

**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

**Pastors: Karen Martens Zimmerly, Terry Zimmerly**

**Pastor of Christian Formation: Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler**

**Office Hours:** Karen (T – TH, 9-Noon), Terry (T, W, F – 9-Noon), Karla (T & TH – 9-3)

**Music for Reflection/Offertory** Marcus Upton, Reuben Ng, Ellen Upton, Katrina Schrock, Alisa Kandel

**Worship Leader** Terry Zimmerly

**Song Leader** Alisa Kandel

**Scripture Readers** the Ours family

**Proclaimer** Karen Martens Zimmerly

**Children's time** Laura Krouse

**Focus in Mission** Katrina Schrock, Kevin Kummer

**Ushers** Donna & Carl Darby

Hakim Issah, Joey Krabill

**Toddler Care\*** Michelle & Matt Miller family

**Greeters** Mark Gingerich, David Widmer

Lloyd Bewley

**Sound** Adrian Guirola

**Librarian** Ann Valenta

Pastoral concerns may be shared with the pastors or one of the Elders:  
Mark Gingerich, Nancy Halder, Kevin Kummer,  
Cheryl Martin Miller, Marilyn Rose, Roger Schrock

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**10:45 AM**

**Children (all classes meet in the lower level)**

2 year olds	rm 109/111	Primary (1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> gr.)	rm 114
3-4 yr olds	rm 113	Middler (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> gr)	rm 116
Pre-K and K	rm 115	Gathering & Music	rm 117

**Youth**

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades Upper level, room 213  
MYF (grades 9-12) Upstairs behind balcony

**Adults:** (LL = lower level; UP = upper level)

Class	Meeting Place	Current Topic
Young Adults	Karen Martens Zimmerly's office	Sermon Discussion
Open Circle	LL, rm. 104	Reimagining Church through the lens of Simplicity
Koinonia	UP, rm. 214	Study of Luke
Sinape	fellowship hall back	On Being discussion
Ichthus	UP, rm. 215	Genesis: God's World & God's People
Remnant	UP, rm. 216	Climate change discussion
Bruderschaft	UP, rm. 211	Our Love for God: Biblical Survey
Menno 101	Terry Zimmerly's office	Introduction to FMC

\* Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! A nursery is available behind the sanctuary for you to care for your infant as needs arise throughout the service. Supervised childcare is available for children who can sit up through age 3. Please ask an usher to direct you.



## GOD GATHERS US

### **Music for Reflection and Praise**

**Welcome** (please pass the friendship books)

**Call to Worship** (#134 STJ)

People who do not hold tightly to things are happy because all of God's kingdom is theirs.

**People who are gentle with the earth  
will see it blossom forever.**

People who can cry for all the world's suffering will live to see happiness.

**People who hunger and thirst for what is right  
will finally have their fill.**

People who really care will find love wherever they go.

**People who don't let the world get them down  
will see God.**

People who make peace happen are God's children.

**People who give up their own comfort so others can  
be helped know what heaven is all about.**

**Lord, let us be like these! AMEN.**

**Hymns:** #49 HWB (blue) From all who dwell below the skies  
#45 STJ (green) In the morning when I rise

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### **Sharing with the children**

**Hymn:** #353 HWB (blue) Lord, listen to your children

**Scripture reading:** Nehemiah 8: 1-12

**Message:** *Pronouncing JOY!*

**Hymn:** #31 STJ (green) He came down

**Focus on Mission:** Interservice Graduate Christian Fellowship

### **Sharing and Prayers of the People**

**Offering our Gifts**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## GOD GOES WITH US

**Hymn:** #124 STS (purple) My soul cries out (vs. 1 & 3)

### **Blessing**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- We pray for those for whom the cold season makes it difficult to be hopeful.
- We pray for Clara Gingerich as she is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.
- We pray for our seniors in nursing care: John Snyder and Miriam Yoder at Pleasantview and Marilyn Manley at Oaknoll.
- We pray for families of school age children managing school closings and delays in this season of winter. And we're thankful for the wisdom of school officials.
- We pray for the many federal workers whose lives are stressed with no pay checks; and pray for some resolution to the current stalemate.
- As the capital city of Venezuela experiences significant political unrest with tear gas bombs and shooting, we pray for the network of Mennonite Churches and their leader, Erwin Mirabal.
- May the joy of the Lord grow stronger within us and the world through choosing to be hospitable.