

First Mennonite Church

Middlebury, Indiana

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"On a Journey with Jesus"

August 28, 2011

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

Worship Leader: LuEtta Friesen

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Congregational Singing: Todd Lederman

Announcements

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Leader: O God, you have gifted the persons who are committed to teach this year. Fill them with the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit as they carry out this ministry.

Teachers: Grant us wisdom, patience, and hope when we falter. Give us joy in our task. Keep us faithful to our commitment to teach.

Classes: Help us, through prayer and words of encouragement, freely to support those who teach. Give us grace to forgive when necessary and presence of mind to reassure teachers along the way.

All: Let this new Sunday school year be a blessing to our congregation, a time for spiritual enrichment and growth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Congregational Singing

Offering: Cheryl Miller

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13, 18:1-8 – Marlene Yoder

Message: "Is God Really in Charge?" – Dave Helmuth

Hymn of Response

Commissioning for Service for Benjamin Miller: Dean Miller

Sharing Time: Chris Blough

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 high school youth in the house adjacent to the church; and for junior 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.

This Week At First Mennonite

Today - **Between Church and Sunday School** – There will be a brief teacher orientation meeting for all primary and junior teachers and subs. Please meet downstairs.

Today - **After Sunday School – 5:00 p.m.** - GMSA Swimming Party at Grace Rheinheimer's house. We are saying farewell to our outgoing 5th graders and hello to the incoming 3rd graders.

Tuesday - **7:00 p.m.** – Stewardship Commission

Wednesday- **7:00 p.m.** – Usher Meeting

Thursday - **6:00 a.m.** – Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
- **7:00 p.m.** – Church Council

News and Announcements

Transition News..

- ▶ The search committee met again this week and will continue to meet weekly to review the candidates for the Associate Pastor of Youth and Visitation.
- ▶ The Elders are also continuing the search for an interim pastor and do have a strong possibility with more information to come soon.
- ▶ Preaching Schedule: 9/4 Merle Hostetler, 9/11 Kent Miller, 9/18 Kent Miller

Please extend a warm welcome to David and Naomi Helmuth.

Dave served as our pastor for twelve years, from 1983-1995. He then worked in Church Relations at MMA for a year, served on the ministry team at East Goshen Mennonite Church for 2 ½ years, and, after retirement, served quarter time at Faith Mennonite in Goshen for 2 ½ years. Their home is in Greencroft, Goshen.

There will be a meeting for ALL ushers, Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm at the church. All ushers are encouraged to attend.

The church now has a new sales tax exempt number. If you make any purchases for the church that require a sales tax exempt number, please see Angela in the office to receive a copy of the new number.

Are you missing a rake? A rake was found following the wonderful clean up night at Pleasant Oaks. If this rake belongs at your home, please see Sharon Wyse.

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers to be on hand to share God's word and pray with the patrons. However, many feel unsure and inadequate in such a situation. A "Share Your Faith" class has been created to help volunteers feel more comfortable in these situations. It will take place Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm at the Food Pantry. Please let Pam Bingaman know if you are interested in attending.

News and Announcements

The BCS Partnership Plan is still in need of \$3180.59 to balance by the end of our fiscal year. That means only one week remain to reach this sum. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.

Mark your calendars now! The Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2:00 p.m., at Island Park in Elkhart. Pam Bingaman is our coordinator this year. We are aware that this is the same day as the cancer walk here in Middlebury, so we just ask that if you choose not to walk in the CROP walk, that you would still consider sponsoring someone that is. Thank you!


Calling all children who like to sing! Children's choir auditions will be held at the Goshen College Music Center on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 29 and 30. Rejoice choir for grades 3-5 is led by Rosemary Rupp, and Shout for Joy choir for grades 6-8 is led by Sandy Hill. Both choirs meet weekly on Thursday evenings, and perform in various settings, including Sauder Concert Hall. Tuition is \$60 per semester, with financial aid available. Call 535-7361 to learn more or to schedule an audition time.

Did you know? The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board held a funding banquet on Aug. 18th to help offset expenses? The group gathered raised \$7,055. If you'd like to contribute to the sale expenses, send your tax-deductible donation to: Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, P.O. Box 243, Goshen, IN 46527. Every dollar we receive to defray expenses, means that much more can go to support the ministry of MCC around the world!

You're invited to the annual Menno-Hof Singspiration on the front lawn, Sunday, September 11, at 5 p.m. Come and enjoy a cappella singing, ice cream, pretzels, and more singing inside following the worship service. Bring lawn chairs for seating. Rain location: Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W 100 N, Shipshewana.

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary seeks applicants for Executive Secretary to the president, vice president, academic dean and board. See full job description at www.ambs.edu/employment. To apply, by September 15, send a letter of application, resume, and names of three references to President, AMBS, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46517 or swshenk@ambs.edu.

 **A big thank you to Glenn Miller**, one of our trustees, for installing the handrail on the platform in the sanctuary!

Our deepest sympathies go out to Ward and Pam Bingaman and Jim and Arlene Schrock and their families in the passing of Ruby Schrock. Ruby passed away last Wednesday and her funeral was yesterday.

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 – Kevin and Jenny Miller
Sunday School – Ben and Anna Yoder

Stewardship Report for August 21

Attendance: 188 Sunday School: 121

Offering: \$7195.00 ~ Designated: \$605.00 ~ Total: \$7800.00
