

2 Corinthians
4:5-6

2026 Mission Festival

Heart for the Harvest

Across the Street,
Across the Sea,
and to the Uttermost

November 1, 2026

First Mennonite Church
www.firstmennonite.org

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST– Scott Lehman ✣ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude — *Fairest Lord Jesus*/Johnson

Welcome — Brent Hyman

*Call to Worship: John 12:27-28

*#9 [brown] *Glorify Thy Name*

**Who Else?*

**Be Enthroned*

Let Your Light Shine (When indicated on the screen, kids ages 4-5th grade can follow Chris and Josie to Children's Mission Festival.)

Voice of the Martyrs Video: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Intercessory Prayer — Barb Wulliman

Mission Festival Theme Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 — Lilia Wheeler

Introduction of Guest Speaker — Tad Wulliman

Message — Betsy Becker, Grace College

*#431 [brown] *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*#439 [brown] *Song for the Nations* (vs, 1,3,5)

Offering Prayer (for Mission Festival) — Kathy Bauman

Offertory — *Give Me Joy in My Heart*/McChesney

Grace Notes Bell Choir

Announcements

*Mission Festival Theme Song: #661 [brown] *Little Is Much When God Is in It*

*Benediction — Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude — *Lift High the Cross*/arr. Tucker

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. Mission Festival Sunday School: Betsy Becker (sanctuary)
12:00 noon MCC Relief Bucket Service Project and lunch
6:30 p.m. Mission Festival: Betsy Becker (sanctuary)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – November 3

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

WEDNESDAY – November 4

5:15 p.m. Grace Notes rehearsal (choir room)
5:45-6:30 p.m. Ethnic potluck 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. Imago Dei Youth Group: Jared Chase speaking (sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Mission Festival: Jared Chase speaking
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir loft of the sanctuary)

THURSDAY – November 5

9:30 a.m. Service at Swiss Village with the First Mennonite Misfits

SUNDAY – November 8

9:00 a.m. Tad Wulliman
10:00 a.m. Mission Festival: René Dekker, CEO of Global Disciples
6:30 p.m. Mission Festival: René Dekker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, Nov. 4: Ethnic potluck meal (patio).

Meal Set-up: The Bible Basics class will set up in November. Class 96 will set up in December.

Mission Festival Offering: All offerings **today and next Sunday, Nov. 8**, will go toward Mission Festival unless the envelope is marked otherwise.

Mission Festival Food Drive for Compassionate Ministries: Please purchase personal-size cans for this year's food drive. Tables will be in the patio **through next 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**.

Kids Mission Festival Offering: Mission banks for the Children's Mission Festival are available in the patio. Children/families are encouraged to take one, fill it, and return it **next Sunday, Nov. 8**. They will be collected in the morning worship service. The money raised through the kids' banks is going towards school supplies for children in South Sudan, Cameroon, and Pakistan.

MCC Comforter Bash: The Wednesday night quilting group is attending the MCC Comforter Bash in Goshen **this Saturday, Nov. 7**, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 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.

Teacher Appreciation: The Disciple Commission would like to thank all our teachers and helpers with children, youth, and adult ministries. Out in the foyer on a table you can choose one of three options as your gift. Please mark off your name on the list once you have taken your gift. They are first come-first serve, so once an option runs out, choose a different option. Thank you and we appreciate you.

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.**

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 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, Dec. 20** (all-music Sunday). Mark your calendars now!

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of the November birthdays for missionaries and church staff.

8 Tim S. 11 Elisa Fox (Brian) 25 Arlene Bauman

The prayers and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Paul and Bella (Fox) Kemerly, who were married here at the church on Friday, Oct. 30.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Darrel Williamson, Roger & Kay Beck, and other family and friends in the death of Faye Williamson on Oct. 22; to Kent & Jeanne Frank and other family and friends in the death of Kent's brother, Kurt Frank, on Oct. 26; and to Betty Reinhard, Tom & Kathy Fox, and other family and friends in the death of Bob Reinhard on Oct. 27.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Dan & Anita Wenger, who will be celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary on Nov. 5; also to Lynn & Bonnie Sprunger, who will be celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary on Nov. 7.