

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	Dana Noble, Peter Bixler, John Bixler
Worship Leader	Karen Martens Zimmerly
Song Leader	Alisa Kandel
Scripture Readers	Noreen & Ken Gingerich
Proclaimer	Terry Zimmerly
Children's time	Mary Forney
Offertory	Advent choir, Alisa Kandel, director
Ushers	Michelle & Matt Miller Haley, Brynn Milller
Toddler Care*	Margalea Warner
Greeters	Ruth & Gerry Peterson Erma & Del Coppinger
Sound	Rick Eigsti
Librarian	Kelly Carden
Visuals	Cindi & Roger Schrock, Elaine Yoder
Bulletin cover	V. Wieringa, artist

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 & Youth (children's classes meet in the lower level)

No Primary and Youth Sunday School classes today and Dec. 30.

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

<u>Adult Classes</u>	Meeting Place	Current Topic
Young Adults	Karen Zimmerly's office	meeting again in January
Open Circle	lower level, rm. 107	meeting again in January
Koinonia	Upper level, rm. 216	meeting again in January
Sinape	back of fellowship hall	meeting again in January
Remnant	Upper level, rm. 216	meeting again in January
Ichthus	Upper level, rm. 215	God's World & God's People
Bruderschaft	Upper level, rm. 211	Our Love for God: Luke 1 & 2

* 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.



Awakening to God's Goodness

GOD GATHERS US

Music for Reflection and Praise

Welcome (please pass the friendship books)

Call to Worship

The ancient Psalmist cried out,

Wake up your power and come and save us God!

We see the darkness of our world and cry out,

Wake up your power and come and save us God!

You respond and invite people who say yes to your plan:

Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph.

They say yes to a bundle of love, a baby

who will be Emmanuel, God with us!

And the invitation to wake up to God's goodness keeps coming,

The call to say yes to Love.

Hymns: #13 STJ (green) My soul is filled with joy

#15 STS (purple) Hope is a candle

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Amy, Avery, Jon Hershberger

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sharing with the children

Hymn: #56 HWB (blue) Awake, arise, O sing a new song

Scripture reading: Psalm 80: 1-7; Luke 1: 39-45

Message: *Waking to God's Love*

Reflective response: #109 STJ (green) There is more love somewhere

Sharing and Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD GOES WITH US

Hymn: #215 HWB (blue) What child is this

Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- We give thanks for the gift of this faith community, First Mennonite Church, with its rich diversity of people of all ages who nurture and stretch us on our faith journeys.
- In this season of giving, we give thanks for the many individuals from this congregation who volunteer for the ministries within our congregation; and for those who volunteer throughout the year with our many mission partners.
- We give thanks for being part of a wider faith family- Central Plains Mennonite Conference, Mennonite Church USA, and Mennonite World Conference and pray that we continue to grow in grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope would continue to flow through us to the world.
- For the Quito Mennonite Church and their refugee ministry, giving thanks and prayers for strength for the small team of two staff and three volunteers who ministered to 7,800 refugees this year