

**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)

<b>Music for Reflection/Communion</b>	Doris Bewley
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Terry Zimmerly
<b>Song Leader</b>	Donna Darby
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lloyd Bewley
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler
<b>Communion servers</b>	Kari Clark, Mark Gingerich, Nancy Halder, Doug Hornick, Michelle Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindi & Roger Schrock Claire Widmer, Brynn Miller
<b>Toddler Care*</b>	Emily & Isaac Hooley
<b>Greeters</b>	Arden & Pat Miller Nathan & Isaiah Detweiler
<b>Sound</b>	Isaiah Goertz
<b>Librarian</b>	Ann Valenta
<b>Visuals</b>	Cindi & Roger Schrock, Elaine Yoder

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

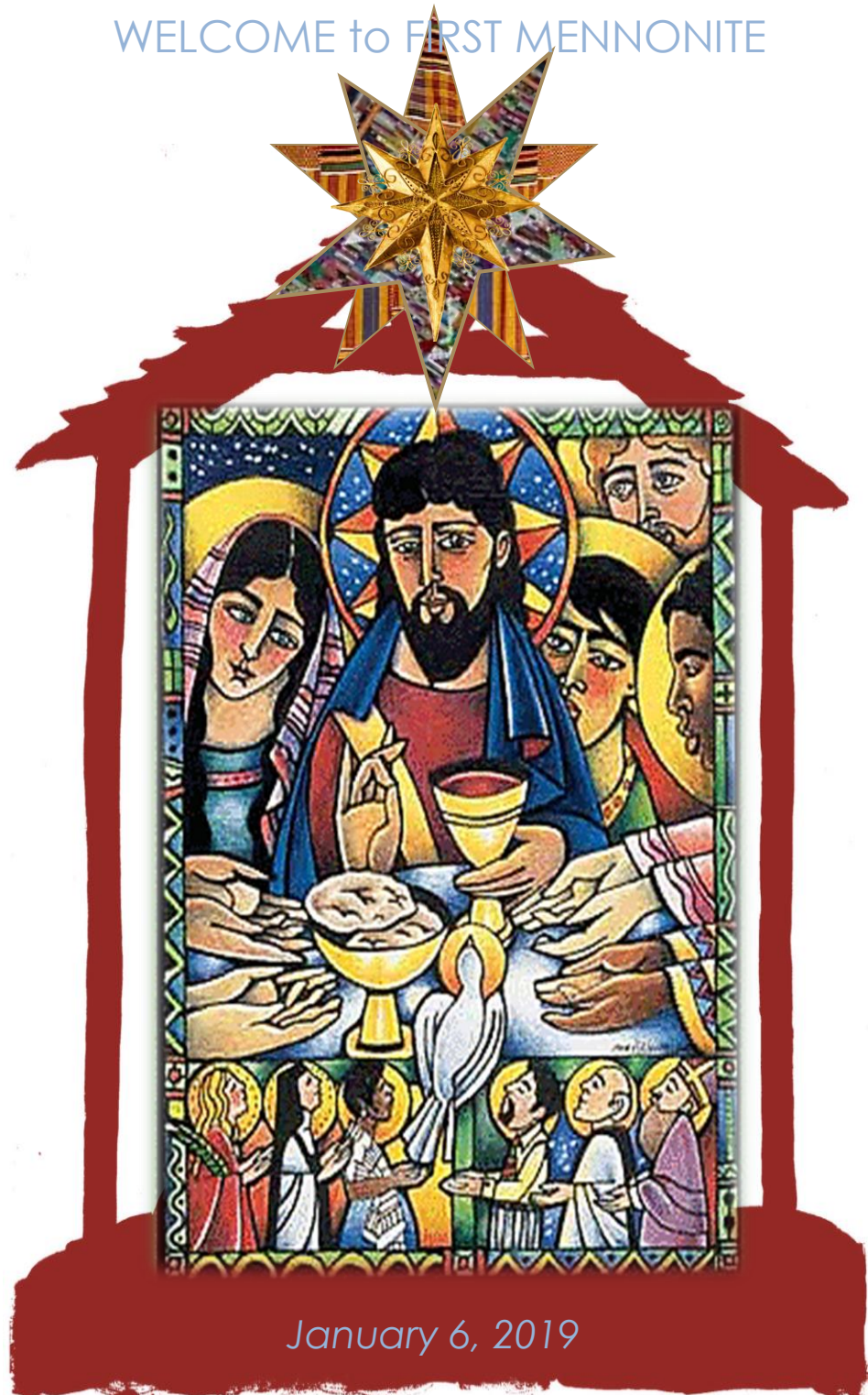
**Youth**

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**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>	<b>Current Topic</b>
Young Adults	Karen Martens Zimmerly's office	Sermon Discussion
Open Circle	Lower level, rm. 104	Open Discussion
Koinonia	Upper level, rm. 214	Open Discussion
Sinape	fellowship hall	Open Discussion
Ichthus	Upper level, rm. 215	<i>Genesis: God's World &amp; God's People</i>
Remnant	fellowship hall	<i>Preventing Gun Violence</i>
Bruderschaft	Upper level, rm. 211	<i>Our Love for God: Biblical Survey</i>

\* 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.



January 6, 2019

## Awakening to God's Goodness

### GOD GATHERS US

#### Music for Reflection and Praise

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

**Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 60: 1-6)

Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

**Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through God's son Jesus Christ.

**We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.**

***Arise, shine, for our light has come!***

**Hymns:** #30 STS (purple) Arise, your light is come  
#32 STS Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### Congregational Prayer

**Scripture reading:** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Message:** *Drawn to the Light*

**Hymn:** #54 STJ (green) Longing for light

**Celebrating Communion\*** and **Offering Our Gifts**  
*The bread is gluten, nut, and soy free.*

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### GOD GOES WITH US

**Hymn:** #145 HWB (blue) There's a wideness in God's mercy

#### Blessing

*\*All who desire to receive Christ's love and grace for their lives are welcome at the communion table. Children are welcome to receive a pretzel. Parents are encouraged to have a conversation with their teen or older child to discern their readiness for receiving the bread and cup.*

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#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- We pray for Peter Brenneman, Jim Piper, and Shirley Stutzman who are in the hospital.
- We pray for Amanda Bleichty as she begins her new role on the Ministry Staff as Conference Minister for Christian Formation in Central Plains Mennonite Conference.
- While 2018 ended with much suffering and violence in our country and around the world, pray that we do not tire of holding the light of hope in Jesus, who has overcome evil and injustice. May we continue to 'be the Gospel' wherever we find ourselves.