

A wooden-framed chalkboard is the central focus, surrounded by several graduation caps with colorful tassels (yellow, blue, green, black) and rolled-up diplomas tied with red ribbons. The items are arranged on a dark wood-grain surface. The chalkboard itself has the text 'congratulations CLASS OF 2026' written on it in white chalk.

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**GRADUATION
SUNDAY**

First Mennonite Church

GRADUATION SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST– Scott Lehman ✦ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Good Plans/ Espy/Miller*

Welcome Haden Meyer

* #572 [brown] *Blessed Assurance*

* *How He Loves*

* *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Children's Story Alyssa Fruechte and Bella Fox

After the story, children ages 4-Kindergarten may walk to Children's Church.

Offering Prayer Ethan Crockett

Offertory *Every Time I Feel the Spirit/Raney*

Josie Shoaf

Intercessory Prayer Derek McKean

*Scripture: John 15:1-8 Ella Bluhm

Message Grant Meyer

**Firm Foundation*

Recognition of High School Graduates

Commissioning of Graduates

*Benediction Josh Linthicum

*Postlude Contemporary Medley

Josie Shoaf

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
4:00 p.m. Worship Service at Envive Healthcare of Berne

Congratulations to our High School graduates: Ella Bluhm (Jim & Amanda), Ethan Crockett (Brian & June), Bella Fox (Kevin & Lydia), Alyssa Fruechte (Brandon & Elizabeth), Calah Hill (Brandon & Jess), Josh Linthicum (Jeff & Megan), Artur Lynnyk, Kristina Lynnyk (Oleksandra), Derek McKean (Craig & Erin), Haden Meyer (Joe & Jen), Will Sheets (Jamie).

Congratulations to our College graduates: Maggie Bluhm (Jim & Amanda), Camden Hyman (Brent & Chris), Caroline Keim, Spencer Keim (Dave & Kelly), Josh Mosser (Michael & Melinda), Vivian O'Dell (Jessie & Jaci).

Envive Worship Service: Please join us **TODAY at 4:00 p.m.** 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.

TODAY is Project Share. This month our church is requested to provide mixes (cake mixes, brownies, corn bread, etc.); however, all donations are appreciated.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY-FRIDAY – June 1-5

8:45 a.m.-12 noon Vacation Bible School at First Mennonite Church

WEDNESDAY – June 3

6:30 p.m. Chapel: Revelation 13 (Dr. Kent Lehman)

FRIDAY – June 5

6:00-8:00 p.m. VBS Family Fun Night at Berne Evangelical Church

SATURDAY – June 6

8:00 a.m.-12 noon Das Märit Farmers & Artists Market

SUNDAY – June 7

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

10:00 a.m. “Eye and Tooth” (Matthew 5:38-42): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

6:30 p.m. Revelation 14:1-13: Dr. Kent Lehman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Lunches: There are six more food slots open (taco salad and mac & cheese) for VBS lunches. See the table to sign up and bless the volunteers and their families!

Family Fun Night: Join us for VBS Family Fun Night at Berne Evangelical Church this Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.!

MCC Ukraine donations: **Now through this Wednesday, June 3,** you may drop off your donations to support MCC work in Ukraine to the church office or office mailbox. Thank you for supporting this project! If you have additional questions, please contact Jim Eicher at (260) 525-1006.

Voluntary Service Scholarship: You can apply for this scholarship if you are a high school senior or college graduate, are a member of First Mennonite, and if you apply one month prior to your voluntary service. Some examples of service: short-term missions trip, church camp counselor, MDS team, etc. You can pick up your application and a copy of the guidelines in the church office.

Youth Waffle Fundraiser: Youth will be manning the waffle station at the Das Märit Market every Saturday in June as a fundraiser. Funds will go towards future mission trips for our High School (like City Challenge) and Middle School (like Missions Week). Come and support our youth!

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

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.

You're Invited!: 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.

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 myamcclure@gmail.com for more information.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Dr. Paul & Lynn Steenburg, who will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 2; also to Jeff & Becky Bryan, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5.

YOUTH

Wednesday, June 10: Worship and teaching out at Jim & Linda Eicher's. Parker will lead worship and teach on the topic of "surrender". The rain make-up day will be **Friday, June 12**. Please contact Grant Meyer if you need a ride.