

**First Mennonite Church**  
Middlebury, Indiana  
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*"On a Journey with Jesus"*

September 4, 2011

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

Worship Leader: Cheryl Miller

**Prelude:** Worship Team

**Welcome**

**Focusing for Worship**

**Singing with the Worship Team**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Children's Story:** Brad Miller (Jesus Loves Me)

**Singing with the Worship Team**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 20:1-16 – Don Miller

**Message:** "Fair" – Merle Hostetler

**Hymn of Response:** Maribeth Rhodes

**Sharing Time:** 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 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**

**Wednesday- 6:00 p.m.** – Preschool Board Meeting

**Thursday - 6:00 a.m.** – Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhous

- **All Day** – FMW: Dora Graber will conduct devotions.

**Upcoming Events at FMC**

**Fall Business Meeting:** The Fall Business Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 21. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

**October is FMC's month to host the Food Pantry.** We would like to encourage everyone to sign up for a Saturday morning or a weekday work night. The sign-up sheets are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

**News and Announcements**

**This morning we would like to welcome Merle Hostetler as our guest speaker.** Merle is currently the youth pastor at East Goshen Mennonite, but he is originally from Kalona, Iowa. For all you Hesston graduates out there, he's one of you!

## News and Announcements

### Transition News..

- ▶ Preaching Schedule: 9/11 Kent Miller, 9/18 Kent Miller, 9/25 Missions Sunday with Doc Yargalada, 10/2 Communion Sunday with Joe Yoder



**Vice chair for the Education Commission.** Two year commitment, second year will move up to Chair.

Experience needed. Someone that has organizational skills, loves children, and loves the Lord. Pay: Lots of hugs and smiles from children and big thanks from the Gifts Commission. Contact Linda Young if you are interested.

**Bible Memory sign-ups are today!** Don't miss this opportunity to put to memory some very valuable verses from the Bible. There is a sign-up in the hallway and this year verses will be recited upstairs in the Kids' Room!

### **Relief Sale: September 23-24, 2011**

- Containers and instructions are now available in the foyer for anyone that would like to donate items to the **bake sale**. I know we have some fabulous bakers out there, so let's give them all we've got!
- The **Pennies of Thanks** donation jug and calendar are also on the table. Take time to check out the calendar and you will soon realize all you have to be thankful for.
- **Did you Know?** The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale holds a children's auction each year? We need gently used or new toys to sell or cash gifts to purchase toys for the auction. This auction is a great way to help children learn about and participate in helping others through MCC. If you would like to donate items or cash send an email to [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 888-503-8559.

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**There is a family in the community that lost everything in a fire last week.** They are moving into a rental and are need of kitchen items. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Joe or Patti Keller.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## News and Announcements

### **Congratulations to Dean and Lana Miller on the birth of their fourth grandchild Grace Antoinette!**

Grace is the first granddaughter and her proud parents are Darrin and Carrie. She was born on August 25 weighing in at 7lb. 15oz. and was 20" long.

### **The family of Ruby Schrock would like to thank the congregation for all the displays of kindness shown in the passing of their mom.**

It is a comfort to feel your love surround us.

*Please check hallway bulletin board for additional announcements!*

### Nursery Helpers

**Today:** Church – Kevin and Jenny Miller  
Sunday School – Ben and Anna Yoder

**Next Sunday:** Church – Steve and Shelley Bontrager  
Sunday School – Mike and Amy Ritchie



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### Stewardship Report for August 28

Attendance: 176      Sunday School: 146

Offering: \$6236.00 ~ Designated: \$1905.00 ~ Total: \$8141.00

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