

First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711

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TODAY'S SERVICE

May 17, 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. Gospel Music Night

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM

Swiss Village – Channel 3; Scanner – 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 --- Janet McKean † WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *The Great Commission*/Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome Brent Hyman

*Call to Worship: Psalm 126:3

* *Great Things*

* Psalm 145:13

* *Promises*

* *So Be It*

Mission Moment: Rosedale International Matt Showalter

Intercessory/Offering Prayer for Conference Pastor Bill Beachey

Offertory Sacred Brass Quintet Medley/Fritchie

First Mennonite Brass Quintet

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

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37 Jessie O'Dell

Message *Yes and No*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#410 [brown] *Standing on the Promises* (vs. 1,3,4)

Baptisms/Membership

Those who are being baptized or affirmed and received into membership this morning are: Parker Collingsworth, Louise Nussbaum, Clayton Trausch

*#581 [brown] *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (vs. 1,2)

*Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude *Washed/Wall*

Praise Band

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): Darren Kloepper
6:30 p.m. South Adams Ministerial Association Gospel Music Night
(sanctuary)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – May 19

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

WEDNESDAY – May 20

- 5:45-7:00 p.m. Fellowship meal
6:00-8:00 p.m. Family Hang-Out
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir loft of the sanctuary)

SUNDAY – May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Heidi Lehman
10:00 a.m. “Pentecost” (Leviticus 23:15-22, John 15:26, Luke 24:49): Pastor
Jeff Linthicum

NO EVENING SERVICE (Memorial Day weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, May 20: Hot dogs, chips, carrots and beverages.
Wednesday Meal Set-Up:

Family Hang-Out: You're invited to the FMC Church Family Hang-Out **this Wednesday, May 20**, to conclude our regular Wednesday programming. Please join us at 5:45 p.m. for a light meal. And stay for fun for all ages from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be Bingo and board games, balloon animals, a bounce house, ping pong, pickle ball, face painting, gagaball, and 9 square. Also, mark your calendars now for:

- Sunday, Aug. 9: Picnic and pool party at Lehman Park and the Berne pool
- Wednesday, Aug. 26: Fall Kick-Off carnival

VBS 2026: This year's VBS (combined with Berne Evangelical Church and Bethel Brethren Church) is *Emerald Crossing—an Irish Adventure through Psalm 23*, and will be held **June 1-5** here at First Mennonite Church. 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 on the church app, on Facebook, our church website, or with this QR code. **Check the table in the patio TODAY for a donations list and other ways you can help!**



VBS Decoration Days:

- Monday, May 18: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 21: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 6:30 8:30 p.m.
May 26-28: To Be Decided
Friday, May 29: 10 a.m. until finished

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

VBS Donations Needed: Please check the table in the patio TODAY for items to purchase for snacks and crafts, but we are also looking for these items to borrow (or avoid buying): two-person bench (like you would find on a farm), mailbox (free-standing or mountable), chef’s hat, white apron (will get dirty), cultural items from Ireland, stuffed sheep, border collies, or highland cows. Please see Chris Hyman with questions.

You’re Invited!: Please join us on **Saturday, August 1, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center** as we rejoice with the Clines for 15+ years of God’s goodness and faithful provision for their family and Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic.

Das Märit: Das Märit Farmers and Artists Market 2026 continues through **Saturday, October 3**. If you have considered community outreach through this ministry, please ask one of our dedicated volunteers or call Hazel Lautzenheiser at **(260) 849-0527** for specific information about serving others.

Kaixo USA: Just four more host families for boys and one host family for a girl are needed for this summer from June 30-July 27 for students from Basque Country, Spain. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact—share American culture, learn about Basque traditions, create unforgettable memories, and build lifelong relationships. Please contact myamclure@gmail.com for more information.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Janice Augsburg, who passed away on May 9.

YOUTH

- May 20: No Youth. Join the all-church hangout, with games, food, and fun!
- May 27: “School’s Out Bash” out at the Shoafs

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH’S FINANCES

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

Benevolence/ Household Treasury \$ 475,058

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	\$ 7,242	\$ 11,733	
Witness Commission	181	1,308	
Worship Commission	536	2,483	
Care Commission	1,620	2,967	
Personnel	186,329	216,430	
General Administration	10,359	10,117	
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>36,835</u>	<u>38,292</u>	
Total Household Treasury	\$ 243,102	\$ 283,330	\$ 318,827