

First Mennonite Church

December 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST --- Dr. Scott Lehman ✚ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful*/Marvin
Brass Ensemble

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,2)

Advent Candle of Joy: Isaiah 35:1-10 Dan, Damara, Solomon, and
Boaz Neuenschwander

*#295 [blue] *Christ Is Coming! Let Creation*

*#270 [brown] *Joy to the World!*

*#271 [brown] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Offering Prayer John Kirchhofer

Offertory: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Sorenson
Chancel Choir

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Scripture: Psalm 126 Malcolm Stauffer

#273 [brown] *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (vs. 2,3)
Children age 4-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Message *Like Those Who Dream*/Keith Weaver

**Trading My Sorrows*

Prayer and Share Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#278 [brown] *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1-3)

*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

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

6:30 p.m. **Christmas Caroling**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 17

7:00 p.m. **Ministries Council**

TUESDAY – December 18

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – December 19

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise (4 yr. old – 1st grade) Rm. 17

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)

6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7 (grades 2-5)

6:45 p.m. *Design for Discipleship*, led by Malcolm & Jeanne Stauffer and John & Renelle Stauffer in Room 13

6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center

6:50 p.m. Youth – Youth room

7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – Room at the bottom of the ramp

7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 – Toddler Nursery

7:00 p.m. Chapel – Christmas video: “Truce in the Forest”

7:00 p.m. *Life-Changing Prayer* by Jim Cymbala. Led by Becca Amstutz and Pastor Jim. Room 15

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Women’s Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesdays for the month of December, Class 96 will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

Menu for Wednesday, December 19: Ham, baked potatoes, baked beans, ice cream sandwich, and beverage.

Parents - check out the Children’s Ministry bulletin board for family advent ideas!

On Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, there will be no Sunshine Hour due to the holidays.

Volunteers needed! If you can help clean the Family Life Center once every two months, please give Steve a call at 525-3174.

New flower calendar for 2019 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You’re invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

Treasurers of Sunday School classes, Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end reports by December 29.

Gideons Tree - have you had a chance to donate a Bible yet?? Please visit the tree in the patio, make a donation, and hang an ornament on the tree!

Wednesday help needed - we are looking for small group leaders for elementary kids on Wed. nights for both Winter and Spring quarter. See Chris or Debby if you can help!

Offering envelopes are still available to be picked up. If you do not yet have your envelopes, please locate them on the table in the hallway on Sunday mornings or pick them up from the church office. Envelopes will not be mailed, except to out-of-town members.

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 December 31. The church office will be open until noon on December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted as 2019 giving.

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, for the Annual Business Meeting, are due to the church office no later than January 3.

Please consider donating Bibles for the Gideons to distribute as part of your Christmas giving. See the display in the patio to donate, fill out a card and hang it on the tree. Can we fill the tree this month? You can also designate your donation in honor of a loved one on the card. You can choose to mail your donation or put it in the box under the tree, which will be emptied every Sunday and Wed. If your loved one is from our church, we will give them the card after the holidays. See Chris or Jane Nussbaum with questions.

New Church Pictorial Directories are here! If you had your photo taken by Lifetouch for the pictorial directory, or submitted a photo, you may pick up your free directory at the church office during the week. An additional copy (1 per family until further notice) may be purchased at the church office for \$8.

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning January 9 through March 6. Class time will be 6:30-8 p.m. Sign up in the foyer, call the church office, or contact Pastor Jim. Cost options for each family unit: register by December 31 - \$85; register by January 8 - \$100; after classes begin - \$109. Pastor Jeff & Greg Meyer will be leading the class. **For those who have registered, your registration fee is due by the first class.**

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

18 Bonnie Flueckiger	19 Megan Linthicum	22 Gordon Claassen
26 Mary Hope Stucky	28 Brent Hyman	29 Camden Hyman

YOUTH NEWS

December 17th - Sophomore Class Party from 6 pm to 8 pm down in the youth room. Fun, food and fellowship are to be expected.

December 19th - Youth Christmas Party from 6:30 pm to 8 pm down in the youth room. Ugly sweater contest, \$5 gift exchange, saran wrap balls, Christmas carols & more! Snacks provided.

February 1-3 - Senior High Winter Retreat @ Camp Luz. Sign up and grab a form out at the table. Cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. Deadline to sign up and turn stuff in is January 27th. Please see Pastor Bill if you have any questions or if finances are an issue. We want your child to go.

February 15-17 - Junior High Winter Retreat @ Camp Luz. Sign up and grab a form out at the table. Cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. Deadline to sign up and turn stuff in is February 10th. Please see Pastor Bill if you have any questions or if finances are an issue. We want your child to go.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

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

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 121,107
Household Treasury	\$ 46,412

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

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$33,553	\$32,578
Witness Commission	1,232	2,108
Worship Commission	6,739	7,654
Care Commission	7,352	9,529
Personnel	424,273	417,862
General Administration	32,506	27,821
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>107,535</u>	<u>105,142</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$613,190	\$602,694



Project Share 2018

As done in the past, Compassionate Ministries will be providing groceries to supply Christmas meals for clients who have received aid in the past year. The meal will include a ham or turkey plus all the fixings (frozen vegetables, dressing, cake mix, flour and sugar, gravy, etc.).

During this time of year, the pantry shelves empty out. Some items needed are canned vegetables, canned meats, hamburger/tuna helpers, tomato products, pancake mix, biscuit mix, syrup, macaroni mixes, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauces. Paper products and toiletries are also appreciated. If you are willing to help out yet this year, Compassionate Ministries recommends taking your family shopping to provide groceries for the Project Share Food Pantry.

Contact Amy Tumbleson with any questions. Cell/text - 260-615-8584 or Email - atumbleson@poseidonbarge.com

- Monetary donations by check can be sent directly to Compassionate Ministries Network, P.O. Box 92, Berne IN
- Food donations can be placed at the Project Share table located in the foyer or taken directly to the Compassionate Ministries thrift shop on Jefferson St.
- All proceeds from the CMN Thrift Shop is used for client aid and to restock the food pantry. The thrift shop accepts donations of furniture, household goods, clothing, toys, and other gently used items for resale.

THANK YOU!!