

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 29, 2019

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST --- Dr. Scott Lehman † WORSHIP LEADER --- Mary Beth Huser

Prelude: *Swiss Noel/Daquin*
Messiah

Welcome

*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Behold Him*

*#139 [brown] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Children's Story

Lana Shoaf

Following the children's story, kids age 4-K may walk to Children's Church.

Offering Prayer

Joe Meyer

Offertory

Gesu Bambino/Yon

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

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-6

Pastor Bill Helmlinger

Message

Looking Ahead/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

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

*#563 [brown] *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Intercessory Prayer

Neal Reusser

Announcement

*#258 [brown] *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (v. 3)

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts from "Christmas Oratorio"/Saint-Saens

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.

NO EVENING SERVICE

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 31

CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON

NO SUNSHINE HOUR TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY – January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 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.

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

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.

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.

If you would be interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the church office.

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.

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

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.

Apply now for a 2020 college scholarship. Everence, a faith-based financial services organization, is offering college scholarships up to \$3,000. Application deadline is March 10. If you or your parents are or become Everence members and you will be enrolled in a college or trade school next fall, you are eligible to apply. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships for guidelines and an application or contact Linda Eicher, your congregational Everence Advocate, for more information. 260-589-8331.

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.

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.

We love babies! And we love their Moms and Dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are providing you with the opportunity to purchase **new** baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following **new** items are always needed: diaper bags, diapers (**especially sizes 4, 5 or 6**) and wipes, **new** baby equipment (cribs, mattresses, high chairs, baby gates, strollers, carrier infant car seats, car seats for up to 40 pounds, and toddler seats/boosters), crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chair or ring, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles and sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, baby clothes (**newborn through 2T**), receiving blankets, and formula. We would especially like to have children's books for infant through at least 3 years of age. Items **not** needed at this time include: baby powder and baby oil. For our mothers, we need gently used maternity clothes in sizes large and extra-large that are suitable for the workplace

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of December & January 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.

29 Camden Hyman January 4 Katie Cline 6 Jim Schwartz 19 Brian Fox

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Roy & Karen Lehman, who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on December 31; also to Paul & Evelyn Norr, who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on January 2, 2020.

Youth News

January 31st-February 2nd is our Senior High Winter Retreat to Camp Luz. The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. The deadline to turn forms and money in is January 26th. Forms and sign-ups are out at the table. Contact Pastor Bill if you have any questions.

February 14th-16th is our Junior High Winter Retreat to Camp Luz. The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. The deadline to turn forms and money in is January 26th. Forms and sign-ups are out at the table. Contact Pastor Bill if you have any questions.