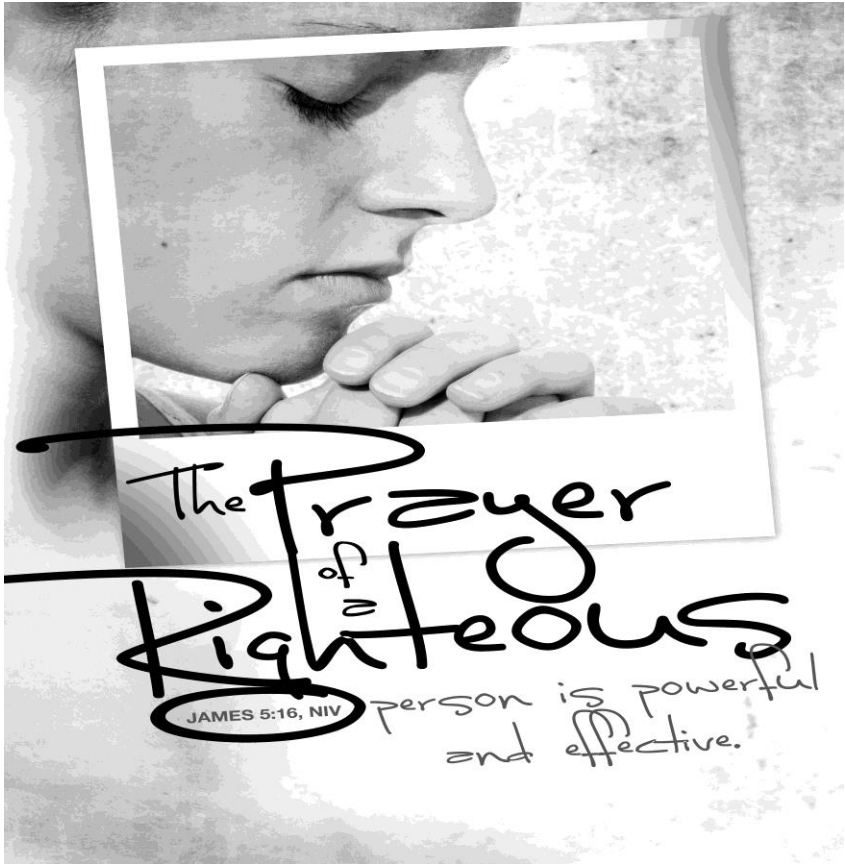


First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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TODAY'S SERVICES

October 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. 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

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

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King/Proulx*

Welcome Brent Hyman

**Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

**Lord, I Need You*

**How Can It Be?*

Scripture: James 5:12-16

#630 [brown] *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (vs. 1,2)

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

Intercessory Prayer Malcolm Stauffer

Message *Are You Ready? /Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**#307 [blue] Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

Offering Prayer Jim Buckingham

Offertory: *Honor and Glory* Bach

Chancel Choir

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

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven/Innes*

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 rose on the organ is in honor of Nelleigh Nicole, daughter of Chris & Shelby Reusser, born on October 4.

11:20 a.m. Listening Group – Pastor Jeff's office

6:30 p.m. Music 4 Missions Fundraiser will take place down in the Fellowship Hall & Patio. Come get to know the youth going on the 2019 Dominican Republic Mission Trip while enjoying music, a cup of coffee, and a dessert. Money raised will go toward the overall cost of the mission trip set for June 8-15, 2019.

8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir (7th-12th grades)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – October 15

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – October 16

11:35 a.m. Swiss Village Hymn Sing

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer with a Pastor – Prayer room

7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – October 17

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 – Bill Archer – *End-Times Prophecy for Today*

7:00 p.m. *The 23rd Psalm for the 21st century: A Jewish Shepherd's Story* led by Darin Ringger in 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 October, the Young Believers Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

The menu for Wednesday, October 17: Marmalade chicken & rice, fruited jello & beverages.

Hymn singers, join with others in singing hymns in the Swiss Village health care dining rooms over the noon hour this coming Tuesday, October 16. Meet at the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:35. Please do note that the time is 15 minutes later than previous hymn sings. We'll get hymn books and visit each of the four dining halls as usual. Total time required is a little more than an hour. Voices are needed, so please come!

The final senior event for this year will be the senior breakfast at Swiss Village Social Corner on Thursday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6 for those who don't usually eat at Swiss Village and \$1 for those who are already paying for meals at the village. The program will be David Gorrell. Contact Bonnie Flueckiger at 589-4666 or Anna Lehman at 589-2055 by Tuesday, October 16th.

Change of date for communion at Swiss Village: Communion will be held on October 23 at 9 a.m. in the main auditorium.

Still Needed: Elementary Children's Church helper (once a month). See Chris or Debby if you can help!

RECHARGE Youth All-Nighter is November 2-3 at Dupont Church of the Brethren in Dupont, Ohio, for Grades 6-12. Cost is \$10. Sign up and grab a form out at the table in the foyer. October 22 is the deadline to guarantee a shirt. October 28 is the deadline to go. There will be worship, tournaments, door prizes, devotions, & more!

Scripture Memory program – Try the life-changing practice that helps spiritual growth, makes for an effectual prayer life, guards against sin, provides wisdom and guidance for daily living, and equips for spiritual warfare! It is a discipline you CAN learn with a benefit you CAN'T imagine. Sign up is taking place now for the 2019 Scripture Memory program, which will begin in January. Contact Judy Moser, 589-3108, by October 28. Cost is \$2 for materials.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We will be showering our pastoral staff again this year with gift cards. Let's thank our leaders by sending cards, gift cards, notes of encouragement, or anything else you would like to do to thank them for all they do to bless our congregation! Some may wish to give a Bible in a pastor's honor through the Gideons. Cards and gift cards may be dropped off in the Spiritual Guidance Cabinet mailbox by the office. The cards will be divided up by the SGC and distributed to the staff next month.

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

15 Elias Bryan 15 Loren Claassen 17 Nate Linthicum
20 Jonathan Fennig 28 Marie Nussbaum

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charles & Marilyn Spurgeon, who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on October 20.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Reggie Steiner, Jane Bean, and other family members in the death of their brother, Phil Sprunger, on October 4.

Date to remember: December 9, 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury \$ 114,513
Household Treasury \$ 74,814

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$26,867	\$26,655
Witness Commission	783	1,725
Worship Commission	5,383	6,263
Care Commission	6,253	7,795
Personnel	345,195	341,887
General Administration	22,404	22,763
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>89,609</u>	<u>86,025</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$496,494	\$493,113