

# First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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"Let your

*Light  
Shine*

before others,  
that they may  
see your good  
deeds and glorify  
your Father  
in heaven."



Matthew 5:16, NIV

## TODAY'S SERVICE

April 12, 2026

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

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

6:30 p.m. South Adams A Capella Choir

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM

Swiss Village – Channel 3; Scanner – 161.76

Online – [www.firstmennonite.org](http://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 --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies*/Wood

\*#56 [brown] *To God Be the Glory*

\*#358 [brown] *Because He Lives*

\*#503 [brown] *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

\**Throne Room Song*

Offering Prayer for Global Disciples Darin Ringer

Offertory *Lift Your Light*/McDonald

Chancel Choir

Children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade may walk to Children's Church.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16 Derick Bailey

Message *Dare to Be Different*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\**We Are*

Prayer Throw & Shawl Blessing Jeanne Stauffer

Prayer and Share Jane Mosser

Announcements

\*#226 [blue] *You Are Salt for the Earth* (vs. 1,2)

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude *Ceremonial Rondeau*/Purcell

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): Tad Wulliman  
6:30 p.m. South Adams A Capella choir

The flowers this morning are in memory of Barbara McDonald, who passed away on April 15, 2025, and have been provided by Jamie McDonald.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY – April 14

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)  
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY – April 15

- 5:15 p.m. Grace Notes rehearsal (choir room)  
5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal in the patio  
6:10 p.m. 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: Genesis 49 (Michael Mosser)  
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: "Friendship Evangelism" (Room 13)  
7:00 p.m. She Shares: Joanna (Room 15)  
7:00 p.m. Young women's (20s & 30s) small group: Galatians (Room 14)  
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 – April 19

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Darren Kloepper  
10:00 a.m. "Fulfillment" (Matthew 5:17-20): Pastor Jeff Linthicum  
6:30 p.m. "My Story": Lynnyk Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Menu for Wednesday, April 8:** Haystacks, ice cream, and beverages.

**Wednesday Meal Set-Up:** The Family Faithbuilders are responsible for setting up tables in April. The Fellowship class will set up in May.

**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.

**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. **SIGN UP IN THE PATIO TODAY!**

**Camp Luz:** Early bird pricing for Camp Luz is available until **this Wednesday, April 15**. First Mennonite Church helps cover the cost for all families wishing to send children to camp. Check out [camp luz.org](http://camp luz.org) for details and registration! Any questions may be addressed to Josie Pfister ([josie@firstmennonite.org](mailto:josie@firstmennonite.org)).

**Das Märit:** Das Märit Farmers and Artists Market 2026 begins **Saturday, May 9**, and continues through **Saturday, October 3**. Applications have been sent to previous vendors, and registration has begun. **This outreach takes volunteers. Volunteer schedules are flexible, and all ages are welcome.**

- *Early risers* should consider helping with set-up, which starts about 6:45 a.m. and takes about one hour. Often the same strong workers return to help with teardown, which starts 12 noon and generally takes a half hour.
- Perhaps you want to serve as a volunteer at the *information table* throughout the morning, or by helping with the waffles.
- *Prayer warriors* are needed to man the Prayer table throughout the morning market hours.

If you have considered community outreach through this ministry, please ask one of our dedicated volunteers or call Hazel Lautzenheiser at (260) 859-0527 for specific information about serving others.

**Kaixo USA:** Looking for a meaningful way to spend your summer? It's not too late to host a Basque student with Kaixo USA! We are still in need of 2-3 girl host families and 6-7 boy host families. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact—share American culture, learn about Basque traditions, create unforgettable memories, and build life-long relationships. Contact [myamcclure22@gmail.com](mailto:myamcclure22@gmail.com) for more information!

**Congratulations** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Rod & Sandy Lehman, who are celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today; and to John & Sonja Bluhm, who will be celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 13.

### **UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES**

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

Benevolence/ Household Treasury                      \$ 440,450

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	\$ 7,046	\$ 8,800	
Witness Commission	376	981	
Worship Commission	729	1,863	
Care Commission	1,445	2,225	
Personnel	137,293	162,323	
General Administration	7,365	7,588	
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>31,285</u>	<u>28,719</u>	
Total Household Treasury	\$ 185,539	\$ 212,498	<u>\$227,657</u>