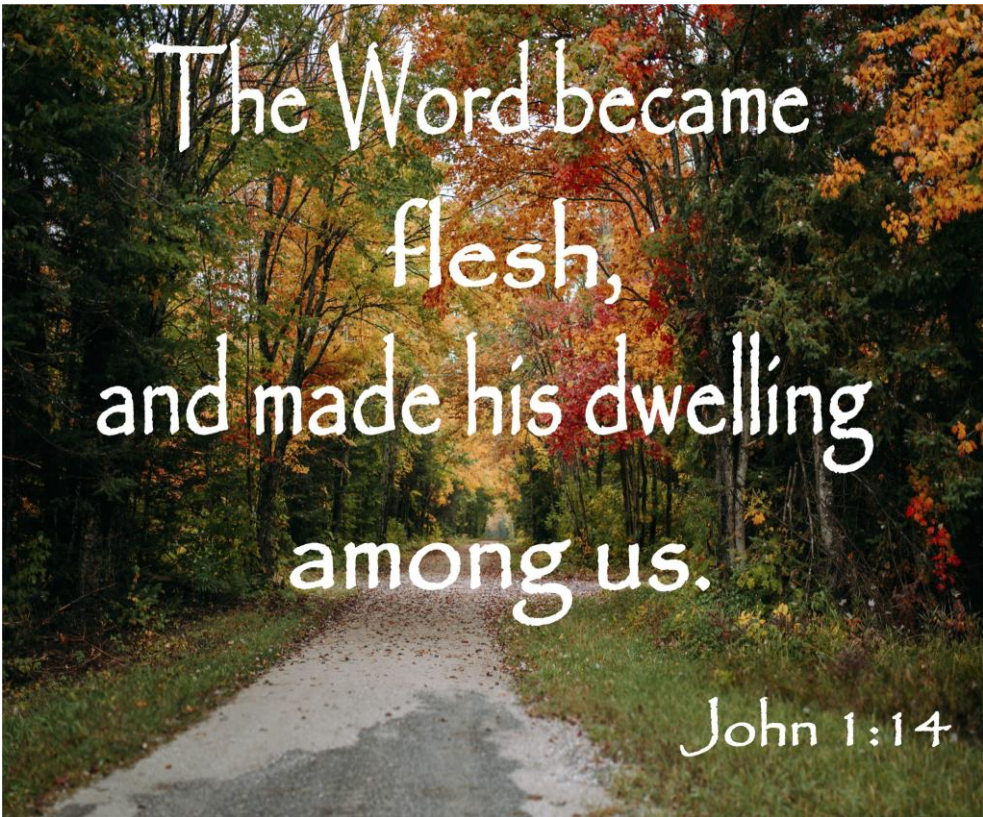


First Mennonite Church

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The Word became
flesh,
and made his dwelling
among us.

John 1:14

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 18, 2026

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

6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM

Swiss Village – Channel 3

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

Conner Hyman – Interim Youth Pastor

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
ORGANIST– Janet McKean ✚ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty/John B. Dykes*

Welcome Brent Hyman

**The King Is in the Room*

**Throne Room Song*

**#219 [brown] Surely the Presence (of the Lord Is in This Place)*

**Better Is One Day*

Offering for Global Disciples Bill Beachey

Offertory *Sweeter as the Days Go By/Smith/Lister*

First Mennonite Men's Quartet

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

*Scripture: Leviticus 23:33-34; John 1:14; Revelation 21:3-4 Derick Bailey

Message *Feast of Tabernacles/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**Dwell*

Prayer and Share Pastor Jim Schwartz

Announcements

**#562 [brown] Be Thou My Vision (vs, 1,2,4)*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Praise Ye the Triune God/Friedrich F. Fleming*

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

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School (chapel): Darren Kloepper
9:00 a.m. The Spiritual Gift of Healing (Room 15)
1:00-3:00 p.m. Discipleship Training in the patio area by the kitchen—bring a physical Bible, pencil/pen, and notebook.
6:30 p.m. Revelation 1-22: Pastor Jim Schwartz

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 20

- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour (now on livestream)

NO MESSIAH REHEARSAL (FALL BREAK)

WEDNESDAY – October 21

NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL, EVENING SERVICE, CHOIR REHEARSALS, OR CLASSES (FALL BREAK)

- 6:00-8:30 p.m.** Youth Game Night (Family Life Center)

SUNDAY – October 25

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School (chapel): Heidi Lehman

- 10:00 a.m.** “Samson”: Pastor Jeff Linthicum (Judges 13:1-5)

NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE (FALL BREAK)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Children’s Ministries Volunteers Needed: With the addition of the check-in stations for the kids department, we are looking for new “safety monitors” to sit at the check-in desk throughout Sunday School and church to assist with the check-in and monitor the patio/bathrooms. If this is something you would consider, please contact the church office, Chris, or Josie to schedule training.

MCC Relief Buckets Assembling: The first Sunday of Mission Festival (Nov. 1) we will be assembling **400 RELIEF BUCKETS**, and as in previous years your help is needed! There will be a light lunch (sloppy joes) prior to this work project, so please sign up at the table in the foyer by Wednesday, Oct. 28, to be included for the lunch. If you choose to eat elsewhere but desire to assist in the project, please be in the Family Life Center by 1:00 p.m. Your participation will bring delight to the 400 recipients of the buckets!

Mission Festival Food Drive for Compassionate Ministries: Please purchase home-size cans for this year’s food drive. Tables will be in the patio Sunday, Oct. 25–Sunday, Nov. 8, for the collection of the items. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are available in the patio! Please consider filling a shoebox for a needy child around the world. Shoeboxes can be turned in to Room 9 beside the kitchen by **Sunday, November 22.**

Children's Christmas Program: ELEMENTARY kids will present the musical "Chris-Myth Busters" on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. PRESCHOOL kids will participate in the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 20 (all-music Sunday). Mark your calendars now!

MCC Comforter Bash: The Wednesday night quilting group is attending the MCC Comforter Bash in Goshen on **Saturday, Nov. 7,** from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church at 6 a.m. and leave the parking lot at 6:30 a.m. using the church van. We will stop for breakfast. The address is Pleasant View Church, 58529 Co. Rd. 23, Goshen, IN 46528. No experience is needed and sewing supplies will be provided along with lunch. If you have questions, please see Brandi McGeath or a member of the quilting group. If you would like to attend, sign up on the sheet outside of the sanctuary with your name and phone number.

MDS Trip: A trip is being planned for a group to go to Asheville, North Carolina, the week of December 13-19 to work with Mennonite Disaster Service in rebuilding after the devastation of Hurricane Helene, which took place in September 2024. If interested, please contact Bill Beachey at (260) 849-0426 before the **Sunday, Nov. 8 deadline.**

Pastor Appreciation: October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's thank our wonderful pastoral staff by showering them with 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! You may even want to give a Bible in a pastor's honor through Gideons International. Cards and gift cards may be dropped off in the Spiritual Guidance Cabinet mailbox by the church office. The cards will be divided up by the SGC and distributed to the staff.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Jim & Louise Neuenschwander, who will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on October 24.

YOUTH

Game Night: With it being fall break this week, we are going to have a youth game night in the Family Life Center **this Wednesday, Oct. 21,** from 6:00-8:30 p.m. There will be food and, of course, games. Come hungry!