

# First Mennonite Church

Middlebury, Indiana

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*"On a Journey with Jesus"*

August 7, 2011

**Pastor:** Linford Martin 536-8244

**Elders:** Dean R. Miller 596-1995                      Merle Mullet 596-7362

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## WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: LuEtta Friesen

**Singing with the Worship Team**

**Welcome**

**Sing Happy Birthday to August Birthdays**

**Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Parent-Child Dedication:** Nate and Heather Wyse and son Judson

**Congregational Reading:** HWB #791

**Congregational Song:** STJ # 90

**Singing with the Worship Team**

**Offering**

**Children's Story:** Nancy Bontreger (Jesus Loves Me)

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:44-50 – Weldon Friesen

**Message:** "Hidden Treasure" – Linford Martin

**Hymn of Response:** Dean Miller

**Sharing Time:** Merle Mullet

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:20 a.m.

*Do you have trouble seeing the worship team music on the screen?  
Paper copies of the words are now available on the ledge outside  
the sanctuary.*



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

**Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministers**

**Wednesday- 6:00 p.m. – MYF Work Night and Meeting:** Please come ready to work! We will be helping other Sunday school classes to clean up the exterior of Pleasant Oaks and then we will have a meeting at 7:00.

**Wednesday- 7:00 p.m. – Elders**

**Thursday - 6:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast** at the Essenhaus  
- **All Day – First Mennonite Women:** Sonya Miller will conduct the devotions. Angela hopes to see you all there! 😊

**Saturday - 9:00 a.m. – Child Protection Policy Meeting**

## FMC UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Sunday, August 14:** There are several special events on this day. First, this will be **Linford's final Sunday** here with us and there will be a farewell to him during the church service. Second, the **MYF will make their convention presentation** during the Sunday school hour. Finally, following church, there will be a **carry in meal** to honor those students heading off to college. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy our morning of festivities!



## News and Announcements

### Transition News..

- ▶ The search committee will continue the search process for the Associate Pastor of Youth and Pastoral Care position. One candidate's information has been given to the committee and more are forth coming.
- ▶ The Elders and PCRC have received a possible name for the interim lead pastor. More information will be announced regarding the interim pastor as we get background information completed.
- ▶ Preaching schedule for August is as follows: 14<sup>th</sup> Dale Shenk, 21<sup>st</sup> Praise and Worship Service, and 28<sup>th</sup> David Helmuth.


**FYI:** Linford will be going to Forks Mennonite immediately following his sermon this morning. He is Forks overseer and will be installing their interim pastoral leadership team.

**Linford will no longer be using his email account at FMC.** His new email address is [linforddmartin@gmail.com](mailto:linforddmartin@gmail.com)

**The Primary Sunday school department is in need of teachers.** If anyone is interested in teaching, please contact Nancy Miller (825-7896). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**The Church is instituting a Child Protection Policy to provide a safe place for our children.** As a part of this we are planning to have two short meetings where we want to review with everyone who will have contact with any child from 0 to 18 the policy, the reporting process, and a short video. At this meeting we would ask those involved to sign a memorandum of compliance regarding the policy and permission for the church to complete a background check. This is a necessary part of the process to ensure maximum safety for our children. The first meeting will be next Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and should only take about 45 minutes.

## News and Announcements

Thanks!  **The Food Pantry would like to send everyone a huge thank you for all the canned chicken!!!** Between monetary donations and the actual canned chicken we have already provided 732 cans, 132 beyond the goal! Now, if you have not been able to contribute yet but still want to, just bring it in. Who knows maybe we will be able to provide two months worth of chicken!

**Youth Savings Week:** Everence Federal Credit Union at 1301 College Ave in Goshen will host Youth Savings Week with the theme of ***Fun in the 'Son' with faith and finances***, Aug. 8 to 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This special week-long event features a Tootsie roll contest, a youth workshop, and a branch office tour. The workshop and tour will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10. We invite youth and their families to join us for a fun-filled week of helping integrate their faith with finances. Refreshments are provided and prizes will be given away! Please call 574-533-9513 with questions or for more information.



### **Come to the 13th Annual MDC**

**GOLDENROD BENEFIT AUCTION!** Proceeds benefit persons with developmental disabilities served by MDC Goldenrod. Bring the whole family on **Friday, August 26, beginning at noon.** The Project Promise chicken BBQ dinner, 4:30-7:30 or until sold out. Silent Auction from 5:00-6:00 and Live Auction- small items from 6:00-7:30, Les and Gwen Gustafzon-Zook and MDC Goldenrod residents will give music program at 7:45. **Saturday, August 27, Apple Fritters, Doughnuts and Coffee** at 7:00 a.m., traditional Amish haystack meal from 10:30-1:00 or sold out, live and silent auctions at 9 a.m. Bid on hand-crafted quilts or furniture. Take home cheese or baked goods. KettleKorn, homemade ice cream, cake, grilled hot dogs and drinks also served. Visit the website at at [www.goldenrodonline.org](http://www.goldenrodonline.org) to see some of the items to be sold.

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**MDC Goldenrod needs office volunteers.** We need volunteers with computer skills, filing skills, phone etiquette, and the ability to work a multi-function copier. If you are interested, please email Nedra Gnagey at [nedrag@goldenrodonline.org](mailto:nedrag@goldenrodonline.org) or call her at 574-533-9720 ext. 5.

**The flowers on the communion table today are in honor of Jim and Sharon Wyse's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Their actual anniversary is today, so go ahead and wish them another 40 wonderful years together!



*Please check hallway bulletin board for additional announcements!*

**Report for July 31:** Attendance 175      Sunday School 119  
Offering: \$5154.00 ~ Designated: \$120.00 ~ Total: \$5274.00