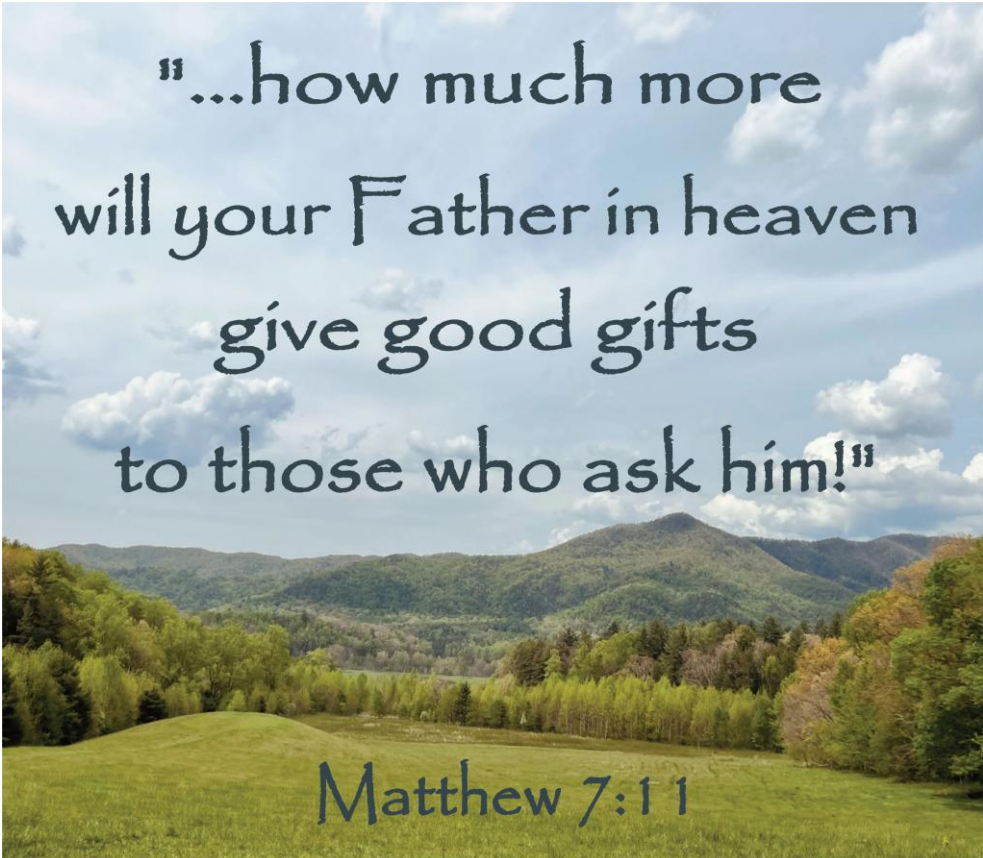


First Mennonite Church

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"...how much more
will your Father in heaven
give good gifts
to those who ask him!"

Matthew 7:11

TODAY'S SERVICE

August 9, 2026

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

5:00 p.m. Picnic & Pool Party at Lehman Park

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 – Daniel Gabriel

Prelude *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me/Hobby*

Welcome Daniel Gabriel

**Trust in God*

**The Lord Will Provide*

**Fall Like Rain*

Prayer for those going back to school Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Offering Prayer Pastor Jeff Linthicum

Offertory *Near to the Heart of God/Portman*

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

*Scripture: Matthew 7:7-12 Chris Gilbert

Message *Instead Seek/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#89 [brown] *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (vs. 1,3)

*#640 [brown] *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Prayer and Share Michael Mosser

*#390 [brown] *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (vs. 1,2)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Anthem from The Bell Symphony/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
5:00 p.m. Church picnic and pool party at Lehman Park

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – August 11

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

WEDNESDAY – August 12

7:00 p.m. Exodus 1: Bondage and Affliction (Pastor Jim Schwartz)

SATURDAY – August 15

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

SUNDAY – August 16

9:00 a.m. Marcia Cressman (chapel)

10:00 a.m. “Careful the Path” (Matthew 7:13-14): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

6:30 p.m. Revelation 19: Dr. Kent Lehman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Picnic/Pool Party: Our annual “Back-to-School Picnic Carry-In and Pool Party” is **TONIGHT** starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Lehman Park picnic area (southwest end of the park). The pool will be open for swimming starting at 5:30 p.m. Beverages, plates, and plastic flatware will be provided—just bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there!

Kids Volunteers Needed: The following spots are open in the children’s department:

- Immediate needs: ages 4-Kindergarten Sunday school teacher (scheduled once a month)
- Fall needs (begins in September): Wednesday—gym chaperone, preschool, elementary, and baby nursery (scheduled by the quarter)

If you are at all interested, please see Chris Hyman for job descriptions and/or to observe to see if this is a good fit for you.

Discipleship Training and Mission Trip: Church family DTS starts this fall, with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for **June 21-26, 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! If you want to know more, the following information session is scheduled:

- **Next Sunday, August 16**, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel: Information and expectations about the DTS training and trip from the church staff.

The sign-up sheet is on a table in the foyer.

The Hope Clinic Fundraising Banquets: Registrations are open for The Hope Clinic fundraising banquets with special guest speaker Gloria Barnes, author of *When I Stopped Running She Found Me: A Birth Mom's Story*. There will also be a client testimony, an update on Margie's Place, and ministry updates and stories of lives impacted through The Hope Clinic. 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.

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.

2026 "Chosen" Women's Event: The 2026 Adams County women's event, "Chosen", is **this Saturday, August 15**, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at The Bridge Community Church at 1403 Winchester Rd. in Decatur. There will be speaking and worship sessions, a craft/fellowship time, breakfast, lunch, snacks and more! If interested, register today using the QR code.



Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Jim & Lora Flueckiger, who will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on August 12.

YOUTH

Youth are invited to the "Back 2 School Bash", on **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.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of July, we have the following balance on hand:
Benevolence/ Household Treasury \$ 517,879
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	\$ 18,899	\$ 20,533	
Witness Commission	551	2,290	
Worship Commission	1,666	4,346	
Care Commission	3,612	5,192	
Personnel	316,088	378,753	
General Administration	18,940	17,704	
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>70,909</u>	<u>67,010</u>	
Total Household Treasury	\$ 430,667	\$ 495,828	\$ 551,394