

First Mennonite Church

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“Blessed
a r e t h o s e
w h o a r e
persecuted for
r i g h t e o u s n e s s ’
s a k e , f o r
t h e i r s i s
t h e **kingdom**
o f h e a v e n .”

Matthew 5:10

TODAY'S SERVICE

March 22, 2026

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

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

No 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 --- Tad Wulliman

Prelude *There Is a Redeemer/Wagner*

Welcome Tad Wulliman

Call to Worship: Psalm 32:11 Tad Wulliman

*#169 [brown] *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (vs. 1,2,3,5)

*#370 [brown] *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

**Hymn of Heaven*

Offering Prayer Rick Sprunger

Offertory *When I Get to Heaven, I Will Sing/Clemens*

Chancel Choir

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

Scripture: Psalm 142:6-8, Matthew 5:10-12 Charles Tooley

Message *Great Reward/Pastor Jim Schwartz*

**Trading My Sorrows*

Prayer and Share Neal Reusser

*#772 [brown] *When We All Get to Heaven* (vs. 1,3)

*Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

Postlude *What a Wonderful Savior/DeCou*

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): Heidi Lehman
No Evening Service (Spring Break)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – March 24

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

WEDNESDAY – March 25

**No Evening Fellowship Meal, Chapel/classes, or Activities
(Spring Break)**

SUNDAY – March 29 (Palm Sunday)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Pastor Jim Schwartz

10:00 a.m. “Passover” (Exodus 12:1-8, John 1:29): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

4:00 p.m. Worship service at Envive Healthcare

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: We will be celebrating communion together **next Sunday, March 29**, (Palm Sunday) 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. **Swiss Village Residents:** For members of First Mennonite living at Swiss Village who wish to participate in communion next Sunday, the elements will be available at the front desk the day before communion.

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

Easter Sunday Men’s Chorus: The final rehearsal is **next Sunday, March 29**. It will last about 20 minutes.

Envive Worship Service: Please join us at 4:00 p.m. **next Sunday, March 29**, for a service at Envive Healthcare of Berne. This is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with the residents as we worship together.

Holy Week Devotional: A family devotional for Holy Week is available at the family resource wall by the offices. Pick up one today!

Resurrection Egg Hunt: In celebration of Holy Week, families are invited to a “Resurrection Egg Hunt”—a come-and-go family fun event—on **Wednesday, April 1**, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. To guarantee supplies, please sign up **TODAY** on the church app or by scanning this QR code.



Membership/Baptism: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Mennonite Church, or would like to be baptized, please contact the church office.

Pianists Needed: Pianists are needed for Wednesday evening services in the chapel. Please contact Becky Lehman at (260) 849-0065 for more information.

VBS 2026: Mark your calendars now! This year's VBS (combined with Berne Evangelical Church) is *Emerald Crossing – an Irish Adventure through Psalm 23*, and will be held **June 1-5** here at First Mennonite. Like David discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, we'll discover important truths about the Good Shepherd and how He cares for His sheep.

Camp Luz: Registration for Camp Luz is now open! Early bird pricing is available until **April 15**. First Mennonite Church helps cover the cost for all families wishing to send children to camp. Check out campuz.org for details and registration! Any questions may be addressed to Josie Pfister (josie@firstmennonite.org).

Kaixo USA: Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? Kaixo USA is seeking families to welcome a student from the Basque Country, Spain, from June 30-July 27, 2026. Host families of any stage of life can offer English immersion, authentic American summer experiences, and show the love of Jesus to someone from across the globe—without ever leaving Indiana! Learn more at kaixousa.com or contact Mya McClure at myamcclure22@gmail.com or (260) 517-3237.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Bob & Betty Reinhard, who are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary today.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jim & Louise Neuenschwander and other family and friends in the death of Louise's brother, David Amstutz.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of February, we have the following balance on hand:

Benevolence/ Household Treasury \$ 416,327

Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>
Disciple Commission	\$ 5,322	\$ 5,867	
Witness Commission	437	654	
Worship Commission	440	1,242	
Care Commission	907	1,483	
Personnel	87,540	108,215	
General Administration	5,158	5,058	
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>26,485</u>	<u>19,146</u>	
Total Household Treasury	\$126,290	\$ 141,665	\$144,085