

First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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The Healing at the Pool

TODAY'S SERVICES

September 29, 2019

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
No 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 *Prelude, Fugue and Variation/Franck*
Welcome Brent Hyman
Psalm 5:3

#617 [brown] *Near to the Heart of God*
**I Lift My Eyes Up*
**Everlasting God*

Offering Prayer John Stauffer

Offertory: *Song of the Spirit* Hakes

Grace Notes
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.
Children age 4-K may walk to Children's Church.
5th graders will meet with Pastor Bill in the youth room.

Scripture: John 5:1-9 Chris Gilbert

Message *Waiting Without Giving Up/Pastor Jim Schwartz*

**Yes, I Will*
*#229 [brown] *Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord*

Prayer and Share Jane Mosser

Announcements: *Life Chain*

*#139 [brown] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1,3)

*Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude *Do It Again*

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.

NO EVENING SERVICE

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

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 1

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

WEDNESDAY – October 2

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: Priscilla & Aquila” 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

SATURDAY – October 5

9-Noon das Marit Market

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 Wednesday, Oct. 2: Haystacks, applesauce, dessert & beverages.

Once again, Berne Preschool asks you to help them eat cookies. More specifically, you can buy cookie dough in our annual fundraiser between September 17 and October 1. Order forms are on the table in the foyer and can be returned to Greta Lehman’s church mailbox.

Save the Date: Mennonite Seniors will have breakfast at Swiss Village Auditorium on Thursday, October 17, at 8:30 a.m. Call Marge Wulliman at 589-4724, or Barb Yoder at 589-4699 for your reservation. Deadline is October 10.

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.

Worldwide Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 6th.

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.

Swiss Village Communion will be held Tuesday, October 8, at 9:30 a.m. (new starting time).

Singers are invited to attend the Mennonite Choral Society rehearsals, which begin Tuesday, October 1, at 7 pm for the annual rendition of Handel's *Messiah*. No tryouts; come join us!

Dinner for Eight will be held again during the months of October and November! This small group fellowship setting is a one-time dinner hosted around the table in someone's home. Sign up in the foyer as a host or guest by today. Groups will be assigned today, and hosts will arrange dinner times shortly thereafter.

Are You a Carpenter? The children's department still has one project they would love to see built: rolling storage/seats for Wednesday night small groups. See the picture on the bulletin board next to the Children's Ministry office. Let Chris know if you're interested!!

Women's Retreat 2019 – Come join us for “Real Relationships” this year! Have you ever wondered why so much conflict is happening in your life? Do you long for healthy ways to move forward in your relationships? Do you want to know what God has to say about relationships? Come join us! October 11-12 at Lake Placid Retreat Center. **Sign-up today!** Cost is \$75 due at time of sign-up. If you have any questions, you can contact Becca Amstutz by email at beccaamstutz@gmail.com.

Youth are seeking 2-3 gently used couches to put down in the youth room. Please contact Pastor Bill if you have one to donate. Thank you.

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.

11 Benjamin Meyer 15 Elias Bryan 15 Loren Claassen 17 Nate Linthicum
28 Marie Nussbaum

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Wilmer & Kenlyn Sprunger, who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on October 1.

Youth News

October 1st - Prayer and Pizza Night from 8 pm to 9 pm down in Room #1. Room right under prayer room. Please use office entrance doors.

October 4th - 5th Quarter Party following the South Adams football game in the Family Life Center from 9:30 pm -midnight. Games, food, devotions, and more!

October 6th - Sophomore Class Party from 3 pm-6 pm down in the youth room. Games, pizza, and fellowship.

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.

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.