

First Mennonite Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

October 5, 2025

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

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

5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off at Fellowship Point

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

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Debby Neuenschwander – Children's Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude: *Isn't He* Deb Shaw, pianist
As the Deer
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
When Morning Gilds the Skies/Hayes

Welcome Brent Hyman

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1a, 2-3a, 6-7 Brent Hyman

**God So Loved the World*
**Goodness of God*
**Give Me Jesus*

Prayer of Intercession/Offering Prayer for Church Camp Marcia Cressman

Offertory: *Agnus Dei* with *How Great Thou Art* Raney
Brenda DeArmond, Nicole Hopkins, Patrick Hopkins, Deb Shaw, Stefanie Summersett
Children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

Scripture: Nehemiah 10:28-31 Alissa Harber

Message *Life of Distinction*/Pastor Bill Helmlinger

*#597 [brown] *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* (vs. 1,3,5,6)

Communion

*Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*/Griffin

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): Marcia Cressman

5:00 p.m.

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Fellowship Point

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.

The family of Roy Lehman is here to celebrate his 90th birthday, which is today (Karen celebrated her 88th birthday last month). Roy and Karen will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Dec. 31.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – October 7

6:30 p.m.

Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

7:00 p.m.

Handel's *Messiah* rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – October 8

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: Hebrews 10 (Craig McKean)

7:00 p.m.

Exploring the Gift of Evangelism (Room 16)

7:00 p.m.

Band of Brothers: "The Purpose of Apologetics" (Room 13)

7:00 p.m.

She Shares: "Priscilla" (Room 15)

7:00 p.m.

Young women's (20s & 30s) small group: 1 John (Room 14)

7:00 p.m.

"Journeying through Grief": Marcia & Jamie Cressman (Room 2)

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 12

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School in the chapel (Darren Kloepper)

10:00 a.m.

"Prophecy": Pastor Jeff Linthicum

6:30 p.m.

Revelation 4-5: Dr. Kent Lehman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, Oct. 8: Brats & kraut, carrots, fruit, dessert, and beverages.

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

National Life Chain: Join us and thousands across the country **today** from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in a peaceful, public witness of pro-life and prayer for the lives affected by abortion. We'll be meeting at the Clock Tower and the event will be held rain or shine.

Chili Night at Fellowship Point: Please join us **tonight** for our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off starting at **5:00 p.m.!** Bring along your chili to share or a dessert/snack and join us for a fun evening! Cornhole, Hillbilly Golf, and hayrides begin at 5:00 p.m., too!

Teacher Appreciation: Teachers and teacher assistants/helpers—WE APPRECIATE YOU! Thank you, and may God richly bless you for using your gift of teaching to serve our church family. Please stop by the table in the foyer **today** to pick up your appreciation gift.

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.

Handel's Messiah: Rehearsals for Handel's *Messiah* begin this Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:00 p. m., and will continue weekly through Tuesday, Dec. 2. A final rehearsal is on Friday, Dec. 5, and the performances are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3:00 p.m. All singers are invited to participate.

New Wednesday Evening Class: "Journeying through Grief" is a grief support class to help and encourage those on their grief journey. We will be discussing helpful ways to make it through special occasions and also the holidays that are coming up. We will also look at the four seasons of grief, as well as road blocks and detours one might experience along the way. The eight-week class will begin this Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 in the lower level. The class will be led by Marcia & Jamie Cressman.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are coming! You can make Christmas special for children around the globe who might not know about the love of Jesus. Shoeboxes will be available next Sunday, Oct. 12.

Children's Ministries FALL VOLUNTEERS: The children's department is looking for the following volunteers for WEDNESDAYS: gym chaperone from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please see Chris or Debby if you can help!

Children's Dept. Position: Would you like to inspire young hearts, equip faithful leaders, and help children discover the joy of following Jesus? A **part-time** position in the children's department is opening. Please contact the church office, Chris, or Debby for more information.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Charlie & Louise Lehman, who will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on Oct. 10.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Karleen & Ron Sprunger and other family and friends in the death of Karleen's mother, Barbara Nussbaum, on Sept. 29.

YOUTH NEWS

Outdoor Movie: Youth will have an outdoor movie on this Saturday, Oct. 11, at Darin & Kim Ringger's home from 5:00-10:00 p.m. There will be rock climbing, 9 square, roasting hot dogs, and a movie. Transportation will be provided.

Harvest Party: The Youth Harvest Party will be Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Fellowship Point. More details to come.

Morning Star: Youth will be going to Morning Star Ministries on Saturday, Nov. 8, to help serve at their food kitchen.

CrossCon: The college age/young adults will be going to CrossCon on January 1-3, 2026. Information and sign-ups are out now in the college/young adult Sunday School room. This is open to high school seniors, too.