

First Mennonite Church

Middlebury, Indiana

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"On a Journey with Jesus"

November 6, 2011

Elders: Dean R. Miller 596-1995 Merle Mullet 596-7362
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WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Maribeth Rhodes
Song Leader: Dale Schlabach

Hymns of Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns of Praise

Focus for Worship

Tithes and Offering: DeRoy Kauffman

Recognition of November Birthdays

Children's Story: Cheryl Miller (Jesus Loves Me)

Scripture Reading: Pam Bingaman – Luke 13:5-9

Message: "Let's Get Fruity" – Michael Miller

Hymn of Response

Parent/Child Dedication: Mike, Jill, and Ashby Yoder

Dismissal of Bible Memory Participants

Sharing Time and Prayer: Dean Miller

Benediction

Sending Song

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:20 a.m.



Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to all of you who are visiting us today!

Coffee and tea are served in the kitchen following worship. Sunday school is offered for adults in our fellowship hall and sanctuary; for all youth and children in the basement. Nursery care is available during our worship service and Sunday school hour. Children's bulletins are also available on the ledge just outside the sanctuary. May you have a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.



Is it difficult for you to hear the Sunday morning service? Hearing devices are available to help. Please see one of the sound men: Danny Ritchie, Phil Miller, or Bert Yoder.

This Week At First Mennonite

Today	4:00-5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
Wednesday	5:45-6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts: Explorers
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Memory in Kids' Room
	7:00 p.m.	Possess the Land Congregational Meeting and Ballot Response
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Commission
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	MYF Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
	All Day	First Mennonite Women Devotions: To be Announced!

Upcoming Events at FMC

A congregation meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm to give a ballot response. Which direction does the Possess the Land committee advance? Absentee ballots can be picked up in the church office and must be returned by November 9th.

Upcoming Events at FMC

Come one and all to our Fall Renewal Meetings with John C. Murray! Don't miss the chance to renew yourself. Dates and themes are as follows:

- Nov. 13: Sunday 9:00 am**
Encountering the Hungry Throng
- Nov. 13: Sunday 6:00 pm**
Encountering the Woman at the Well
- Nov. 14: Monday 7:00 pm**
Encountering Centurions
- Nov.15: Tuesday 7:00 pm**
Called to be Witnesses



News and Announcements

Transition News..

- ▶ Preaching Schedule: 11/13 John Murray, 11/20 Gary Martin
- ▶ November 20: Gary Martin's installation service with Dale Shenk and Dan Miller
- ▶ The search committee for the Associate Pastor is scheduling a second interview with John Dorman from Ohio. This interview will involve a more in depth process with a wider group of participants. Please keep praying for the process.

From Gary Martin, our new Transitional Lead Pastor:

I am looking forward to walking with you during this next chapter of your journey together as a congregation. To become personally acquainted and begin to understand the congregation from the perspective of all active participants, I would like to visit as many households as possible between Nov. 15 & Dec. 15, *in your homes*. Angela will begin scheduling appointments today at a table in the foyer, please stop in to see her. Weekday, evenings, and weekend options are available. If you prefer, we can meet at the church.

News and Announcements



We are desperately in need of Sunday school teachers for the JYF and the 4th/5th grade classes. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to get to know and share God's love with our youth. Contact Nancy Miller or Crystal Christner to help out!



A key for the Decorating Room is missing from the church office. If you have the key or know where it can be found, please return it to the office. Thank you!

Join the fun of Quilting at Amigo. We provide the lodging, tables, and tasty meals. You provide the creativity and memories. The Quilting Retreat is December 2-4. See the fliers on the bulletin board. For more information contact Amigo at 269-651-2811.

MDC Goldenrod has a way for new donors to both (1) help people served by Goldenrod and (2) lower Indiana state income tax.

Through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), new donors can reduce the amount of their state income tax by half of the amount they donate to Goldenrod. There are rules and forms, so please call 574-533-9720 ext. 5 and ask to speak with Colin Rusel or email Colinr@goldenrodonline.org.

Goshen College presents its eighth annual A Festival of Carols,

ushering in this sacred season with music by singers and instrumentalists, and with gathered audience participation in traditional carols. Join us for this festive occasion, presented in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall on Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 pm. Reserved seating tickets (\$14) are available now at the GC Welcome Center (574-535-7566).

Track Coach: Bethany Christian High School is looking for a volunteer to help coach boys track. For more information, contact Benji Hurst, athletic director, at bjhurst@bethanycs.net or 574 534-2567.

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Visit Bethany on Nov. 14: Students in grades 3-11 interested in exploring Bethany Christian Schools can shadow a Bethany student on Monday, Nov. 14, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Parents are invited to a 7:45-8:15 a.m. coffee and conversation. Parent tours are available 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This is a great way for prospective students and families to discover Bethany! For more information, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date, contact Rachel Roth Sawatzky, admissions director at 534-2567 or admissions@bethanycs.net.

THANK YOU ... for your support of the Preschool!

There were lots of Rise 'n Roll doughnuts purchased and consumed to help us have a successful fundraiser. We profited around \$875. We couldn't have done it without you!



Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and concern during our time of loss. We are very appreciative for all your support.

--Bert, Regina, and the Yoder Family

Please check hallway bulletin board for additional announcements!

Nursery Helpers

Today: Church – Doug and Margaret Stuckey
Sunday School – Cassidy Graber and Tasha Drake
Next Sunday: Church – Dean and Lana Miller
Sunday School – Ben and Anna Yoder

Stewardship Report for October 30

Attendance: 186 Sunday School: 133
Offering: \$6516.00 ~ Designated: \$885.00 ~ Total: \$7401.00
