

First Mennonite Church

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Janet McKean ✦ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Rejoice, the Lord is King/arr. DeCou*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#298 [brown] Responsive Call to Worship

*#297 [brown] *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*#300 [brown] *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Hosanna

Offering for Eastern Mennonite Missions Darin Ringger

Offertory: *The Palms* Faure

JAM, Mennonotes, and Chancel Choir

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

Scripture: I Corinthians 14:1-5 Carla Bluhm

#221 [brown] *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

Children age 3-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Message *Propriety in Gifts/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#361 [blue] *O Spirit of the Living God (vs. 1,3,4)*

Announcements

Prayer and Share Jane Mosser

*#239 [blue] *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns/arr. DeCou*

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.

*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

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

6:30 p.m. Evening service - there will be a testimony and question & answer time regarding spiritual gifts. If you have any questions concerning spiritual gifts, or the sermons on 1 Corinthians concerning the gifts, you can e-mail them to Pastor Jeff (jeff@firstmennonite.org) or Brent (brent@firstmennonite.org), put your questions in their boxes near the office, or ask them this evening.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Stations of the Cross

TUESDAY – April 11

11:20 a.m. Hymn Sing at Swiss Village – all are welcome

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – April 12

Stations of the Cross opens 9 a.m. through 9 p.m. daily during Holy Week. Youth are invited to journey through The Stations of the Cross.

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY – April 14

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

1:30 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at SV Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Eastern Mennonite Missions. Next Sunday it is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

THERE WILL BE NO MEAL OR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES DUE TO HOLY WEEK THIS WEEK.

On Tuesdays for the month of April, the Family Faithbuilders Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

If anyone is interested in church membership, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Hymn singers, gather this Tuesday, April 11, to sing in the four health care units of Swiss Village! Meet at the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:20, and we'll proceed to each of the health care units, singing a few hymns in each one. Total time required is a bit more than an hour. Voices are needed, so please come!

Berne Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place in the patio on Monday, April 24, from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Any child who is 3 or 4 years old by August 1, 2017, is eligible. The registration fee is \$40.00. Enrollment for morning and afternoon classes is on a first-come basis. For more information, please contact Greta Eicher Lehman at 589-2588. Families who attend First Mennonite are given preference and should call before registration.

Attention College Students! Consider being involved in volunteer service this summer. Scholarships for voluntary summer service are available to full-time students (Fall 2017). If you plan to serve, or are considering service this summer, pick up an application and guidelines for the Voluntary Service Scholarship from the church office. Applications must be submitted no later than July 1st.

Senior High Retreat - April 22-23 - will take place in Fort Wayne. Cost is only \$30 plus money for 2 meals and anything you would want to purchase from the concert. What to expect? Biblical teaching from Brian Gerig from Grace Gathering Church, Outcry Tour Worship Experience, overnight stay at the hotel, and church in the morning at Grace Gathering. Sign up and grab a form. Deadline is April 12th. Any questions, ask Bill.

The Missionary Care Team suggests that when the new list of birthdays comes out, you put the cards for the entire month in the basket. Overseas cards take some time to arrive, so we will mail them out so the cards arrive on time.

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

9 Kyle Claassen 15 Carole Fennig 20 Cheryl Bauman 21 Monia Maxwell
26 Jerry Flueckiger 29 Daniel Fennig

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Rod & Sandy Lehman, who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on April 12; and to John & Sonja Bluhm, who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on April 13.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Willis & Eleanor Nussbaum in the death of his sister, Frieda Pyle, on March 27; also to Milly & Byron Fox and other family members in the death of Winnie Foye on March 30; and to Alice Liechty in the death of her brother, Harold Dick, on April 5.