

First Mennonite Church

December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Annes

Welcome Brent Hyman

*249 [brown] *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Abba*

**Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Children's Story Lana Shoaf

Children age 4-K may walk to children's church following the story.

Intercessory Prayer Kent Lehman

Scripture John 15:1-8 Megan Linthicum
Colossians 1:9-14

*373 [blue] *Thou True Vine*

Prayer Brent Hyman

Message *Please Check Your I.D./Eldon*

**Who You Say I Am*

Offering Michael Mosser

Offertory: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Edwards

Brass Quintet

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

*237 [brown] *Lord, Dismiss Us* (vs. 2)

*Postlude *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*/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

MONDAY – December 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

TUESDAY – January 1

NO SUNSHINE HOUR TONIGHT

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY – January 2

NO ACTIVITIES TONIGHT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Church Pictorial Online -- The new pictorial directory may be accessed online (photos and names only are provided in the online directory). There is a blue button on the church web page labeled Church Directory. You will need to call the church office for the access code. If you have not picked up your directory yet, please come to the church office during office hours to pick up your copy.

Peace & Service Committee is planning to go to Goshen on Friday, January 11, to help can meat. The church bus will leave the east parking lot at 6:00 AM and return around 6:00 PM. Those interested in going, please contact Jeff Lehman at work [589-2451] or e-mail jeff@lehmanfeedmill.com.

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 31.

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!

Help Needed - We are looking for small group leaders for elementary kids on Wed. nights for Winter and Spring quarters. See Chris or Debby if you can help!

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.

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 January 6 - February 3, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following 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.

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.

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning January 9 through March 6. Class time will be 6:30-8 PM. 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.**

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 27. 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 10. Please see Pastor Bill if you have any questions or if finances are an issue. We want your child to go.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Georgia Amstutz and other family members in the death of Fred Amstutz on December 22.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to George & Floine Dynes, who are celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary today; also to Roy & Karen Lehman, who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on December 31.