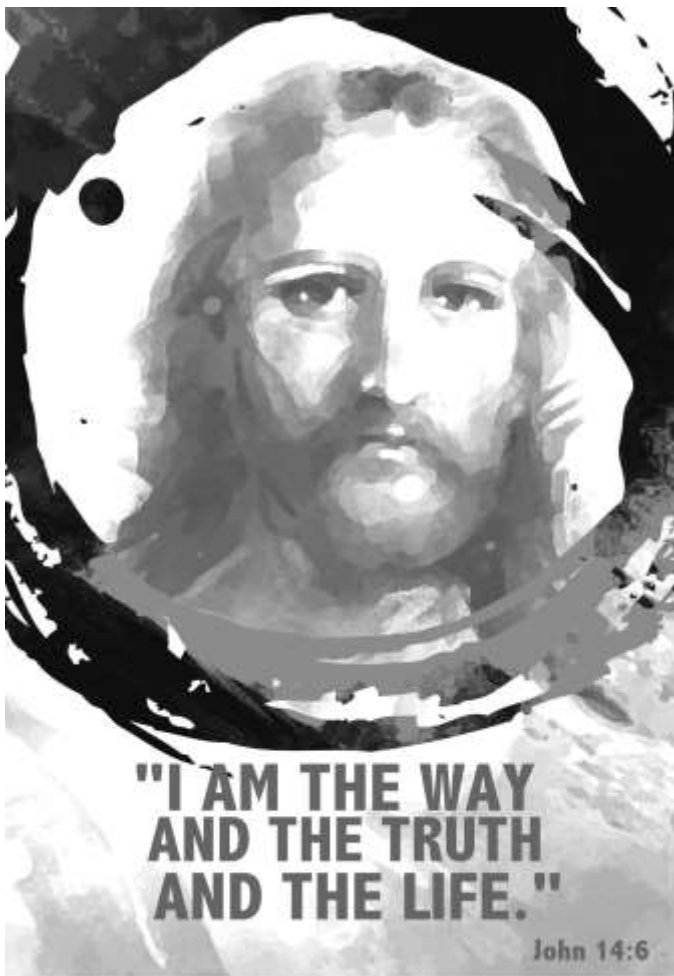


First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711
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TODAY'S SERVICES

October 18, 2020

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.

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM; Scanner – frequency 161.76

Online – www.firstmennonite.org

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 --- Scott Lehman † WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

BRASS QUINTET --- Matt Wheeler, Steve Sommer, Chris Hyman,
Brent Hyman, Parker Collingsworth

Prelude: *Voluntary on Old 100th* Purcell
There Is a Balm in Gilead Larson

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#14 [blue] *Come, We That Love the Lord* (vs. 1,3,4)

**Better Is One Day*

*#772 [brown] *When We All Get to Heaven* (vs. 1,3,4)

Special Music: *Goodbye World, Goodbye* Mauldin
First Mennonite Men's Quartet and Mary Beth Huser

Scripture: John 14:1-7 Ted Beitler

#777 [brown] *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* (vs. 1,2,4)

Children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

Message *Where Are We Going?*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**There Is a Higher Throne*

Prayer and Share/Offering Pastor Jim Schwartz

Announcements

*#779 [brown] *I'll Fly Away*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude: *When the Saints Go Marching In* Rhodes

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands Class.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Marcia Cressman
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Jr. Bible quizzing practice
6:30 p.m. Dr. Scott Lehman Organ Recital
8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir – choir room

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – October 19

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – October 20

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO FALL BREAK THIS WEEK, THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL OR PROGRAMMING.

Jr. Bible Quizzing practice tonight from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Masks will be required. See you there!

The Youth Harvest Party is today from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Joe and Julie Adams' house. Their address is 8678 S 550 E, Berne. Chili, bonfire, s'mores, hayride, games and more! If you need transportation, contact Pastor Bill. We'll be leaving the church at 2:30 p.m.

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

Prayer for our missionaries and Mission Festival 2020: This year there will be opportunities for small group prayer meetings in various homes the week before (Oct. 25-31) and the week of Mission Festival (Nov. 1-8). Feel free to sign your name under any home and day that works into your schedule. We want to experience God's leading and cover our missionaries in prayer. Thank you for your participation in God's Kingdom work. The sign-up sheets will be available this week and next week, or you may call the host couple.

Our Mission Festival theme verses encourage us to be as gentle as lambs in the midst of wolves. We also should pack sparingly, getting rid of extra baggage that could hinder our mission. Check out the addition to the display and see what other item should be left behind. Makes one wonder what we should take on our mission for Christ.

It's not too early to begin to purchase large cans of food for the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission food shower during Mission Festival. Tables will be set up in the patio area the last week of October.

Please keep circulating Gracia Burnham's book, In the Presence of My Enemies. As we anticipate her arrival, it would be wonderful to have many in the congregation familiar with her hostage ordeal.

Marriage Matters – Adams County Strong: If you would be interested in being a church point person for an exciting, county-wide initiative to strengthen marriages, please see Chris Hyman or Jim Schwartz.

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 Gideons International. 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.

Church Mobile App: If you are interested in helping get a church mobile app up and running, please call the church office or contact a staff member.

Do you have a family member or friend who is struggling with alcohol? Al-Anon is a mutual support program that gives help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics. You're invited to join them at 4:00 p.m. for a "meet and greet" today at 315 W. Main St. in Berne (meet in the basement). Food will be provided.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jamie & Marcia Cressman and other family in the death of Marcia's mother, Minnie Mertz, on October 1; also to Brian, June, Noah & Ethan Crockett and other family in the death of Brian's father, who passed away in California.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charles & Marilyn Spurgeon, who will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on October 20.

YOUTH NEWS

October 21: Youth Fall Break Bonfire at Kevin & Lydia Fox's house from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Their address is 6796 S 400 W, Berne. There will be games and fellowship. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Bill. We will be leaving the church at 5:45 p.m.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 93,876
Household Treasury	\$ 96,784

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 19,773	\$28,710
Witness Commission	195	2,175
Worship Commission	4,430	7,095
Care Commission	3,635	7,350
Personnel	359,361	349,863
General Administration	39,283	37,313
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>84,827</u>	<u>85,575</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$511,504	\$518,081