

# First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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## TODAY'S SERVICES

October 20, 2019

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 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 *Oh, Worship the King/Burkhardt*  
Welcome Brent Hyman

\*#215 [brown] *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
\**No Longer Slaves*  
\**You Never Let Go*

Offering Prayer Michael Mosser

Offertory: *Lift Up the Gates Eternal* Eithun

Grace Notes

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: Romans 8:31-39 Derick Bailey

Message *Never Fear/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

\**Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*

Prayer and Share Pastor Jim Schwartz

\*#575 [brown] *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (vs. 1,3)

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude *Toccata in Seven/Rutter*

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 Van & Sharon Wulliman's 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**2019 Yearbooks** will be available after the morning worship service in the foyer.

**6:00 p.m.** Evening Service - The movie *Unplanned* will be shown this evening. Alternate movies for kids: *Step Dogs* will be shown in the Family Life Center, and *Veggie Tales Gideon Tuba Warrior* will be shown at the bottom of the ramp. Nursery will be available through age 2.

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

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY – October 21**

**7:00 p.m.** Ministries Council

**TUESDAY – October 22**

**6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour

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

**7:00 p.m.** Mennonite Choral Society

## **WEDNESDAY – October 23**

**5:00 p.m.** Grace Notes Bell Choir

**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.

**Attention quizzers!** Please note- quiz practice tonight will be **from 4:45 - 5:45** so families can attend tonight's movie night. See you then!

### **NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES DUE TO FALL BREAK.**

**Project Share is next Sunday.** Our church is requested to provide soups this month; however, all donations are appreciated.

**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.

**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 Oryn & 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!

**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.

**The approaching** Missions Festival naturally causes minds to drift to different cultures overseas. We imagine how they are in bondage to false religions and pagan practices. Next week, the Wall of Bondage will include some of the agents holding these people in bondage. Meanwhile, Satan is using his lies, schemes, and accusations to hold us in bondage and prevent us from living victoriously in Christ. Fear and unforgiveness were two especially mentioned by Pastor Jeff last week. Check out the Bondage Wall by the sanctuary entrance near Hebrews Coffee to look for more.

**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.

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**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charles & Marilyn Spurgeon, who are celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today; also to Lloyd & Carol Neuenschwander, who will celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 25.

### UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of September, we have the following balances on hand:

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 147,020
Household Treasury	\$ 61,347

Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$32,321	\$31,568
Witness Commission	1,302	1,725
Worship Commission	5,067	9,769
Care Commission	4,954	6,821
Personnel	352,802	354,565
General Administration	23,250	26,538
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>87,714</u>	<u>86,400</u>
Total Household Treasury	\$507,410	\$517,386

### **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. The 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.