

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

July 30, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
No 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

Jerry Flueckiger - 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing/Innes*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#12 [blue] *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

*#346 [brown] Responsive Reading

*#167 [blue] *For God So Loved Us*

**How Marvelous*

Offering Prayer for Lancaster Mennonite Conference Tom Fox

Offertory: *And Can It Be?* Zimmerman/Criss

First Mennonite Brass

(The congregation is invited to sing on cue)

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

Children's Story Floyd Liechty

Children age 3- K may walk to Children's Church following the story.

Kids going into the 5th grade may go to the Youth Room with Pastor Bill following the story.

Intercessory Prayer Pastor Jerry Flueckiger

Scripture: Malachi 1:2-5 Malcolm and Jeanne Stauffer

Message *I Have Loved You/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Prayer for the Bryans

Announcements

*#139 [brown] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1,3)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude: *God of Our Fathers* Warren/Zimmerman

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.

NO EVENING SERVICE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – August 1

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

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

WEDNESDAY – August 2

7:00 p.m. **Evening Service** – Dave Shuey – Habakkuk.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room

8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

SATURDAY – August 5

8-Noon das Marit Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Lancaster Mennonite Conference. Next Sunday it is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Today is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide personal hygiene products this month, however, all donations are appreciated.

Church Chronology Book -- The Historical Committee presented the congregation with a 178-year history book of the First Mennonite Church last year. More books have been printed, and you may pick one up at the welcome center in the foyer following the service if you did not get one last year. The committee would like anyone associated with the fellowship, present or past, to have the opportunity to have one of these books. Please feel free to stop by the church office and pick up additional copies for yourself or someone of the greater fellowship!

Backpack collection - The Buddy Bags Program at SA is in need of new backpacks to distribute food. Can you help? Watch the back to school sales! Large, sturdy backpacks work the best for this program. Donations can be put in the red box outside the Children's Ministry office. Food distribution will begin on Friday the first week of school (August 18).

"My Coins Count" emphasis for July is "A Quarter a Day Keeps Starvation Away." This is a great opportunity to help a starving world. Most of us don't suffer because of being hungry--we suffer because we don't always like the food choices (like broccoli). Don't spend your quarters this month!

If you (or your small group/Sunday school class) are interested in serving lunch to the kids at the Crossing for one of their Friday lunches this fall, please contact Darren Kloepper.

College Age Trip! All high school seniors and college age adults age 18-25 are invited to attend the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from December 31-January 3. Completed form and payment of \$175 will reserve a spot on the bus. Forms are outside the church office and can be returned to Lana Shoaf or the church office.

Youth Bible Study - Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. down in the youth room, there will be a Bible Study for all youth. This includes those going into 6th grade through those that graduated in 2017. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. We will be studying the book of 1 John.

Family Potluck & Fun Night at Lehman Park! Wednesday, August 16, at Lehman Park. Come at 5:45 and bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Kids can plan on fun with badminton, a scavenger hunt, an obstacle course, relay games, a small Frisbee golf course, and other yard games. Cindy In't Groen will share a short devotional about her mission trip experience this summer in Jamaica. There will be a volleyball game for those of all ages who would like to join in. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for this good time of fellowship!

Youth Cookout at Cory and Allison Sprunger's house from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13th. Come join us for a time of fellowship, food, and games. Youth bring a bag of chips and bring your swim stuff if you want to go swimming.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!! Waynestock Living for the Rock is a Christian concert in St. Mary's, Ohio on Saturday, August 19th. Artists consist of KB, Carrollton, David Dunn, Rhett Walker Band, and John Tibbs. Cost is FREE! You will need to bring money for supper. We will leave at 1 p.m. and return after the concert is over with. Sign up and grab a permission slip out on the table.

Youth Pond Party at Dave and Kathy Bauman's house from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23rd. Come join us for a time of fellowship, food, games, and swimming!

FELLOWSHIP POINT FAMILY FUN... Next Sunday's evening service will be at Fellowship Point. A time of worship will begin at 6:30 and youth who participated in this year's catechism trip will be sharing testimonies, followed by an ice cream social. Bring your own lawn chairs! Volleyball will be set up and a bouncy house will be offered from 5-6:30 as well as after the service, too. A variety of family friendly games & activities, including a picture scavenger hunt, will be available beginning at 5 pm, so come early and enjoy the fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS mark your calendars. Chris & Debby would like to meet with all of you before promotion in September, both to encourage and to communicate important information regarding your areas of service. If you are a children's Sunday school teacher or helper, or if you teach or help with children's church, please attend one of the following: Wednesday, August 23rd, at 6:00 P.M. or Sunday, August 27th, following the morning service. The meetings will take less than an hour.

First Mennonite Church Senior Trip will be Thursday, August 10, leaving at 8:30 a.m. We will be going to Sweetwater Sound in Ft. Wayne and then to Ruth Sommer's son's farm to watch robots milk cows. Lunch will be at Culvers in Ft. Wayne and will be at your own expense. There will be a small charge per person for transportation. To sign up, call Randy & Sara Jo Sprunger [589-3148] or Dave & Judy Fox [589-2725] by Monday, August 7.

On August 30, 2003, Robert Rogers, his wife, and their four children were driving home from a family event in Kansas when they were caught in a flash flood. He was the only one of his family who survived. Robert Rogers will be our speaker on Sunday evening, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. sharing his testimony of reaching out and finding God's presence carrying him as he walked through this unimaginable tragedy. Robert offers encouragement to live a life with no regrets, cherishing loved ones and living our lives to the fullest. Come -- and invite friends!

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

3 Chloe Maxwell	17 Edith Von Gunten	24 Bill Helmlinger
25 Debra Neuenschwander	26 Naarah Helmlinger	26 Roberta Maxwell

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Dick & Janet McKean, who are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary today.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jan & Eldon Claassen and other family members in the death of her mother, Charlene Miller, on July 20.

Coming Event

Wednesday, Aug. 30: Fall Midweek Kickoff with Illusionist & Comedian Jim Barron