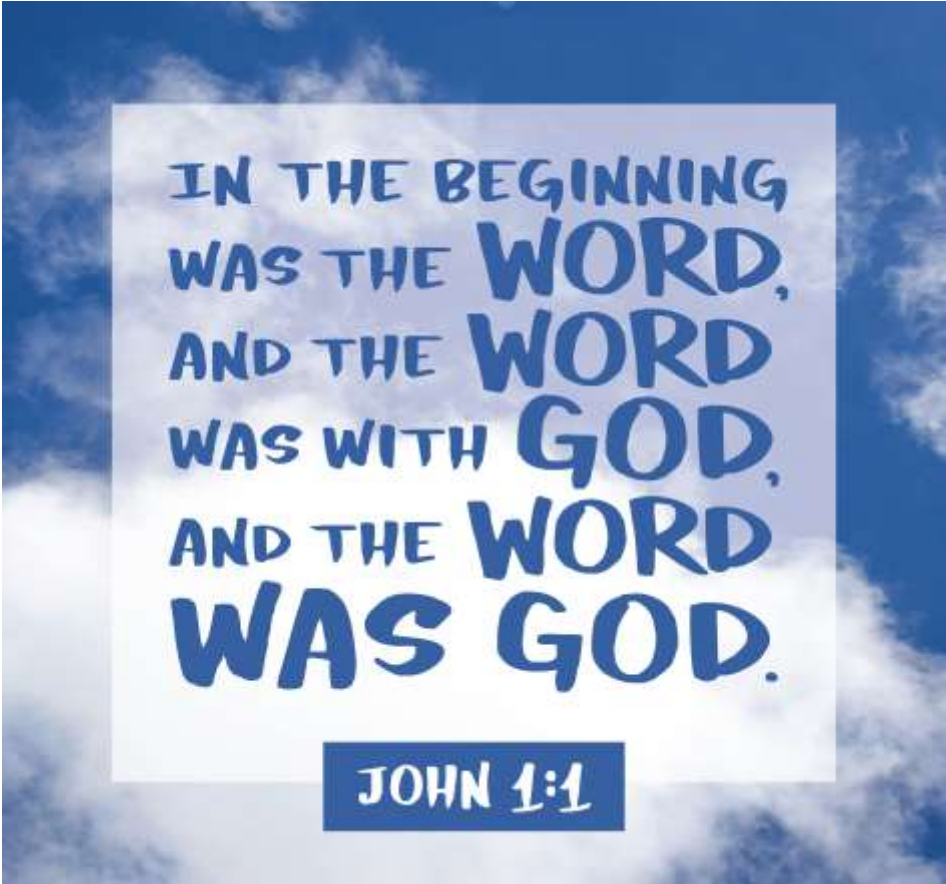


First Mennonite Church

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IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD
WAS GOD.

JOHN 1:1

TODAY'S SERVICES

January 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
No Evening Service

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

WPGW, Portland, 1440 AM, 100.9 FM - Scanner frequency 161.76

Guest Wi-Fi password - fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum - Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman - Music & Worship Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *Three Pieces for Epiphany/Linker*

Welcome Brent Hyman

**New Year's Welcome* (see bulletin insert)

**He Shall Reign Forevermore*

*Scripture: John 1:1-9

**Adore*

*#281 [brown] *What Child Is This?*

Children ages 4 – Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Special Music: *The Journey* Larson
Chancel Choir

Intercessory Prayer/Offering Prayer for Eastern Mennonite Missions
Marie Nussbaum

Offertory: *We Three Kings* McChesney
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Message *John: Prelude to Ministry/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#290 [brown] *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Communion

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *O God Our Help in Ages Past/Cherwein*

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.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Ernie & Janice Steiner's 50th wedding anniversary.

No Evening Service.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

TUESDAY – January 7

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

WEDNESDAY – January 8

- 5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise – Rm 17 (4 yrs.– 1st grade)
6:10 p.m. JAM Choir – Rm. 7/8 (1st/2nd grade SS room) (2nd-5th grade)
6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)
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– *The Life of Elijah* – Pastor Jim Schwartz
7:00 p.m. *What In The World Is Going On?* by David Jeremiah. Michael Mosser will be leading this DVD based series in room 15.
7:00 p.m. Darin Ringger (along with several others) will be leading a time of worship and prayer in room 13.
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The menu for Wednesday, January 8: Ham (hot dogs for kids), baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, and beverages.

A 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.

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 Annual Business Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, following the morning worship service.

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.

Did you request a printed copy of your family picture at Night in Bethlehem? Please pick it up today from the table in the foyer!

Spiritual Guidance Cabinet would like to offer a prayer for healing as well as anointing with oil to anyone struggling with health issues. James 5:14-15. Contact Darin Ringer, 260-820-0191.

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.

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 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.

6 Jim Schwartz 19 Brian Fox

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Ernie & Janice Steiner, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 3; also to Fred & Mary Jane Whitehurst, who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on January 11.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dan Breauchy in the death of his brother, Tim Breauchy, on December 26.

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.