

First Mennonite Church

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Those who
sow with tears
will reap
with songs of joy.

Psalm 126:5

TODAY'S SERVICE

January 18, 2026

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

Morning worship is broadcast at 10:00 a.m.

6:30 pm Evening Service

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM; Scanner – frequency 161.76

Online – www.firstmennonite.org; guest Wi-Fi password – fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum – Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Josie Pfister – Children's Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
ORGANIST --- Scott Lehman ✚ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude

All Who Are Thirsty/Brown

**How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)*

**#705 [brown] It Is Well with My Soul*

**Graves into Gardens*

Mission Moment: Sanctity of Life Sunday

Intercessory Prayer/Offering Prayer

Kent Lehman

Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand/McLaren

Amber McAlhaney

Children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

*Scripture: Psalm 126:5-6; Matthew 5:4

Renee Liechty

Message

Be Comforted/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**O Come to the Altar*

**Death Was Arrested*

Commissioning of John Foster

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

Goodbye Yesterday

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.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held after this morning's worship service.

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Darren Kloepper
6:30 p.m. Revelation 7: Dr. Kent Lehman

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – January 20

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

WEDNESDAY – January 21

5:15 p.m. Grace Notes rehearsal (choir room)
5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal in the patio
6:10 p.m. JAM rehearsal (Room 7) and Mennonotes (choir room)
7:00 p.m. Ages 0-3: Nursery
7:00 p.m. Ages 4-K: Room at the bottom of the ramp
7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5: Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Youth: Youth Room (opens at 6:30 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Chapel: Genesis 40 (Dave Keim)
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: "Is Atheism Dead?" (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. She Shares: "Mary Magdalene" (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. Young women's (20s & 30s) small group: Galatians (Room 14)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Ministries, and Quilting
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir loft of the sanctuary)

FRIDAY, January 23, AND SATURDAY, January 24

5:30 a.m. MCC Meat Canner

SUNDAY – January 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Heidi Lehman
10:00 a.m. "Our Inheritance" (Ps. 37:11 and Matt. 5:5): Pastor Jeff Linthicum
6:30 p.m. Night of Worship (HeBrews)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Share: Next week is Project Share. This month our church is requested to provide cereal and baby food; however, all donations are appreciated.

Menu for Wednesday, Jan. 21: Chicken stir fry, Kevin's homemade ice cream, and beverages.

Wednesday Meal Set-Up: The Cornerstone class is responsible for setting up tables in January. The Fellowship class will set up in February.

Meat Canner: The MCC meat canner will be here this Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24. Meat cutting will begin at 5:30 a.m. both days. Cans will be coming off the truck by 9:00 a.m. on Friday. There is a task for everyone, and all ages are welcome!

Confession of Faith Class: If you are interested in joining the short-term Sunday School class that will be studying the Mennonite Confession of Faith, we invite you to sign up in the foyer. This class will start on Sunday, Feb. 1, and will be located in Room 2 at the bottom of the patio steps next to the prayer room. Please see Michael Mosser or Pastor Jim Schwartz with questions.

Decade Anniversaries: Are you celebrating a decade anniversary in 2026? If you are, please bring a wedding picture to the church office or email your image to jlreusser@icloud.com by **Monday, Jan. 26.**

Marriage Conference: Are you serious about your marriage.....or maybe just trying to keep your head above water these days? Work, kids' sports, groceries, gas, repairs—whew! Life is a lot. If you're ready for a breather...and a chance to rediscover your marriage partner, we've got you covered. Please join us at the Adams County Fairgrounds on **Feb. 13 & 14, 2026,** for fun, food, fellowship—and a fresh start! You can register at adamscountystrong.org.



Buckets needed: The Wednesday night meal team is requesting anyone who has gallon or half-gallon sized plastic ice cream style buckets with lids that they no longer need to donate them to the church kitchen. These can be turned in to the main kitchen. If you have questions, please see Kevin or Brandi McGeath.

Flower Committee: The flower committee is in search of some new members. Responsibilities include: watering the geraniums outside, cleaning the artificial plants inside, and placing an arrangement (from a room of flower arrangements) in front of the pulpit each Sunday. These responsibilities would be shared with the others on the committee. If you are interested (or if you need more information), please see Sue (Dave) Wulliman or Brent Hyman.

Wanted: Flannel fabric for MCC blankets in ½ yard or larger pieces, any color or design. Please bring your pieces to the craft room. For more information, please contact Sharon Ninde or Nicki Lehman.

Hope Clinic Baby Shower: We love babies! And we love their Moms and Dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase **new** items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a church-wide baby shower so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following are **new** items that are always needed: **New baby equipment:** cribs/mattresses, pack 'n plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors; **baby care items:** baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food/toddler snacks, laundry soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack 'n play sheets, baby wash cloths/hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs; **supplies:** bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 3, 4, 5 & 6), wipes, pull-ups (2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T), sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn through 7T), toys/games (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5), baby blankets. For our mothers we need used maternity clothes, adult hats and instant pot cookers. **Note: Items NOT needed at this time include burp cloths, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder and baby oil.**