

First Mennonite Church

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Nehemiah 8



TODAY'S SERVICES

September 14, 2025

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. Evening Service

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM; Scanner – frequency 161.76

Online – www.firstmennonite.org; guest Wi-Fi password – fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum – Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Debby Neuenschwander – Children's Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST– Scott Lehman ✚ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah/Forrest

Welcome

Brent Hyman

*Call to Worship: Psalm 119:105

Brent Hyman

**Take You at Your Word*

**Promises*

**#495 [brown] Jesus Loves Even Me*

Offering Prayer

Becky Bryan

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation/arr. Gardner

Chancel Choir

Children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church following the chancel choir offertory.

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3

Calah Hill

Message

Power of the Word/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**#406 [brown] Wonderful Words of Life*

Prayer and Share

Jane Mosser

**#407 [brown] God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues/Callahan

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

6:30 p.m.

Bob Reusser sharing

Bob Reusser grew up at FMC and graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering at Purdue University. God called the Reussers into 45 years as missionaries with the Navigators, serving at various locations. They retired in 2021 and currently live in Lansing, Michigan. Bob will focus on The Role of Prayer in our heritage, The Role of Prayer in our spiritual growth and calling, and The Role of Prayer in a fruitful ministry. Please join us this evening and be blessed from Bob's teaching.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – September 16

6:30 p.m.

Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

WEDNESDAY – September 17

5:45-6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Meal in the patio

6:10 p.m.

JAM rehearsal (Room 7)

6:10 p.m.

Mennonotes (choir room)

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: Genesis 31 (Pastor Jim Schwartz)

7:00 p.m.

Exploring the Gift of Evangelism (Room 16)

7:00 p.m.

Band of Brothers: "Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves" (Room 13)

7:00 p.m.

She Shares Women's Group: "Prominent Ladies of the Bible-Rebecca" (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)

SATURDAY – September 20

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Das Märkt Farmers & Artists Market

SUNDAY – September 21

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School in the chapel (Darren Kloepper)

10:00 a.m.

"*Get Right with God*" (Nehemiah 9:1-3): Pastor Jeff Linthicum

6:30 p.m.

Revelation 5 with Dr. Kent Lehman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, Sept. 17: Tacos, applesauce, dessert, and beverages.

Wednesday Meal Set-up: The Koinonia class is responsible for setting up tables in September. The Growing Believers class will set up in October.

Tomatoes Wanted: If you have extra tomatoes, the Wednesday evening meal team could use them! Please bring them to the **outside of the kitchen entrance** by 2:00 p.m. on **Wed., Sept. 17 and 24**. Thank you!

Formational Home Class (equipping parents to confidently disciple their kids):

Join us for this four-week journey on a pathway of faith formation. The class started today during the Sunday School hour in Room 15 (in the catacombs). PLEASE sign up on the church app or in the foyer so we are sure to have enough materials.

Children's Dept. Position: Would you like to inspire young hearts, equip faithful leaders, and help children discover the joy of following Jesus? A **part-time** position in the children's department is opening. Please contact the church office, Chris, or Debby for more information.

Children's Ministries FALL VOLUNTEERS: The children's department is looking for the following volunteers for WEDNESDAYS: gym chaperone from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please see Chris or Debby if you can help!

New Wednesday Evening Class: “Journeying through Grief” is a grief support class to help and encourage those on their grief journey. We will be discussing helpful ways to make it through special occasions and also the holidays that are coming up. We will also look at the four seasons of grief, as well as road blocks and detours one might experience along the way. The eight-week class will begin **Wednesday, Oct. 8**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 in the lower level. The class will be led by Marcia & Jamie Cressman.

Bible Quizzing: Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders—Junior Quizzing is about to start! This year we will be studying the book of James. Come to learn and memorize God’s Word, build friendships, and have lots of fun! Please sign up in the patio. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Dubach at (260) 849-2342.

New Small Group: Young women in their 20s and 30s are invited to join a new small group on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 14. We’re going through the books of 1, 2, and 3 John and would love to have you join us! If you have any questions you can contact Sarah Lehman at (260) 849-2714.

Relief Craft Sale: Crafts for the sale will be on display along the upper hallway outside the chapel. Any craft item you wish to donate should be brought to the Women’s Ministries room by **this Wednesday evening, Sept. 17**.

Attention Relief Sale Supplies: Supplies are available on the baked goods table for the Michiana Relief Sale. Items will need to be placed on tables set up in the hallway by **9:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26**.

Mission Festival Service Project: There are flyers available on the table in the foyer with the exact items requested by MCC to fill the school kits. In October a bulk order will be made to satisfy the remaining needs. Please drop the items in the box marked “Mission Festival MCC School Kit Collection” at the Family Life Center entrance.

YOUTH NEWS

Outdoor Movie: Youth will have an outdoor movie on **Saturday, Oct. 11**, at Darin & Kim Ringger’s home from 5:00-10:00 p.m. There will be rock climbing, 9 square, roasting hot dogs, and a movie. Transportation will be provided.

CrossCon: The college age/young adults will be going to CrossCon on **January 1-3, 2026**. Information and sign-ups are out now in the college/young adult Sunday School room. This is open to high school seniors, too.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH’S FINANCES

As of the end of August, we have the following balance on hand:
Benevolence/ Household Treasury \$ 277,488
Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	YTD Actual	YTD Plan
Disciple Commission	\$ 34,010	\$ 37,800
Witness Commission	3,058	5,287
Worship Commission	6,196	8,367
Care Commission	10,085	8,167
Personnel	406,128	422,270
General Administration	24,858	25,467
Church Property & Maintenance	89,186	80,733
Total Household Treasury	\$ 573,521	\$ 588,090