

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastors: Terry Zimmerly, Karen Martens Zimmerly

Pastor of Christian Formation: Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Music for Reflection/Communion	Tony Brenneman
Worship Leader	Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler
Song Leader	Mary Forney
Scripture Reader	Galen Graber
Proclaimer	Terry Zimmerly
Ushers	Earl Gingerich & Diane Funk Hakim Issah, Joey Krabill
Toddler Care*	Noreen Gingerich, Sadie, Claire Widmer
Greeters	Lonnie & Julia Bartel, Michael & Deb Loss
Sound	Arden Miller
Visuals	Kathy Ropp, Mary Forney, Matthew Yoder
Librarian	Mary Hendrickson

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10:45 AM

Children (all classes meet in the lower level)

2-3 year olds	rm 115	Middler (4 th -5 th gr)	rm 116
4 thru Pre-K	rm 113	Gathering & Music	rm 117
Primary (K-2 nd gr.)	rm 114		

Youth

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

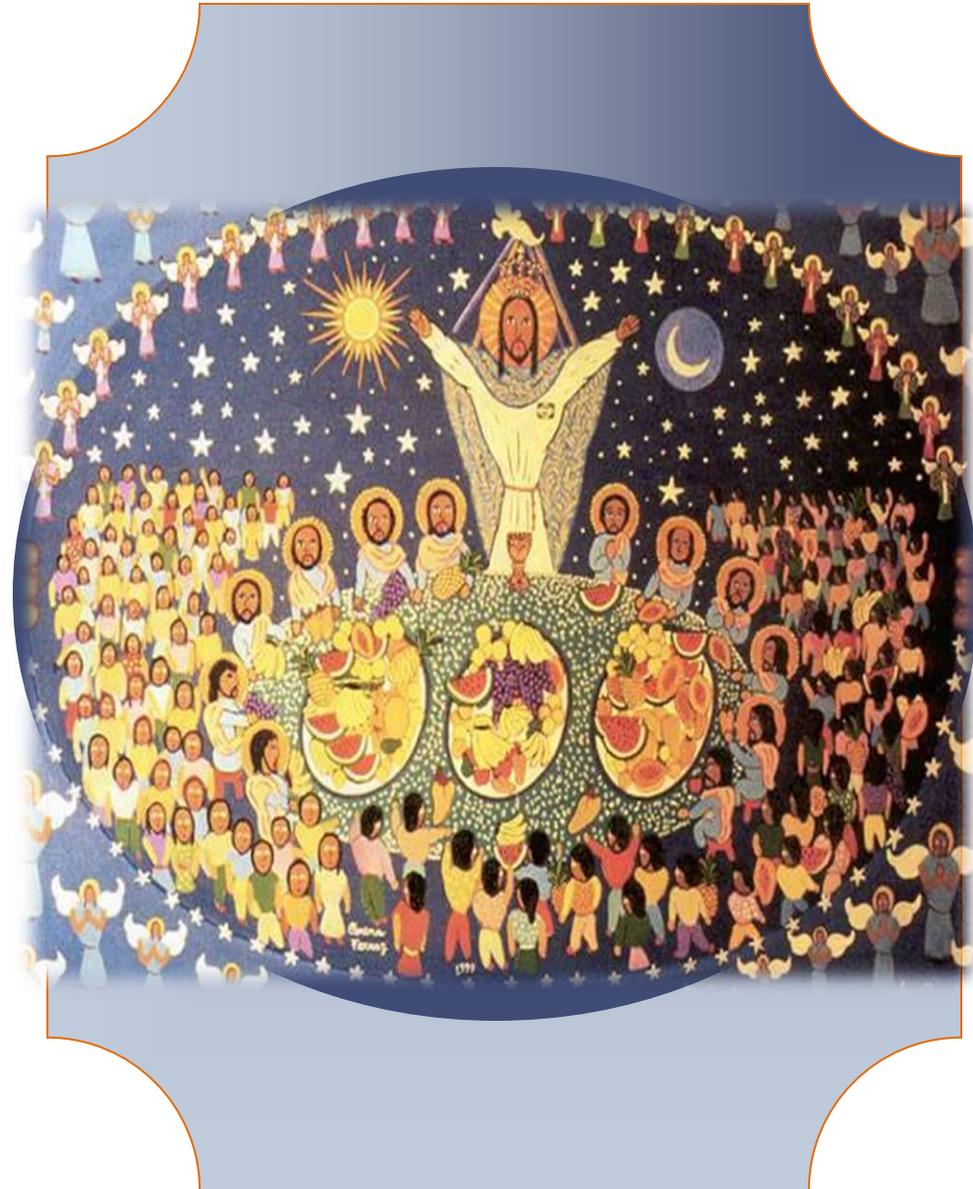
Adults

Class	Meeting Place	Current Topic
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 with God</i>
Remnant	Upper level, rm. 216	Book Study - <i>Falling Upward</i>
Bruderschaft	Upper level, rm. 211	Bible Study - <i>Covenant with 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.

WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE



November 5, 2017

GOD GATHERS US

Music for Reflection and Praise

Welcome (please pass the friendship books)

Call to Worship

As summer's pulsing song gives way to autumn's lament;
As darkness grows long and deep;
As loss looms in our souls, we pray:

God, walk with us through the dark valley.

When our bones are weary;
When our throats grow parched from crying;
When we hunger for justice and peace, we marvel:

God sets a banquet before us!

As decay nourishes new life
As burdens are lifted
As forgiveness flows, we rejoice:

God anoints us with oil! Our cup overflows!

***Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us
now and forever! Amen!***

Hymn: #103 STJ (green) Why should I feel discouraged
#121 STS (purple) Nothing is lost on the breath of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #49 STS (purple) I will come to you in the silence

Scripture reading: Psalm 23

Message: *Don't be afraid*

God sees me through life's darkest hours, her banner
over me is love.

God prepares for me a banqueting table, his banner
over me is love.

God heals my hurts and lifts my burdens, her banner
over me is love.

Hymn: #105 STJ (green) Don't be afraid

**Celebrating Communion, Remembering Saints, Anointing,
and Offering Our Gifts**

All bread is gluten, nut, and soy free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD GOES WITH US

Hymn: #124 STS (purple) My soul cries out

Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- We give thanks for the beauty of autumn, and God's invitation to graceful transformation as seasons change
- For our Elders and pastors as they meet this week
- For Kristine Stalter as she undergoes a complicated sinus surgery this Thursday; that all may go well and that she would be able to manage the anxiety surrounding the procedure
- For Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network as she helps Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania; and as she and the students study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) -- English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing
- For the vulnerable in our communities for whom the colder temperatures make daily living more difficult
- As we remember the families who lost loved ones in the New York City attack this week, pray that each of us would seek to be bridge builders of hope with the diversity of people we encounter.
- That we will remember God goes with us through life's challenges; providing an eternal banquet, feeding our deepest hungers, and quenching our most profound thirsts; anointing us with the oil of gladness for our healing and wholeness.