

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

- 5:15 p.m.** Junior Quiz practice
- 6:00 p.m.** Youth – Movie Night: *Toy Story*
- 7:00 p.m.** Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at the West Missionary Church
- 8:00 p.m.** Youth Bell Choir

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY - November 23

- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour
- 7:00 p.m.** Mennonite Choral Society Rehearsal
- 7-9 p.m.** Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY - November 24

- 6:00 a.m.** Men's Fraternity
- 5:00 p.m.** Adult Bell Choir
- 6:15 p.m.** Youth -Talk Back at 7p.m. (come for food and snacks at 6:15 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m.** Chapel Service- Informal Thanksgiving Service
- 8:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir

THURSDAY – November 25

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY – November 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **offering** today is for Ohio Mennonite Conference. Next Sunday it is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

There will not be a Midweek fellowship meal or children's classes on Wednesday evening this week. There will only be a service in the Chapel due to this being Thanksgiving week.

On Tuesdays for the month of December the Intergenerational class will be setting up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

The Church will be closed and locked on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Contact Kent Frank @ 692-2525 to unlock for emergencies.

There will soon be a membership class beginning during the Sunday school hour. If you regularly attend First Mennonite but are not yet a member, we encourage you to join the class. Members have voting rights and can also serve on various commissions. Your involvement as a member greatly benefits the congregation as a whole. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

What's in a name? A name communicates identity, function, and purpose. In searching for words with which to refer to the new addition, many have said, "Have you seen the gym? Have you

seen the multipurpose building? Have you seen the new building?" Perhaps we should we have a name for our new add-on. There is a box for your name suggestions by the church office.

Please join us for the Mennonite Women Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Pam Durdahl, who is associated with A Friends House, in Bluffton, Indiana. There will be transportation available from Swiss Village to the church.

www.firstmennonite.org Check out First Mennonite's redesigned web-site! This site is easy to use and contains valuable information for members and visitors alike. The web-site's maintenance team will post photos to the site on an ongoing basis. By attending events at First Mennonite or events sponsored by First Mennonite, your photo may be taken and appear on the web-site. If you would prefer photos of you or your children not appear on the site, please contact the web-team by filling out the contact form on the web-site. There is also a paper form available at the church office.

First Mennonite will offer a Bible Memory program again this year. Because God uses Scripture to speak directly to us, memorizing God's Word is one of the most powerful and effective ways to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and to strengthen our walk with Christ. The program has a wonderful ABC memory book for young children. There is a memory plan available for any age. If you would like to learn more, or enroll, contact Judy Moser, 589-2062. Deadline for enrollment is Dec. 13.

Mission Strategy Blunder-- Why did many Mongolian peoples become Muslim despite the fact that their leader requested Christian missionaries to come teach them the good news of Jesus Christ? Find out at *Perspectives*. Grab a brochure from the church patio or call Darin Ringger at 565-3675.

Thanks for the overwhelming support to help the local families in need this Christmas through Compassionate Ministries/Project Share. The other churches also had a great response, resulting in more donors than families with children requesting assistance. Compassionate Ministries has made assignments and mailed information on the children to donors. Donors who did not receive a family from Compassionate Ministries have been contacted. There is still a need for food at this time to keep the pantry stocked. In September there were 30 families and over 87 people who benefited from Compassionate Ministries' Services. Sunday, November 28th, is Project Share Sunday. Donations of non-perishable food, household cleaners/supplies, and personal hygiene items can be placed on the table in the foyer and will be delivered on behalf of First Mennonite Church. For donors with gifts for adopted children, please place the gifts in a garbage bag with the family # identified and place it on the table located at the bottom of the ramp by Sunday, November 28th. Distributions to the families will be on Saturday, December 4th. The kids will receive the donated gifts and the family will receive grocery items to make a Christmas dinner. If you have any questions or need assistance making the November 28th deadline, please contact Amy Tumbleson at 260-402-1471.

Men 18 years old and older, do we have a great deal for you. Men's Fraternity is studying "A Man & His World" this year. Topics include: discovering your unique design, learning how to focus your life, beating boredom, practices of successful men, leaving a legacy of life, eternal rewards, and others. You are invited to attend Men's Fraternity to learn how to focus your life instead of letting circumstances run your life. You can choose to meet at 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday before you go to work (we finish at 7:30 A.M.), or meet at 6:50 P.M. Wednesday

night. The morning session meets by the kitchen and the night session meets in room 16. Cost of the book is \$10. Note: the next meeting for the morning and night sessions is Dec.1.

The prayers and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Krista Lehman & Keith Brunstrup, who were married here yesterday, November 20.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Merlin & Betty Alt, who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on November 23; and to Laverne & Letha Steiner, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on November 24.