

*The mission of First Mennonite Church is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.*

## AutumnFest

Sunday, November 9  
12:00pm



Canned Food Drive  
for Salvation Army:  
November 23  
during worship.

Lunch in Community:  
November 23

## A Psalm of Thanksgiving

When the snow comes  
and the winds blow  
when the land is under a blizzard

You are there for me, O Lord,  
the dependability of the transit bus.

When the streets are blocked  
and the driveways are snowed in,  
You get me to where I need to go.

Safely you transport me.

Even when you are full  
and pass me by,  
I know that you will come again  
and greet me with warmth,  
a shelter from the cold.

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## Visions of Peace

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Here are some of the visions of peace for First Mennonite Church shared during worship on August 10, 2008.

- ✚ Help others in need of things you can't live without.
- ✚ Peace to all nations within our reach!
- ✚ Peace - the persons of the church understanding and making allowances for those things they do not understand.
- ✚ Forgiving  
Helpful  
Loving  
Not envious  
Sharing  
Grateful
- ✚ "peace church" - to be a place where people involved in violence can come to seek refuge/counseling from our pastor or members.
- ✚ Branching out more into our community - sharing our church's talents with others.
- ✚ More involvement in the community teaching and demonstrating peace
- ✚ I envision a church that is more visible in the local community - sharing what peace is about - it begins with a community and reaches the state and nationwide.

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## FMC & Community Announcements

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### New in the Library:

*Blue Shoes and Happiness* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is Book No. 7 in the #1 Ladies Detective Agency series set in Botswana where our mission partners are serving.

*A New Song* by Jan Karon. This is book 5 in the Mitford series.

**Gifts that support mission.** Now available from Mennonite Media, a new CD just in time for Christmas giving: "All Nature Sings: Hymns and Anthems of God's Creation." A cappella music from the former Mennonite Hour radio program, the CD features music on nature themes from a variety of ensembles. The proceeds from the sale of Mennonite Hour a cappella music go to support the ongoing ministry of Mennonite Media, part of Mennonite Mission Network. \$12.95 CD only. Call 800-999-3534 or visit [store.mennomedia.org](http://store.mennomedia.org).

**World Crafts** in Kidron would like to invite you to attend their Annual Church Family Open House to be held Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 4:00-8:00 pm. In appreciation to the families of supporting churches for shopping at World Crafts we invite you to come and see how your dollars support families in developing countries through the Fair Trade program. A discount of 25% will be given on one item of your choice and a 10% discount will be given on all other purchases. Fairly Traded coffee and light refreshments will be served. Call 330-857-0590 for more information.

The Wadsworth Ministerial Association **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be **Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 7:00pm** at First Christian Church.

**MCC Washington Office High School Essay Contest** Calling all teenagers interested in how their faith impacts public policy! The topics for our tenth annual essay contest include the global food crisis, U.S. energy policy, and gun laws. Essays must be postmarked by December 15 and prizes will be awarded. Contest guidelines are online at [mcc.org/us/washington](http://mcc.org/us/washington).

## Worship @ FMC

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### NOVEMBER:

Ushers: Mark Haas and Denton Croyle

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Greeters</u>       | <u>Nursery</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2             | Ken & Norma R.        | Jan A.         |
| 9             | Darren & Angie N.     | Ken R.         |
| 16            | Jerry & Barb N.       | Ellen S.       |
| 23            | Ron & Lois C.         | Jenny H.       |
| 30            | Marge B. & Matthew C. | Emma N.        |

Greeters should be at the front and back door by 10:20 and ushers should be ready to hand out bulletins and seat people by 10:30.

Those in the nursery should introduce themselves to parents of young children and sit near the back to watch for children heading to the nursery.

*Please remember to find someone to fill-in for you if you cannot make it.*

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 2 - John & Gene Althaus ('52)
- 4 - Dorothy Welday
- 8 - Denton Croyle
- 12 - Barb Newcomer
- 13 - Jack Rohrer
- 18 - Shawn Newcomer
- 20 - Warren Croyle
  - Carol & Scott Miller ('67)
- 23 - Emma Newcomer
  - Marlin & Cathy Emig ('97)

### On the horizon...

Nov 30 First Advent  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

June 30 - July 5, 2009 Columbus 2009  
July 14-19, 2009 Paraguay 2009

## MYF Corner

### November Events:

**November 2, 7:00 pm**

Meet at the church for a service project and to talk about Columbus 2009

**November 16, 2:00 pm**

Bowling at Great Oak Lanes

### Bible Quiz:

1. Which Old Testament prophet responded to the Lord's call with the words, "Here am I. Send me."?
2. Who instructed some servants, "Fill the jars with water"?
3. Which disciple said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands...I will not believe it"?
4. True or false? Adam said to Eve, "You will not surely die."
5. Which three men agreed, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it"?

Submit your answers, include the Bible verse where you found it, to Rachel.