

# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ❖ SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude *Of the Father's Love Begotten/Innes*

Welcome Brent Hyman

## First Sunday of Advent: Candle of Love

Advent Reading I John 4:9-11/James & Trina Sommer

Candle Lighting

*Light the Candle of Love* (see insert)

Movie: *Love*

*\*Here I Am to Worship*

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

*\*In Christ Alone*

Necrology *Pastor Jerry Flueckiger*

#170 [blue] *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries  
Prayer led by Sharon Wulliman

Offertory *How Should A King Come?/Owens/Fettke*  
Chancel Choir

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

Children's Story Megan Linthicum  
Children ages 3-grade 4 may go to children's church following the story

Scripture Malachi 3:1-7/Fred Stauffer

Message *It Was For Love/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*\*#256 [brown] Love Has Come!*

Building Update Charlie Habegger

Prayer and Share Charlie Habegger

*\*#258 [brown] Go, Tell It On the Mountain (vs. 1, 3)*

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, you may go to the chapel where someone is there to pray with you.

\*Postlude *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns/Johnson*

*\*We invite you to stand if you are able*

## TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

**Project Share is today.** Place your items on the table in the foyer designated for them. Thank you.

- 5:15 p.m. Junior Quiz practice  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service – chapel. A presentation by “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.”  
8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir  
**No Youth tonight! Spend some time with family!**

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY - November 30

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour  
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal  
7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY – December 1

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir  
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals  
6:50 p.m. Imago Dei  
6:50 p.m. Men's Fellowship will meet in room 16  
7:00 p.m. Nursery for up to age 2  
7:00 p.m. *Instant Lessons for Toddlers* in age 2 classroom  
7:00 p.m. Age 4-K - *Bible People* in classroom at bottom of ramp  
7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5 - Christmas Program Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Chapel Service- Naomi Lehman – *Jacob Dwell* - Room 15 - Time of worship and prayer  
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries (Women in Mission)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Room for corporate prayer  
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY – December 2

- 7:00 p.m. Mennonite Women Christmas Tea. Our speaker will be Pam Durdahl, who is associated with A Friends House in Bluffton, Indiana. There will be transportation available from Swiss Village to the church.

#### SATURDAY – December 4

- 7:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah* presented by the Mennonite Choral Society

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Mennonite Mission Network Overseas.

**On Tuesdays** for the month of December the Intergenerational class, will be setting up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

**Children's Christmas Program**, "Kids Sing Christmas Around the World," is Sunday night, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Refreshment time will follow the program.

**Reminder:** grades 1-4 will have children's church today. These children have met every Sunday for the fall quarter. Parents, please let Carole know if you have a preference for grade 1-4 children's church every Sunday or if you prefer 3 Sundays out of 4.

**Christmas program dress rehearsal** for ALL characters and children in grades 1-5, Saturday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. (Other practices for grades 1-5: Wednesday night, Dec. 1 and 8.)

**Parents** of preschoolers: SS winter quarter starts next week. Bible lesson story list is being sent home with your child today.

**Basics of the Faith**—We are starting a class which looks at the basics of the Christian faith. We will be using the Alpha Course DVD sessions. We will be discussing questions like: Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Why and how do I pray? How and why should I read my Bible? Does God heal today? These are just a few of the subjects. If you are young in your faith, would like to simply review the basics, or know of someone who is searching for God, join us at 8:45 Sunday mornings in the Historical Room starting December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeff or Megan 589-3394.

**The Origin of Man** -- What interesting parallels are there between the Old Testament accounts and the historical legends of the Santal people group of Calcutta, India? How does this affect our mission strategy among this people? Find out at *Perspectives*. Grab a brochure from the church patio or call Darin Ringger at 565-3675.

**There will** soon be a membership class beginning during the Sunday school hour. If you regularly attend First Mennonite but are not yet a member, we encourage you to join the class. Members have voting rights and can also serve on various commissions. Your involvement as a member greatly benefits the congregation as a whole. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

**What's in a name?** A name communicates identity, function, and purpose. In searching for words with which to refer to the new addition, many have said, "Have you seen the gym? Have you seen the multipurpose building? Have you seen the new building?" Perhaps we should we have a name for our new add-on. There is a box for your name suggestions by the church office.

**First Mennonite** will offer a Bible Memory program again this year. Because God uses Scripture to speak directly to us, memorizing God's Word is one of the most powerful and effective ways to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and to strengthen our walk with Christ. The program has a wonderful ABC memory book for young children. There is a memory plan available for any age. If you would like to learn more, or enroll, contact Judy Moser, 589-2062. Deadline for enrollment is Dec. 13.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Winnie Foye, Byron & Milly Fox, and other family members in the death of William Foye on November 18; also to Rod & Jane Mosser and other family in the death of Glen Dale (Butch) Mosser on November 22.

#### **Youth Upcoming Events:**

Jr. High Christmas party: December 19 @ 6:30 p.m. in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift)

Sr. High Christmas party: December 22 @6:30 p.m. in the youth room (bring a wrapped white elephant gift)