

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 26, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *A Nativity Suite/Held*

Welcome Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Announcements Pastor Jeff, Pastor Jim, Steve Lehman

*#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,3)

*#277 [brown] *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Children's Story Heidi Lehman

Following the children's story, children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

The First Noel Edwards

Trey Lehman, Lauren McKean, Savannah Alberson, Brent Hyman, and Brandon Hill

Intercessory Prayer Jane Mosser

*Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4 Doug Linthicum

Message *Bring Us Christ*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#258 [brown] *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory/Innes*

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): Heidi Lehman (broadcast live)

NO EVENING SERVICE

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – December 28

6:30 p.m.

Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

WEDNESDAY – December 29

NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

NO EVENING SERVICES

7:00 p.m.

“Youth Lock-In” in the Family Life Center

FRIDAY – December 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

SATURDAY – January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Annual Business Meeting Reports: Year-end reports for Ministries Council, Spiritual Guidance Cabinet, Board of Trustees, Adult Ministries Committee, Endowment Board of Trustees, Worship Commission, Witness Commission, Care Commission, Disciple Commission, and pastors are due to the church office no later than January 7, 2022.

Decade Wedding Anniversaries: We are still accepting photographs for all those church family couples who are celebrating a decade anniversary in 2022. Please bring your photos in to the church office. For questions, 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.

Hope Clinic Baby Shower: In the month of January we will be hosting a church-wide baby shower for the Hope Clinic. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

Adams County 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.

28 Brent Hyman

29 Camden Hyman (Brent)

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Stan and Dianne Von Gunten, who are celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 28; also, to Roy and Karen Lehman, who are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on Dec.31.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Marilyn Spurgeon and other family and friends in the death of Charles H. Spurgeon on Dec. 18.

YOUTH

Youth Lock-In: From 7:00 p.m. on 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!

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 46,689
Household Treasury	\$ 206,020

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 35,555	\$ 39,641
Witness Commission	153	2,269
Worship Commission	4,962	7,544
Care Commission	3,124	7,132
Personnel	407,601	426,155
General Administration	28,400	29,631
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>90,980</u>	<u>109,633</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$570,774	\$622,006