids will practice during Sunday School. Grades 1-5 will present the musical "The First Leon" and will rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 8, from 9 am-12.

**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](http://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](http://www.wbcl.org).

**God calls us to** encourage each other. Here is a list of November 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.

25 Arlene Bauman 28 Mary Bauman

**Congratulations and best wishes** of the congregation are extended to Merlin & Betty Alt, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 23; also to Laverne & Letha Steiner, who will celebrate their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 24.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Bob & Betty Reinhard, Gary & Connie Yoder and other family in the death of Larry Reinhard on November 12.

**YOUTH:**

November 25th - Sunday Funday – 3 pm-7pm - Group games, food, and a movie. Start down in the youth room.

November 25th - Dominican Republic Team meeting @ 7pm down in the youth room.

December 2 - Cookie Project Phase 1 - Decorating Christmas cookies down in youth room following service. Lunch provided. Please sign up.

December 9 - Cookie Project Phase 2 - Delivering Christmas cookies out to Swiss Village congregation. Lunch provided. Please sign up.

**UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES**

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

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| Benevolence Treasury | \$ 123,077 |
| Household Treasury   | \$ 77,180  |

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

|                               | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Plan</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Disciple Commission           | \$29,961          | \$29,617        |
| Witness Commission            | 937               | 1,917           |
| Worship Commission            | 5,780             | 6,958           |
| Care Commission               | 6,274             | 8,663           |
| Personnel                     | 385,384           | 379,874         |
| General Administration        | 25,140            | 25,292          |
| Church Property & Maintenance | <u>99,454</u>     | <u>95,583</u>   |
| Total Household Treasury      | \$552,931         | \$547,903       |