

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 22, 2019

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude		<i>The First Noel/Innes</i>
	Dr. Scott Lehman and Mary Beth Huser	
Welcome		Brent Hyman
<i>Glory to God</i>		Ray
	Elementary	
*#249 [brown] <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>		
<i>Glory to God in the Highest</i>		Williams
	Little Notes of Praise	
<i>Repeat the Sounding Joy</i>		Eithun
	Youth Bell Choir	
<i>Jingle, Jingle Happy Bells</i>		
<i>Away in a Manger</i>		
<i>Happy Christmas</i>		
	Preschool	
<i>Pat-a-Pan</i>		Krug
	Youth Bell Choir	
Advent Candle of Love		Mike, Lara, Vienna, Gwyneth Collett
Scripture: John 3:16-19		
*#256 [brown] <i>Love Has Come!</i>		
*Noel		
<i>A Christmas Mosaic</i>		Lamb
	JAM and Grace Notes	
Offering Prayer for Conference Pastor		Pastor Jeff Linthicum
Offertory: <i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>		Mallory
	Grace Notes	
	Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.	
<i>Welcome to Our World</i>		Larson
	Mennonotes, Grace Barkley and Conner Hyman (soloists)	
Intercessory Prayer		Naomi Lehman
<i>The First Noel</i>		Edwards
	Trey Lehman, Lauren McKean, Becca Amstutz, Savannah Alberson, and Brandon Hill	
Message		<i>Brings Us Love</i> /Pastor Jeff Linthicum
*#262 [brown] <i>Away in a Manger</i>		

Amen

Trey Lehman, Cole Hyman, Conner Hyman, Camden Hyman, and Gabe Bailey

Hairston

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Chancel Choir, Mary Beth Huser, and Scott Lehman

/james

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

The congregation is invited to come to the choir loft to sing Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus during this carol.

**Hallelujah*

Handel

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Brass and Organ

Zimmerman

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

TUESDAY – December 24

CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON

NO SUNSHINE HOUR TONIGHT

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY – December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All announcements for the December 29 bulletin need to be in by December 24 at noon. Thank You.

There will not be any Sunshine Hour on Tuesday, December 24, or Tuesday, December 31.

We are announcing that a secretarial job will be opening up at the end of January, as Renee Liechty will be retiring after 31½ years here at the church. The church will start accepting resumes for a part-time position.

Next Sunday is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide beans this month; however, all donations are appreciated.

New flower calendar for 2020 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You're invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

Attention Snowbirds! If you are one of those fortunate beings heading south to beat the cold, please remember to leave your address with the church office.

Are you looking for some Christmas stories? Check out the books and DVDs on the library table in the foyer and on the Christmas shelves just inside the door in the church library.

Please pick up any items that you may have donated for *Night in Bethlehem* out in the Family Life Center entrance. Thank You!

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

The showcase in the west lobby will again be having the decade wedding photographs for the months of January, February, and March. The Historical Committee would appreciate all attendees to supply us with a photograph, preferably a framed 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10. Please bring them to the church office. They will be returned to you in March. Letters are being sent out, but if you attend First Mennonite and for some reason, you do not receive a letter, bring your wedding picture in so that it can be included in the showcase. We may not have your wedding date on file. Questions, call Floyd Liechty at 849-1425.

Women's Retreat- Ever wonder why friendships seem so hard? Ever wonder why you desire great depth in your relationship but can't seem to find it? Desiring peace in your life but unable to find it? Join us for "Real Relationships" at Lake Placid Retreat Center. January 31- February 1. The cost is \$75. If you have any questions, contact Becca Amstutz at 260-525-4002.

Treasurers of Sunday School classes, Chancel Choir, 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 December 31. The church office will be open until noon on December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted as 2020 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, 2020.

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.

26 Mary Hope Stucky 28 Brent Hyman 29 Camden Hyman

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Stan & Dianne VonGunten, who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on December 28.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mary Zuercher in the death of her mother, Opal Sprunger, on December 7; also to George and Helen Fox in the death of his sister, Galen Sprunger, on December 13.