

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 19, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

ORGANIST --- Scott Lehman + WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>A Christmas Suite for Brass Choir and Percussion/Schuster</i> Scott Lehman and Mary Beth Huser	<i>Silent Night/Sprunger</i>
Welcome		Brent Hyman
<i>Jingle, Jingle Happy Bells</i> <i>Away in a Manger</i> <i>Happy Christmas</i>	Preschool	
<i>He Is Born!</i>	Youth Bell Choir	Hakes
<i>Mary and Joseph</i>	JAM Cole Hyman, soloist	Cervelloni
<i>He Came, He Saw</i>	Elementary Jane Keim, soloist	Bolton/Singleton
	After the song, children ages 4-Kindergarten may walk to Children's Church.	
<i>Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella</i>	Grace Notes	Sherman
Candle of Love (Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45)	Joe, Jen, Haden & Colby Meyer	
<i>*Noel</i> <i>*High King of Heaven/Jesus We Love You</i>		
Intercessory Prayer/Offering		Pastor Jim Schwartz
<i>Upon a Calm and Quiet Night</i>	Mennonotes	Clemens
Skit: " <i>Witness His Majesty: Joseph</i> "	Pastor Jeff Linthicum	Skit Guys
<i>One Small Child</i>		Wilson
Chris Hyman, Tara Steffen, Lora Sprunger, Ted Beitler, Brent Hyman, and Craig Sprunger		
<i>Here with Us</i>	Estella Ringger	Williams

Message

Bring Us Love/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

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

**Joy to the World*

Cherwein

Chancel Choir

The congregation is invited to sing on vs. 1,2 and 4. During verse 4, anyone who wants to sing the "*Hallelujah*" chorus may come to the choir loft.

**Hallelujah* (from *Messiah*)

Handel

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Hustad

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Tad Wulliman (broadcast live)
9:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Worship Service at First Missionary Church

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 20

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – December 21

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

WEDNESDAY – December 22

NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

NO EVENING SERVICE

6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth: Christmas Party in the Youth Room

FRIDAY – December 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY – December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have all announcements for the Sunday, December 26 bulletin in by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21. Thank you!

Project Share: Next Sunday is Project Share. This month our church is requested to provide beans; however, all donations are appreciated.

Adult Small Groups: Adult Small Groups will begin another session in January. If you would like to join a small group for this upcoming session, there are forms on the table on the foyer, or you can call the church office.

Offering Envelopes: Envelopes are still available to be picked up. If you do not have your envelopes, please locate them on the table in the hallway on Sunday mornings or pick them up from the church office.

Year-End Reports: Treasurers of Sunday School classes, Chancel Choir, and Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end reports by **December 29.**

Individual Year-End Giving: In order for year-end contributions to be credited to this year's giving, they must be received at the church office, or postmarked, by **Friday, December 31**. The church office will be open until **noon** on December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted as 2022 giving.

Decade Wedding Anniversaries: The Historical Committee is again requesting framed wedding photographs from all of our church family couples that are celebrating their decade wedding anniversary in 2022. Please supply the church office with a preferred 5x7 photograph by **Tuesday, December 21**, if possible. For questions, please call Floyd Liechty at (260) 849-1425.

Preschool Retirements: After many faithful years of service, our preschool director, Greta Lehman, and assistant director, Nancy Van Emon, are both making plans for retirement. We will be needing a new teacher as well as someone to assume leadership of our preschool program. If you have a passion for young children and a desire to serve in this ministry opportunity, please submit a resumé and cover letter to the church office by **Sunday, January 10**.

Night in Bethlehem pick-up: All baskets, lanterns, and other items donated for Night in Bethlehem are on the stage. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. If you don't find your items, please ask!

2022 Meat Canner: In recent communication with the MCC, we have been informed that due to lack of staff traveling with the canner, they are working on a reduced schedule. They will **not** be stopping in Berne in 2022, but will be canning in Goshen for two weeks. The Peace and Service Committee met and made the decision to send funds to Goshen to help with the canning project. At Goshen they will be applying labels with our stamps on them to part of the cans processed there. Please be in prayer for this project and that MCC will be able to staff the canner for the 2023 canning season, and also that Berne will be returned to a canning stop.

Bible Memory Program: The Bible Memory Program will be starting the first week in January. We can't stress enough the importance of knowing the Bible and allowing God to use it in guiding our lives. If you would like to be a part of the program, please contact Becky Buckingham at (260) 849-9850 before Christmas so books can get ordered.

Adams Country Strong: SAVE THE DATE! The Adams County Strong Marriage conference will be **Jan. 28-29, 2022** with guest speaker Mark Gungor (author of *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*). Mark your calendars now and be watching for details!

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of the December birthdays for missionaries and church staff. You may place your cards in the designated basket in the foyer, and these will be sent for you.

19 Megan Linthicum	22 Gordon Claassen	28 Brent Hyman
29 Camden Hyman (Brent)		

YOUTH

Christmas Party: Youth Group Christmas Party is on Wednesday, Dec. 22 in the Youth room.

Youth Lock-In: From 7:00 p.m. Dec. 29 to 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 30, come to the Family Life Center for a "Youth Lock-In". Please bring a pillow and blanket/sleeping bag!