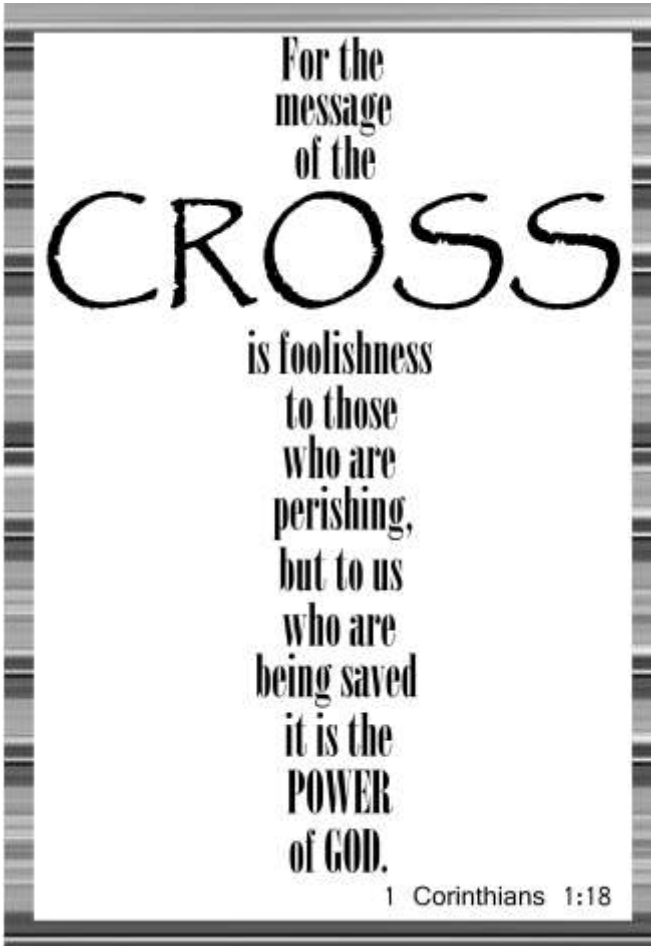


First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

September 13, 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.

WPGW, Portland, 1440 AM, 100.9 FM - Scanner frequency 161.76

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 --- Dr. Scott Lehman ✝ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy/Miller

Welcome

Brent Hyman

*#33 [brown] *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (vs. 1,3,4)

*#38 [brown] *Ye Servants of God*

**Revelation Song*

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Marie Nussbaum

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-21

Linda McKean

Special Music: *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

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Tara Steffen, Jane Mosser, Ted Beitler, and Brent Hyman

Children age 4 – 5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

Message

How Did We Get Here?/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Only King Forever*

Prayer and Share/Offering

Pastor Jim Schwartz

*#414 [brown] *O Word of God Incarnate* (vs. 1)

*#562 [brown] *Be Thou My Vision* (vs. 1,2)

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

O Bless the Lord, My Soul/Wagner

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Pastor Jim Schwartz

6:30 p.m. Pastor Jim Schwartz

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Matt & Becky Buckingham's 25th wedding anniversary.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – September 15

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

WEDNESDAY – September 16

7:00 p.m. Chapel: *Asking the Right Questions* – Dr. Matthew Harmon, professor of New Testament Studies, Grace College and Theological Seminary

4:30-6:30 p.m. Food Trucks: Limberlost Diner and Summer Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Family Fun!!! Parking Lot Parables

SATURDAY – September 19

9:00 a.m.-Noon das Märkt Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services are still available to watch by livestream for those who are not yet ready to attend services in person. Sunday School (class televised from chapel), Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services will all be livestreamed with live worship and teaching. Link to the live services by clicking on the red *Watch Services Online* button.

Remember to bring your family, a Bible, and a blanket or chairs to the east parking lot on Wednesday nights in September at 7pm for Parking Lot Parables. One of Jesus' many parables will be taught, and fun family games and activities will be offered. Items needed for games will be individualized for each family, so please sign up in the foyer so we know how many bags to prepare!

Food Trucks: Every Wednesday in September we will have a food truck in the east parking lot! You may purchase food from 5-6:30pm (note later start time). Bring your own chairs and social distance yourselves in the parking lot. Drive-thru available if weather does not permit outdoor dining. This week, September 16, we have Limberlost Diner (tenderloin, burgers, hot dogs, fries, onion rings and lemon shake-ups) AND Summer Kitchen (menu to be determined). Prices vary. If you are coming for Parking Lot Parables, KIDS EAT FREE (this week it's hot dog, chips, and drink from Limberlost). See Chris or Debby for your vouchers when you arrive! Then, plan to stay for Parking Lot Parables, Youth, or Chapel with Dr. Matthew Harmon. All classes start at 7pm.

You are invited to join the Hope Clinic Virtual 2020 Fundraiser, “Wrapped in His Majesty”, to be aired Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Hope Clinic at (260) 589-3561 to register. You will be given a link on YouTube to watch that night or at a later date. This is a great opportunity to invite others to join you and support your local pregnancy help clinic.

If you'd like a copy of Dr. Matthew Harmon's book, *Asking the Right Questions*, please contact Pastor Jim.

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no Wednesday evening meals in the fall quarter. This will be reevaluated for the winter quarter.

Just a reminder to pick up your Quarter Towers from the table in the hallway for our My Coins Count project for the Michiana Relief Sale. They will be collected September 27.

Sunday, November 1, is the first Sunday of FMC's Mission Festival. On that first Sunday our special guest speaker will be Gracia Burnham. You may remember that Gracia and her husband, Martin, were held hostage by a militant group in the Southern Philippines for over one year. Martin's life was taken during a rescue operation. Gracia wrote the riveting story of their journey in the book, “In the Presence of My Enemies”. Six of her books were purchased and began circulating in our congregation before COVID began. If you have one of the books in your possession, please pass it on to a friend or return it to Tad or Barb Wulliman so others can share in this true journey of God's grace.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 88,775
Household Treasury	\$ 84,850

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 16,438	\$25,520
Witness Commission	235	1,933
Worship Commission	3,537	6,307
Care Commission	2,924	6,533
Personnel	320,179	310,990
General Administration	37,219	33,167
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>78,632</u>	<u>76,067</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$459,163	\$460,516