

**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**

<b>Music for Reflection/Offertory</b>	Men's group
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Libby Conley
<b>Song Leader</b>	Lyubov Slashcheva
<b>Children's time</b>	Laura Krouse
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Sherrill Yoder
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Terry Zimmerly
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken & Noreen Gingerich Sadie, Claire Widmer
<b>Toddler Care*</b>	Kristen & Gretta Rempel
<b>Greeters</b>	Phil & Carol Miller, Tim & Dawn Krabill
<b>Sound</b>	Nathan Detweiler
<b>Visuals</b>	Kathy Ropp, Mary Forney, Matthew Yoder
<b>Librarian</b>	Dennis Bricker

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

Welcome to First Mennonite



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**10:45 AM**

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

2 year olds	rm 109/111	Primary (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr.)	rm 114
3 year olds	rm 115	Middler (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> gr.)	rm 116
Nearly 4 thru Pre-K	rm 113	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>
Open Circle	Lower level, rm 107	Sermon discussion
Young Adults	Sanctuary overflow	Sermon discussion
Koinonia	Upper level, rm. 214	<i>the Gospel of Luke</i>
Sinape	Back of Fellowship Hall	Discussion of <i>On Being</i>
Ichthus	Upper level, rm. 215	Bible Study – <i>Covenant of God</i>
Remnant	Upper level, rm. 216	Book Study – <i>Falling Upward</i>
Bruderschaft	Upper level, rm. 211	Bible Study – <i>Covenant of God</i>

**You are welcome to participate in any of the above classes.**

\* 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.

November 19, 2017

## GOD GATHERS US

### Music for Reflection and Praise

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

**Call to Worship** (*edited from Carol Penner*)

You are the God who calls.  
You are hiding in the pauses of the winter wind  
whipping around the corners of my house.

**You are present in the space between the opening  
petals of the first spring crocus.  
You are in the autumn aching for what's been lost,  
when all is fallen.**

You call to us from the other side of Eden,  
your voice emanating from deserts, dreams,  
whirlwinds and burning bushes.

**And always on the mountaintop we find you;  
in wide vistas and clear air, whispering to us as we  
look down on all we know.**

I want you to be the God who calls me.  
Here, hear my life's lament.  
I may have missed the train for glory too many times to  
count,

***I'm here today to say, "I want to hear, help my unhearing."  
Let my thoughts and words speak out, truly, clearly,  
faithfully, today and always with your love.***

**Hymns:** #50 HWB (blue) Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah  
#111 HWB (blue) O praise the gracious power

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### Sharing with the children

**Hymn:** #307 HWB (blue) Will you let me be your servant

**Scripture reading:** Psalm 78: 1-8

**Message:** *The Bible: a window*

**Hymn:** #362 HWB (blue) Help us to help each other

### Sharing and Prayers of the People

#### Offering our gifts

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## GOD GOES WITH US

**Sending song:** #78 STJ (green) We will walk with God

### Blessing

#### Prayers

- During this Thanksgiving week we give thanks for the love and nurture of our extended families, even as we recognize that for some, family life is painful.
- For joy and grace to abound to Lyubov Slascheva and Scott Roser and their families as Lyubov and Scott are united in marriage on Saturday
- Pastor Alejandro Huesca of Iglesia El Balsamo in Muscatine was deported this week to Mexico. Please pray for the Huesca family that God would provide for all their needs, physical and spiritual.
- For Keith Slater as he prepares to lead the final webinar of the "Open the Book" Bible study series offered for free to Central Plains members
- We lament that again there are many families grieving because of mass shootings. We confess that we need both courage and imagination to respond with hope for our country to the sin of gun violence.
- That we may be faithful followers of the way Jesus showed us to live in relation to God, creation, others, and ourselves