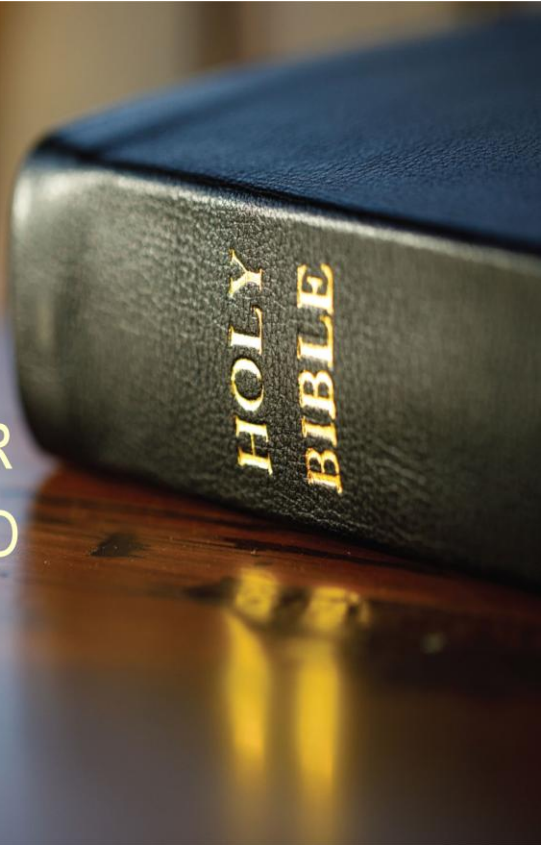


First Mennonite Church

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"IT IS BETTER
FOR YOU TO
LOSE ONE PART
OF YOUR BODY
THAN FOR YOUR
WHOLE BODY TO
GO INTO HELL."

MATTHEW 5:30 NIV



TODAY'S SERVICE

May 3, 2026

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

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

7:00 p.m. Spring Oratorio – *The Creation*

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 --- Scott Lehman + WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *O God, Thou Faithful God/Manz*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*#11 [brown] *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*#338 [brown] *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Special Music *It Really Is Amazing Grace/Smith/Wickham*
Mennonotes

Following the special music, children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

Mission Moment: MDS Bill Beachey

Intercessory/Offering Prayer for Lancaster Conference Tim Sprunger

Offertory *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho/Stephenson*
Grace Notes

*Scripture: Matthew 5:27-30 Jeanne Frank

Message *Watch Your Eyes/Pastor Jim Schwartz*

**Holy Water*

*#340 [brown] *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

Choral Response *I Need Thee Every Hour/Ness Beck*
Chancel Choir

*Benediction Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude *Postlude in G/Kihlken*

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
7:00 p.m. Spring Oratorio: *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – May 5

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

WEDNESDAY – May 6

- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal in the patio
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: “From Daniel to Peter: Living in Exile” (Rev. Bill Lepley)
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: “God Use Me!” (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. She Shares: Michal (Room 15)
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 – May 10

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Tad Wulliman
10:00 a.m. “It’s Permanent” (Matthew 5:31-32): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

NO EVENING SERVICE (MOTHER’S DAY)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, May 6: Sloppy joes, lettuce salad, chips, ice cream, and beverages.

Wednesday Meal Set-Up: The Fellowship class is responsible for setting up tables in May.

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

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.

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 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) 849-0527** for specific information about serving others.

VBS 2026: Volunteers needed! This year's VBS (combined with Berne Evangelical Church and Bethel Brethren) 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 soon for a donations list and other ways you can help!



VBS Donations Needed: Please check the table in the patio 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), picnic basket, chef's hat, white apron (will get dirty), scrap fleece material, cultural items from Ireland, a large toy turtle, stuffed sheep, border collies, or highland cows. Please see Chris Hyman with questions.

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 myamcclosure22@gmail.com for more information!