

First Mennonite Church

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Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

I Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

TODAY'S SERVICES

September 30, 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

*#8 [blue] *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

*Welcome

Brent Hyman

**Everlasting God*

**Here for You*

Children's Story

Greta Lehman

Children age 4-K may go to children's church following the story.

Intercessory Prayer

Ernie Steiner

Scripture: 1Thessalonians 5:4-11

Renelle Stauffer

Skit: Bubble Wrap Believers

Message

Build Each Other/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#362 [blue] *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Offering Prayer

Nate Linthicum

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Grace Notes

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

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude 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 this morning is in honor of Jack Jayden, son of Cory & Allison Sprunger, born on September 24.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. The In't Groen family will be speaking.

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

Today is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide canned meat this month, however, all donations are appreciated.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

QUILTING WEEK – October 1-5

MONDAY – October 1

9-5 Quilting -- carry-in lunch at 11:30 a.m. – in the Family Life Center

TUESDAY – October 2

9-5 Quilting – in the Family Life Center

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 3

- 9-noon** Quilting -- will be in the patio
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

THURSDAY – October 4

9-5 Quilting – will be in the patio

FRIDAY – October 5

9-5 Quilting – will be in the patio

SATURDAY – October 6

9-Noon das Marit Market

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 3: Haystacks, applesauce, dessert & beverages.

Next Sunday will be worldwide communion.

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!

Once again, Berne Preschool asks you to help them by eating cookies. More specifically, you can buy cookie dough in our annual fundraiser between September 17 - October 1. Order forms are on the table in the foyer and can be returned to Greta Lehman's church mailbox.

JUNIOR QUIZZING TO BEGIN: If you are in 3rd to 6th grade and would like to study God's Word, quiz area churches, and have monthly fun events, sign up now for Junior Quizzing. Weekly practices begin on Sunday evenings in October and run through February. Sign up at the display in the patio area through today.

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.

CUPCAKES & CANVAS – LADIES! Join us for a women's event, Cupcakes & Canvas, on Thursday evening, October 11, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$23 per person, to be paid at time of registration. Sign up in the foyer through October 3. All supplies will be provided. Questions? Call Lori Bailey, 260-849-2254.

Child Care Needed for nursery during movie night Sunday evening, October 7. We will be showing "I Can Only Imagine." A child-appropriate video will be provided for younger children. See Chris or Debby if you can help.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE is a faith-based film portraying the gripping behind-the-scenes story of the MercyMe song: the songwriter's struggle with forgiveness due to a deeply broken relationship with his father. The movie will be shown here in the sanctuary Sunday evening, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. Children will have their own movie time at the bottom of the ramp and nursery will also be provided.

Singers are invited to attend the Mennonite Choral Society rehearsals, which begin Tuesday, October 2, at 7 pm for the annual rendition of Handel's *Messiah*. Additional choruses will be learned this year in preparation for our concert. No tryouts; come join us!

Children's Choir opportunity! Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, March 2-3, 2019, in Goshen, Indiana. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue, it is up to parents and the faith community around them to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. Practice will be on Saturday, March 2, 2019; concert performance on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 2 p.m. in the Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall (free and open to the public). The cost per child is \$35 with registration deadline of November 15 (music will be sent in the mail.) After November 15, the registration fee will be \$45. The guest director will be Tim Shue. For more information and to register, please visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com or email: mychoirfest@gmail.com.

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 Wilmer & Kenlyn Sprunger, who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on October 1.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Fred & Elsie Wulliman, Dave & Sue Wulliman and other family in the death of Rich Wulliman on September 21; also to the family of Barbara A. Sprunger, who died on September 23; and to Heidi Lehman in the death of her father, Stuart Lehman, on September 25; also to Barb Yoder and other family in the death of Vernelle Yoder on September 26.