

First Mennonite Church

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**"LIFE IS NOT
MEASURED BY HOW
MUCH YOU OWN."**

LUKE 12:15, NLT

TODAY'S SERVICES

November 24, 2019

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

7:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving 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

Mary Beth Huser

I Can Only Imagine

*10,000 Reasons

*#79 [brown] *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Necrology

Amazing Grace

Chancel Choir

Marianne Forman

Intercessory Prayer

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Children's Story

Jim Eicher

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

Offering Prayer

Rick Sprunger

Offertory: *Joy and Elation*

Dobrinski

Grace Notes

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

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Pastor Bill Helmlinger

Message

Smart Man - Foolish Choices/Pastor Jim Schwartz

*#506 [brown] *I'd Rather Have Jesus* (vs. 1,2)

Announcement

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God/Manz

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 .

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

5:30 p.m. Quiz Practice

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at West Missionary Church.
Come and join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving with music from various churches and a canned food collection to benefit Compassionate Ministries.

8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – November 26

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour
6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – November 27

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY – November 28

THANKSGIVING -- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY – November 29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The total raised through Mission Festival offerings is \$227,176.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES OR FELLOWSHIP MEAL THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING.

The church office will be closed due to the holiday weekend on Thursday, November 28, & Friday, November 29. All announcements for the bulletin should be into the church office by Tuesday, November 26, at 4 PM.

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

TOMORROW, November 25, Chris and Debby will be delivering toys to the iHouse in Fort Wayne. Any kids (and parents, for that matter) that would like to go along, please be at the church by 3:30 pm. We will return around 6:30 pm.

Night In Bethlehem will be Sunday, December 15, from 5-8 pm. See the chapel wall TODAY to see how you can help with this community outreach event. Donations of food, skills (sewing, decorating, etc.), and time are needed to make this a successful night - how can YOU help?

DO YOU SEW? We are needing a few more costumes for Night in Bethlehem sewn for our December 15 event. If you would be willing to help convert old choir robes to Bible costumes, please see Chris.

Check patio for your missing dishes -- The funeral kitchen committee would like you to pick up your dishes from food you have contributed for funerals, etc. Some of the dishes do have names on them ready to be claimed. For those dishes that are not claimed, they will be taken to the Et Cetera Ecke after December 2.

Ladies: Saturday, December 7th at 10:30, join us for a tour of DeBrand Fine Chocolates and sample some of their wonderful goodies! Cost is \$5, which can be used as a coupon off a \$10 purchase after the tour. We will have a delicious lunch at the Olive Garden following the tour. Sign up at the table in the foyer. Please see or call/text Lori Bailey with any questions at 260-849-2254.

Anyone interested in attending Lancaster Conference's annual "Celebration of Church Life" in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, April 3–4, please call the church office to express your interest.

Gym Chaperones are needed for the winter quarter (December-February). There are two types of chaperones needed: 1. Playing basketball, refereeing gaga ball, and socializing with kids. 2. Quiet room: inside room playing games and basically loving on kids after dinner before class from 6-7 pm on Wednesday nights. See Chris or Debby if you can help!

The kids of First Mennonite are blessed to be able to sponsor Gachelet, a child in Haiti through Mission of Hope, with their Sunday morning offerings. If each child would bring one quarter every week, we would have MORE than enough to provide food and education for him each month. We are preparing a box for his Christmas gift very soon. If you could send a little extra with your child this month, it would be greatly appreciated!

Scripture Memory Program: If you would like to sign up for the 2020 Scripture Memory program, contact Judy Moser (589-3108) to ask for information or to sign up. Memorizing God's Word is a life-changing practice. The last date to sign up is Monday, November 25.

This year's commission affirmation balloting on December 1 will be held on the main level by the chapel wall. This will take place before Sunday School, between Sunday School and church, and also after church. You are eligible to vote for each commission under which you serve. You do not have to be a commission or a committee member to affirm, only serve. You should vote for each commission under which you serve. Commission nominees this year are Worship: Jane Mosser and Janell Schwartz; Care: Jennifer Meyer and Nancy Sprunger; Witness: Kim Ringger and Tad Wulliman; Disciple: Rick Gorrell and Carol Buckingham.

City Challenge 2020 will be taking place next summer in June. City Challenge is a mission trip to Columbus, Ohio, that we go on every 2 years. Important dates to know are as follows: November 24th is when a \$25 deposit and unavailable dates form is due. December 1st will be our trip date reveal. December 15th will be the deadline to respond back, if your child can't go, to get your \$25 deposit back. Packets and forms were handed out at youth on October 30th but can be picked up out at the signup table. These packets have a lot of key information in them that you need to look over. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill.

Cancellation Policy - If South Adams Schools cancels classes because of inclement weather, we will cancel our evening services. If South Adams cancels classes due to fog or other non-weather-related reasons, a decision will be made by 12:00 whether the fellowship meal and evening classes for all ages will be held that evening. The information will be posted at www.firstmennonite.org, and a churchwide email will be sent out to those who have registered for that. Also, for church cancellation information, we will inform WZBD radio 92.7 FM, who will read the announcement on the air, and WBCL, who will post it at their website, www.wbcl.org.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of November 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.

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