

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/Offeratory	Zaden Issah, Doris Bewley
Worship Leader	Tim Krabill
Song Leader	Susan Gingerich
Scripture Reader	Gerry Partridge
Proclaimer	Worship through hymn singing
Children's time	Firman Gingerich
Ushers	Noreen & Ken Gingerich Allison, Joey Krabill
Special Music	Lonnie Bartel, Nathan Swartzendruber, Lee Turnbull, Paul Wiebe
Toddler Care*	Allison & Isaiah Goertz
Greeters	Kathy & Steve Ropp Christine & Eric Rumsey
Sound	John Yutz
Librarian	Ann Valenta
Visuals	Cindi & Roger Schrock, Elaine Yoder
Bulletin cover	V. Wieringa, artist
Flowers	Doris & Lloyd Bewley (celebrating their 60 th anniversary)

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.

Adult Classes	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: Mt. 25:31-46

* 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 sun rises to praise the Lord!

The moon and stars shine to praise the Lord!

With all of creation, we are invited to awaken to God's goodness

revealed in Jesus, who came in body form to love

and continues to be revealed through bodies that practice peace and love and forgiveness.

Clothe us Lord, with your vibrant and life-giving compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience

so that Love becomes the dress by which you are known throughout all creation!

Hymns: #210 HWB (blue) Good Christian friends, rejoice
#201 HWB (blue) Hark! The herald angels sing

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sharing with the children

Scripture reading: Psalm 148; Colossians 3: 12-17

Hymn Selections

Offering our Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD GOES WITH US

Hymn Selections

Sharing and Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn: #209 HWB (blue) O, how joyfully

Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- We give thanks for Emmeline Portia, born to Anna & Jeremy Flaming and big sister Amelia; and pray for joy and strength as the family welcomes and adjusts to daily life with a newborn.
- We pray for the people of Indonesia who are mourning and have been displaced as a result of the volcanic eruption and tsunami.
- Give us grace to live gently with the past that can no longer be changed and courage to enter the change you call us toward.
- In gratitude for Karen, Terry, and Karla, and all pastors who have so faithfully served Central Plains Mennonite Conference in this past year giving thanks to God for providing able shepherds to lead each congregation.
- January 1 ends the week-long celebration of Kwanzaa, a festival that reflects African thought and practice in its affirmation of the dignity of the human person in community and culture. Pray for Mission Network ministries and our local mission partners that work at breaking down the racial barriers of society.
- Pray that God's light will shine through all Mission Network personnel serving on six continents in the coming year. May each of us use the gifts God has given us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
- We give thanks for how singing connects us to our spiritual roots and gives communal voice to our prayers and hope in Jesus Christ.