

# First Mennonite Church

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If you really keep the royal law  
found in Scripture,  
"Love your neighbor as yourself,"  
you are doing right.

~ JAMES 2:8, NIV ~

## TODAY'S SERVICES

September 5th, 2021

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
NO EVENING SERVICE

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM; Scanner – frequency 161.76

Online – [www.firstmennonite.org](http://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 --- Tad Wulliman

Prelude

*God of Grace and God of Glory/Pelz*

Welcome

Tad Wulliman

\*Call to Worship: Romans 5:20b-21

Tad Wulliman

\*#344 [brown] *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

\*#338 [brown] *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

\**His Mercy is More*

\*Scripture: James 2:1-13

Ted Beitler

Following the scripture, children ages 4-5th grade may walk to children's church.

Message

*Favoritism/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

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

Mission Moment: MCC Haiti Relief

Jim Eicher

Prayer and Share/Offering

Pastor Jim Schwartz

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*Come, Christians Join to 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. Chapel Sunday School: Naomi Lehman (broadcast live)

### NO EVENING SERVICE

The flowers this morning are provided in honor of Fred and Claudette Stauffer's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY – September 6

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**

### TUESDAY – September 7

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

### WEDNESDAY – September 8

6:10 p.m. Jam and Mennonotes Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Parking Lot Parables (food trucks 5:00-7:00 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Youth Gospel Series: The GOSPEL- What Is It and How Do We Share It? (Youth Room)

7:00 p.m. Parables: Windows into God's Kingdom by Dr. Matt Harmon, professor of New Testament Studies at Grace College (Chapel)  
Freedom from Tyranny of the Urgent (Room 16)

### SATURDAY – September 11

9:00 am-Noon das Märkt Market

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Conference Pastor Installation:** On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. there will be an installation service for our new Bishop John Nissley at North Leo Mennonite Church (15419 IN-1, Leo, IN 46765) There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to go via the van or bus, or you can meet us there. Try and make it to the service to celebrate this special time for our District!

**Toddler Gym Jump Around:** Beginning this Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month come to the Family Life Center and enjoy some fun with your littles! The time is 10-11 a.m. and everyone is welcome!

**Kids Wednesday Programming:** We will begin in September with "Parking Lot Parables Part 2" for ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade! You can come as a family or drop kids off (if you want to attend a class). We will be in the east parking lot (FLC in case of rain). Childcare will be available at the bottom of the ramp for any kids under age 4.

**Food trucks will serve from 5:00-7:00 p.m. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME!!!!** Regular meals and indoor programming will begin on September 22. Invite a friend — can't wait to see you all!!

**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*. 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 (Room 16):** Malcolm Stauffer will lead a five-week elective based on this book on the five Wednesday evenings in September. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 16 downstairs.

**Chancel Choir:** Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 8, at 8:15 p.m. Anyone in high school or older can participate. You don't need to pre-register, just show up to the choir room!

**Mennonotes (middle school choir for grades 5-8):** Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 8, at 6:10 p.m. in the choir room.

**JAM (elementary choir for grades K-4):** Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 8, at 6:10 p.m. in Room 7 (southeast door of the patio).

**Haiti Relief:** MCC staff in Haiti are safe and supplied with food and water. MCC is in contact with partners in affected regions and are assessing the situation. They have emergency resources (blankets, relief kits, canned meat) in country.

**Volunteers Needed:** The children's department is still looking for volunteers! Still needed: Baby and Toddler Nursery on Sunday and Wednesday, and Wednesday night helpers for Preschool and Elementary. Middle school students through adults are welcome to inquire! See the bulletin board outside our office for more information and to fill out a form.

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

**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 Leman, 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 Fred & Sonia Lehman, who are celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 6; also to Fred & Elsie Wulliman, who will be celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 11.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Malcolm Stauffer in the passing of his sister Alice Beer on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Georgia Amstutz, who passed away on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## YOUTH

**Passion 2022:** Our young adults and high school seniors are invited to hop on the bus for a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Passion Conference. Dates are January 2 & 3, 2022, and we'll return on the 4<sup>th</sup>! Sign-up and info is in the foyer, or you can talk to Seth!

**Four-Week Gospel Series:** The GOSPEL – What Is It and How Do We Share It? The youth are continuing a four-week Gospel series on Wednesday nights. Being a Christian is about so much more than just praying a prayer. It's about living and speaking Jesus where we are, and giving Him our lives. But do we really know WHY His GOSPEL is good news?