



*Breaking*

*Bondages*

*First Mennonite Church*

*Mission Festival 2019*

*November 3, 2019*

# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West/Brunner*

Welcome Brent Hyman

\*Theme Verse: Luke 4:16-21 Brent Hyman

\*#293 [brown] *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

\**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

\**Victor's Crown*

Intercessory Prayer Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Special Music: *My Life for You*  
JAM

Offering Prayer for Mission Festival Becky Bryan

Offertory: *People Need the Lord* Michael Ryan

Youth Bell Choir

Children 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grades may go to their Mission Festival activities in the chapel.

(\*\*\*4-year-olds - Kindergarten may be picked up at the bottom of the ramp following the church service)

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

Message Jamie Farr

\*#347 [brown] *And Can It Be?*

Announcement

IDOP Video  
Prayer for the Persecuted Church Ernie Steiner

\*Sending Hymn: #440 [brown] *So Send I You* (vs. 1,2)

\*Postlude *Once to Every Man and Nation/Young*

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 Mission Festival in the Sanctuary.**

**6:30 p.m.** Mission Festival – sanctuary. Jamie Farr will be speaking. Offering for Mission Festival.

**6:30 p.m.** Children's Festival – Grades 1-5 will meet in the chapel.  
Age 4-K will meet at the bottom of the ramp.

**8:00 p.m.** Youth Bell Choir

**Offerings today** are for Mission Festival unless envelopes are marked otherwise.

**Fort Wayne Rescue Mission** Food Shower begins for the week. Tables have been set up in the patio to receive your donations of nonperishable food.

**We welcome** the guests who will be with us throughout the week for the Mission Festival. Jamie Farr will be sharing with us in the morning and evening worship services today.

**CHILDREN GRADE 1 - GRADE 5** will be dismissed to the chapel where they will *Join God's Search Party* with Eldon & Jan Claassen. Parents may pick up their elementary-aged kids from the chapel, but the younger ones (age 4-K) will be waiting at the bottom of the ramp (as usual).

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY – November 5

- 10:00 a.m.** Coffee Break for everyone (men & women) at Swiss Village Social Corner. Genesis – Allison & Cory Sprunger will be sharing. A donation basket will be available for the Mission Festival offering.
- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour
- 6:30 p.m.** Prayer in the Prayer room
- 7:00 p.m.** Mennonite Choral Society

#### WEDNESDAY – November 6

- 5:00 p.m.** Adult Bell Choir
- 5:45 p.m.** **Ethnic Carry-in meal** - carry-in of foods from all over the world (American included). If you have an international native dress, feel free to dress up. (Ethnic food and dress are optional.)
- 6:30 p.m.** CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening service – Gladys Maina will be speaking. Offering for Mission Festival.
- 7:00 p.m.** Nursery for up to age 2
- 7:00 p.m.** Children age 4-K will meet at the bottom of the ramp.
- 7:00 p.m.** 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades will meet in the Chapel with Eldon & Jan Claassen.
- 8:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir rehearsal

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The offering today and next Sunday is for Mission Festival.**

**On Tuesdays for the month of November**, the Bible Basics Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals except for Thanksgiving week.

**Monday, November 4**, is the last day to put anything in the Spiritual Guidance mailbox in front of the church office for your Pastor Appreciation gift.

**Wood project** - looking for someone to cut wood for a children's toy project for December 15th Night in Bethlehem event. See Chris or Debby if you can help.

**MDS has an urgent need** for drivers to help move a number of vehicles from Pine Ridge, SD to Columbus, MS the week of Nov 18-22. If you might be able to help with this, contact Bill Beachey at 849-0426. Thank you!

**DON'T FORGET!** Mission Festival globes will be collected during morning worship next Sunday, November 10, with our offering going to the International House (ihouse.org) in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Are you missing your dishes?** The funeral kitchen committee would like you to pick up your dishes from the food you have contributed for funerals. The dishes are in Room 9.

**Clarification:** Money raised from Mennonite relief sales is used worldwide for disaster relief, peacekeeping efforts, and humanitarian needs. Our relief sale is one of 40 in the United States and Canada that raises over five million dollars annually. Thank you for helping the world in the name of Christ via the Michiana Relief Sale.

**For the Mission Festival Coffee Break** on Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 am at the Swiss Village Social Corner, we need people to come a little early (9:30 - 9:45) in order to help our nursing care residents come to the meeting. Please come to the Social Corner first to receive the name of a person to bring. Thanks for helping others to share in our fellowship.

**Scripture Memory program:** It is time again, and we are gearing up for a season of Scripture memorization. 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.

**Missions Festival Intentional Prayer Experience-** The Witness Commission invites you to come and take some time to pray intentionally for our missionaries and missions around the world. There are more than 6,000 people groups that have yet to encounter Jesus. Many of them are having dreams and visions that usher them into a relationship with Jesus. Come be a part of the powerhouse of prayer that is fighting spiritual warfare on behalf of the lost. This will be available from 4 pm Sunday, October 27, through 4 pm Sunday, November 10, down in the catacombs.

**Bondages destroy** our testimonies and hold us back from growing in Christ. Christ is our Bondage Breaker. He did it on the cross for us and for those in cultures we will be learning more about this week. Christ said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners...." Have you been able to identify the bondage that's holding you in check? Come to Jesus, who offers freedom.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> is when a \$25 deposit and unavailable dates form is due. December 1<sup>st</sup> will be our trip date reveal. December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

11 Elisa Fox      25 Arlene Bauman      28 Mary Bauman

**Congratulations and best wishes** of the congregation are extended to Dan & Anita Wenger, who will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 5; and to Lynn & Bonnie Sprunger, who will celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 7.