

First Mennonite Church

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A large, golden-brown loaf of bread with a sesame seed crust is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a vintage-style world map with various countries and regions labeled, including Tibet, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, and Australia. The text "WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters, with horizontal lines separating the words.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 4, 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– Scott Lehman ✚ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Eucharistia/Cassler*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Announcements

*Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 5:17

**New Name Written Down in Glory*

*#572 [brown] *Blessed Assurance*

**Who You Say I Am*

Intercessory/Offering Prayer Kent Liechty

Offertory *The Truth/Pardo/West/Woods/Wall*

Danielle Adams with Praise Band

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

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:11-17 Lisa Smith

Message *Identity in Christ/Conner Hyman*

**You Say*

Communion

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Jesus Shall Reign/Lasky*

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): Reid Lehman (formerly of Miracle Hill Ministries)
6:30 p.m. Revelation 20: Dr. Kent Lehman

Communion: This morning we will be celebrating communion together during our worship service. Please take time to reflect on the meaning of communion and come ready to celebrate the sacrifice Jesus has made for us.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 6

- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour (now on livestream)
7:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah* rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – October 7

- 5:45-6:30 p.m.** Fellowship Meal in the patio
6:15-6:45 p.m. Kids open gym (only kids and approved volunteers)
6:15 p.m. JAM rehearsal (Room 7)
6:45 p.m. Ages 0-K: Toddler Nursery (upstairs)
6:45 p.m. Grades 1-5: Room 7 in the patio
7:00 p.m. Youth: The Importance of Scripture in Our Faith (Youth Room open at 6:30 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Chapel: Revelation 20-21 (Dr. Kent Lehman)
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: Biblical Manhood (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. She Shares: King Saul (Room 15)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Ministries, and Quilting
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir loft of the sanctuary)

SUNDAY – October 11

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School (chapel): Tad Wulliman
10:00 a.m. "Spiritual Gift of Healing": Pastor Jeff Linthicum
6:30 p.m. Revelation 21-22 (Dr. Kent Lehman)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, Sept. 30: Sloppy joes, triangle potatoes, vegetables, fruit.

Wednesday Meal Set-up: The Growing Believers class is responsible for setting up tables in October. The Bible Basics class will set up in November.

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.

Children's Christmas Program (NOTE CHANGE): 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!

Operation Christmas Child: The shoeboxes are coming! You can make Christmas special for children around the globe who don't know the love of Jesus. Shoeboxes will be available in the patio next Sunday, Oct. 11.

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.

Wednesday Night Kids: The gym is open for kids and background-checked volunteers only from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Kids classes start at 6:45 p.m. If kids arrive after 6:45, please take them to Room 7. Kids will be picked up in the patio at 8:00 p.m.

Junior Quizzing: Calling all third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders—Junior Quizzing is about to start! This year we'll be studying Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. Come to learn and memorize God's Word, build friendships, and have lots of fun! Please sign up in the patio. If you have questions, contact Jenny Dubach at (260) 849-2342.

Josh Linthicum REACH program: If you would like to receive updates about Josh's mission experience through the REACH program, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. You can also send a note or card to Josh at Rosedale International Center, c/o Josh Linthicum, 2120 E 5th Ave., Columbus, OH 43219.

Mission Festival Food Drive: Although Mission Festival is less than a month away, we want to give you a heads-up on the traditional food drive for our local Compassionate Ministries. This is a way we can bless our local community for those in need. Please purchase personal-size cans, opposed to the institutional size. Tables will be on the patio beginning Sunday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 8 for the collection of those items. Thank you for your generosity.

Fight Club: Don't fight the battle against sexual sin and pornography alone. Join Fight Club for accountability and encouragement. We are getting ready to start a new round of lessons. Contact the church office or John Stauffer to learn more.

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.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charles & Louise Lehman, who will be celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary on October 10.

YOUTH

Youth will be having a Fall Camp at Fellowship Point starting 5:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. There will be games, fishing, food, and more! If you don't have camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, etc.) you can still come, but if you do, please bring it with you. Sign up in the youth room if you'd like to go.