

First Mennonite Church

566 West Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711
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TODAY'S SERVICE

August 23, 2026

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

6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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 *Be Thou My Vision/Butler*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

**Alleluia*

**Praise!*

**#210 [brown] Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Intercessory/Offering Prayer Jane Mosser

Offertory *All the Way My Savior Leads Me/Hogan*

Brass Ensemble

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

*Scripture: Matthew 7:15-20 Dan Miller

Message *Careful of False Prophets/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**#563 [brown] Open My Eyes That I May See*

Announcements

Installation of Conner Hyman (Youth Pastor)

Sending of Josh Linthicum (REACH)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Toccata/Broughton*

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
6:30 p.m. Mikaela Fox sharing (this will not be online)

The roses on the organ this morning are in honor of Kipton Alan and Trace Conrad, twin sons of Jon & Meghan Liechty, born on August 13.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – August 25

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

WEDNESDAY – August 26

6:00-8:00 p.m. Back-to-School Bubble Bash (Family Life Center)

SATURDAY – August 29

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

SUNDAY – August 30

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

10:00 a.m. “Careful of False Disciples” (Matthew 7:21-23): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chancel Choir: Chancel choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to come give it a try!

Wednesday Evening Fall Programming: Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2, the following options are being offered for adults this fall:

- **Chapel:** In September, Dr. Ben Sprunger will be presenting *From Jesus to Anabaptism*. How did the life and teaching of Jesus spark the Anabaptist movement that changed history—and still defines our faith today? In this five-part interactive series, Dr. Ben Sprunger invites you to explore the bridge between Jesus’ life and teachings and the birth of Anabaptism. Discover how these historical turning points helped shape our country’s founding documents, modern religious freedom, separation of church and state, human rights, and Mennonite practices.
- **Band of Brothers:** “*Biblical Manhood: God’s purpose, plan, and power for His sons*”. This year Band of Brothers will journey through the biblical record, not only to understand the Bible’s content, but also to help equip men to walk in faith, lead with strength, and live out God’s design for their daily lives.
- **She Shares:** This is a group of women who enjoy a simple reading of Bible passages and informally discussing our observations. The focus for the group this year will be the Holy Spirit. Join us as we get to know the Spirit better by exploring verses from Genesis to Revelation. Along with discovering insights from God’s Word, we share each other’s burdens and lift one another up in prayer.

New Sunday School Class: Josh and Anna Mosser are leading a new post-college age class for both singles and married couples. The class will begin on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2 (next to the prayer room) in the lower level. If you'd like additional information, please contact Josh at (260) 223-8513.

2026 First Mennonite Men's Outing—Grand Lake Boating Day: Join us on Sunday, Sept. 6, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at West Bank Ramp/Park in Celina for an afternoon of boat rides, outdoor games, and supper. Food, drinks, and boats will be provided. Bring a camp chair. All men young and old, 0-100, are invited! Please sign up in the foyer to help estimate food. If you have questions, contact Darin Ringger at (260) 820-0191.

Discipleship Training and Mission Trip: Church family DTS starts this fall, with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for June 20-26, 2027. The class will focus on nine core components of a disciple. This class and culminating trip to Freedom International is open to singles, married couples, families (with kids 10 or over), empty nesters, retirees—everyone is welcome! Requirements: regular DTS class attendance (third Sundays), family homework, local service projects, and some reading. If all requirements are met, the cost of the trip will be covered! The sign-up sheet is on a table in the foyer.

Kids Volunteers Needed: Just a few spots still open for Fall on Wednesday nights. We need three more helpers in the elementary, two more (on a rotating basis) in preschool/toddlers, and at least one more gym chaperone (6:15-6:45 p.m. only). Please see Chris Hyman for job descriptions and/or to observe to see if this is a good fit for you!

Wednesday Night Meal Team: The Wednesday night meal team for September, October, and November needs help to put away tables and chairs. You would help five times in three months. If you can help, please contact the office or Nancy Sprunger. Also, the Koinonia Sunday school class is responsible for setting up tables in September.

The Hope Clinic Fundraising Banquets: Registrations are open for The Hope Clinic fundraising banquets. The Berne banquet date is Thursday, Sept. 24, here at First Mennonite Church. Please see additional information on the bulletin board by the restrooms or call (260) 589-3561 for questions.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Leona Neuenschwander, who passed away on August 19.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Rod & Jane Mosser, who are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary today; also to Gary & Connie Yoder, who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 24.

YOUTH

Youth are invited to the "Back 2 School Bash", next Sunday, Aug. 30, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Tim Shoaf's pond. Come for food, fun, and games! If you need a ride, please meet at the church's west parking lot by 2:30 p.m.