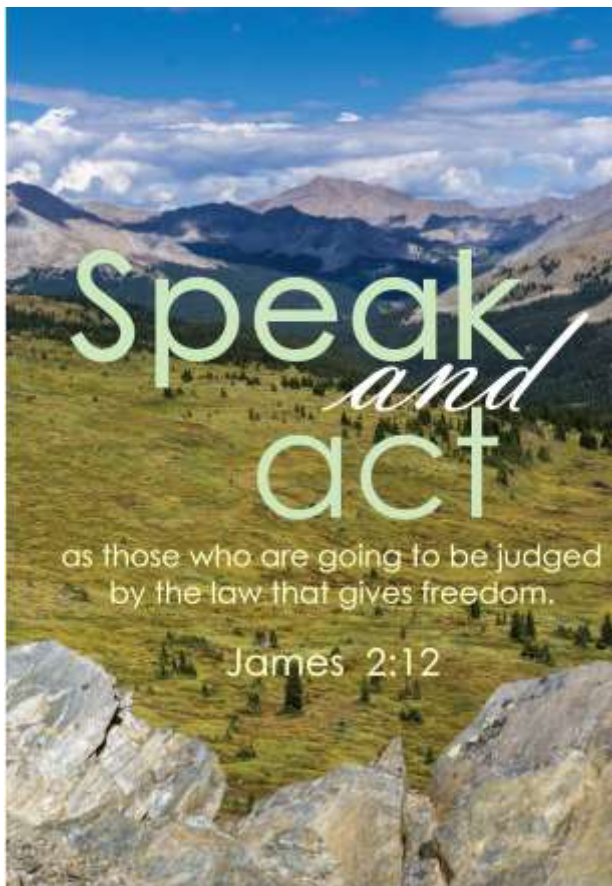


First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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TODAY'S SERVICES

August 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

6:30 p.m. Hymn Sing

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

Seth Ringger – Interim Youth Director

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Debby Neuenschwander – Children's Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *Sunshine in My Soul/DeCou*

Welcome Brent Hyman

**Let the River Flow*

**You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

**Ephesians 2:4-5*

**#355 [brown] There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Scripture: James 2:1-13 Josh Linthicum

His Mercy Is More

Children ages 4-Kindergarten grade may walk children's church.

Message *Favoritism/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**#322 [blue] For We Are Strangers No More*

Prayer Shawl Blessing Marie Nussbaum

Prayer and Share/Offering Jane Mosser

Announcements

**#688 [brown] Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs. 1,4)*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude Hornpipe from "*Water Music*"/Handel

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. Chapel Sunday School: Heidi Lehman (broadcast live)
6:30 p.m. Hymn Sing (chapel)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – August 24

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

WEDNESDAY – August 25

- 5:45 p.m. Fall Kick-Off meal (pizza)
7:00 p.m. Illusionist David Laflin (sanctuary)

SATURDAY – August 28

- 8:00 am-Noon das Märkt Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Perspectives: The September *Perspectives* course at IWU has three confirmed. Ten more need to be confirmed before September 6 or it will be cancelled.

Adult Small Groups: Today is the last day to return your sign-up sheets. If you still need to fill one out, sign-up sheets are located in the hallway. New members are asked to attend an organizational meeting on Sunday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m.

Fall Kick-Off: Illusionist David Laflin will kick off our fall Wednesday schedule with illusions and a positive message this Wednesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. Pizza will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m.

September Wednesday Nights (Chapel): Dr. Matthew Harmon, professor of New Testament Studies at Grace College, will be presenting the series *Parables: Windows into God's Kingdom*. Jesus loved to teach in parables and used these “stories with a point” to reveal who he was and the nature of the kingdom of God. They were designed to “shock and awe” people into responding to the Gospel. Join us as we seek to encounter Christ and experience the power of God's kingdom through the parables today.

Wednesday Night Elective – *Freedom from Tyranny of the Urgent* by Charles E. Hummel: Have you every wished for a 30-hour day? Surely the extra hours would relieve the tremendous pressure you feel. Our lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters or emails, unvisited friends, and unread books haunt us. As we get more involved in life (work, church, and community activities) we find ourselves working harder and enjoying life less. Sound familiar? Sign up in the hallway and join us for this five-week study taught by Malcolm Stauffer. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the five Wednesday evenings in September.

Sunday School Promotion: Sunday, August 29, is Sunday School promotion for ages 3 through 4th grade. Welcome everyone with waffles and wacky socks! Don't miss this chance to wear silly socks to church, meet new teachers, and eat waffles!! Parents: please drop off your kids in their old class and pick them in their new one!

Volunteers Needed: The children's department is still looking for volunteers! Baby Nursery, Toddler Nursery, children's church helpers, Wednesday night helpers, and one 3rd grade Sunday School teacher are still needed. Middle school through adults are welcome to inquire! See the bulletin board outside our office for more information and to fill out a form.

Baptism Rescheduled: The baptism service is being moved to Sunday, September 19, to better accommodate those wishing to be baptized.

Membership/baptism: Please contact Pastor Jeff if you are interested in becoming a member of First Mennonite Church, or would like to be baptized.

Towers of Quarters!: Quarter Towers are available for families and individuals for the 2021 *My Coins Count* project for the Michiana Relief Sale. This year we have been blessed with a matching gift of up to \$1,000.00! The towers include a giving calendar, along with activity sheets for the children to pick up on the table in the foyer. Towers will be collected Sunday morning, September 19.

The 2021 Yearbooks are here! You can find them at the Welcome Center and on the radiators in the sanctuary.

Baked Goods: Cookies, cakes, sweet rolls, dinner rolls, breads, and pies will once again be sold at the 2021 Michiana Relief Sale at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana on September 24 & 25! Trays and guidelines are available on the table in the foyer.

Adams County Strong: Parents, mark your calendars!! Adams County Strong will present the author of "How to Have a New Kid by Friday", Dr. Kevin Lehman, LIVE over two days—October 2-3. Details are coming soon, but plan to be in Adams County that weekend!

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Rod & Jane Mosser, who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 23.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Betty, Michael, and Greg Alt and other family and friends in the death of Merlin Alt on August 15.

YOUTH

Fall Kick-Off: The Youth will be joining the Big Church Family for the fall kick-off! David Lafflin's illusions and message are what's in store. Come on out!