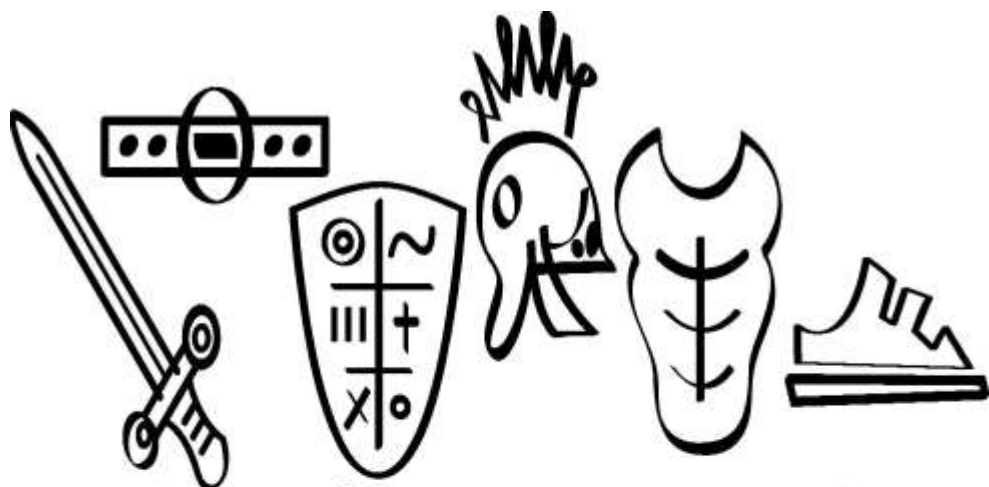


First Mennonite Church

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Therefore put on the

full armor of God ...

EPHESIANS 6:13, NIV

TODAY'S SERVICES

October 13, 2019

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

6:30 p.m. 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

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

Prelude *All Hail the Power*/Ham & Vasner
Welcome Brent Hyman

**Hosanna*
*#732 [brown] *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*
**Surrounded (Fight My Battles)*

Bible Memory Recognition Chris Hyman

Offering Prayer John Kirchhofer

Offertory: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Schubert

Chancel Choir
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children age 4-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18 Jeff Lehman

Message *An Unseen Battle*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*723 [brown] *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

Mission Moment: MCC Relief Sale Steve Lehman

Prayer and Share Kathy Bauman

Announcements

*#731 [brown] *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Sing the Glad Song*/Ritter

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 Alan & Cindy Habegger's 40th wedding anniversary.

11:20 a.m. Listening Group – Pastor Jeff's office

6:30 p.m. Evening Service – Eldon Claassen will be speaking.

8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir – choir room

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 15

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – October 16

- 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– “Paul’s Traveling Companions: Timothy” with Luke Fetters of Huntington University as our teacher.
7:00 p.m. Men’s Elective - *No More Excuses* by Dr. Tony Evans, led by Chris Dubach & Jim Schwartz in room 13.
7:00 p.m. Women’s Elective - *Wired That Way* by Marita Littauer, led by Lori Bailey in room 15.
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Women’s Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesdays for the month of October, the Young Believers Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

The menu for Wed., Oct. 16: Marmalade chicken & rice, fruit jello & beverages.

Looking for someone to take attendance once a month during the Sunday School hour. If you feel you could serve in this way, please contact Jane Nussbaum 260-849-2809.

Calling all singers! On October 29, there will be a **Sunshine Hour Hymn Sing** in the Chapel from 6:30-7:00! This goes out on the scanner and is televised at Swiss Village. Come, be blessed, and be a blessing! (Requests considered in advance to Orlyn & Lois.)

Night In Bethlehem will be held on Sunday, December 15, from 5-8 pm. Mark your calendars now and be watching for opportunities to serve before and during this community outreach event!

Join Us! Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to join Junior Quizzing this year! Quizzing is a fun way to learn God’s Word and hide it in your heart! Our first practice will be Sunday, October 20th, with quiz meets running from November to February. We hope to see your name on the sign-up sheet in the patio! Questions? Contact Chris and Jenny Dubach or Jeff and Julie Chrisman.

The 2019 Michiana Relief Sale is now history, but the money raised will continue to support disaster relief in North America throughout the year. The total raised came to \$445,000. Thank you all for your part in helping us send 7 quilts, 350 craft items, 115 baked goods both from here and Emmaus Rd., and \$1,511 through the Quarter Towers & checks for My Coins Count. Note: Please return Quarter Towers so we can reuse them next year!

It is time to begin thinking about the ethnic carry-in that will be a part of Mission Festival 2019. On Wednesday evening, November 6, at 5:45, there will be a carry-in of foods from all over the world (American included). Begin thinking of dishes you might create and bring. If you have an international native dress, feel free to dress up that evening when Gladys Maina Mungai from Morning Star Church is speaking at 7:00. This promises to be an interesting evening celebrating the world of missions around the world.

Breaking Bondages, from Luke 4:16-21, is the theme of our upcoming Missions Festival this year. Christ came not only to proclaim good news but to proclaim freedom for prisoners and to set the oppressed free. Our prison is not behind bars, but we may still be held in bondage. Visit the wall by the sanctuary entrance near Hebrews Coffee to find a few things controlling our lives. What would you add if you were erecting the wall?

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We will be showering our pastoral staff again this year with gift cards. Let's thank our leaders by sending cards, gift cards, notes of encouragement, or anything else you would like to do to thank them for all they do to bless our congregation! Some may wish to give a Bible in a pastor's honor through the Gideons. Cards and gift cards may be dropped off in the Spiritual Guidance Cabinet mailbox by the office. The cards will be divided up by the SGC and distributed to the staff next month.

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

15 Elias Bryan 15 Loren Claassen 17 Nate Linthicum 28 Marie Nussbaum

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Fred Bixler and other family members in the death of Janet Bixler on October 4; also to Bonnie Flueckiger, Mark & Kim Flueckiger, and other family members in the death of Jerry Flueckiger on October 6.

The prayers and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Emily Fox and Tim Ludden, who will be married here on Saturday, October 19.

Youth News

October 23rd - Movie night from 6 pm-8:30 pm at Jessie and Jaci O'Dell's house. The address is 1530 Carrington Way. Snacks provided. Eat before you come. Movie to be determined.

October 27th - Youth Harvest Party at Joe and Julie Adams' house from 5 pm to 8 pm. The address is 8678 South 550 East. Food and drink will be provided. We will have a bonfire, hayride, games and more! Pastor Bill will be driving anyone who needs a ride out to the party with the church bus, leaving from the west parking lot at 4:30 pm.

Nov 1-2 - RECHARGE 2019 - Youth all-nighter in Ohio. Cost is \$10. A great night of fellowship, meeting new people, mini-tournaments, worshipping God, and growing in our faith. Girls need to bring chips/cookies, and guys need to bring pop/juice. Sign up and grab a form. Forms and money due October 20th to guarantee a shirt and October 30th to go. We will leave the church at 5 pm on November 1st and return around 10:30 am on November 2nd.