

405 Trease Road Wadsworth, OH 44281

January 28, 2024

Jesus is the Center of our Faith

Prelude

*Call to Worship: VT#910

*Christmas Hymn: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear VT#248

(vs 1,3-5)

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-13 NIV

Christmas Hymn: While Shepherds Watched VT#253 (vs.

1,4-6)

A Time for Kids: Got Faith?

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-3; 12:1-2 CEB

Message: Jesus is the Center of our Faith

*Hymn of Response: The Church's One Foundation VT#397

Sharing Our Lives and Reflections

Pastoral Prayer

*Sending Hymn: God, be the Love VT#43

Blessing

Postlude/Offering

Worship Leader: Darren Newcomer Scripture Reader: Norma Rohrer A Time for Kids: Mona Roher Piano: Jean-Marc Schweizer Greeter: Brentley Garnes Message: Jan Croyle

Welcome to First Mennonite Church where <u>we</u> are the church and not the building! We are glad you are here to join us in worship. Regardless of age, ability, race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

Now through February 25th portions of our worship will center around the question "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" We will be studying Palmer Becker's book with that title during Sunday School. The three core values of Anabaptism are:

- 1. Jesus is the center of our faith.
- 2. Community is the center of our lives.
- 3. Reconciliation is the center of our work.

Proposed New FMC Mission Statement: We welcome all to know Jesus and become part of a life-giving community through worship and works of love, peace, and justice.

Ways to connect with our FMC congregation and community:

- Sunday School for all ages:
 - 9:30 Sunday School: children in the blue room sharing things from The Peace Book and adults in the sanctuary discussing What is an Anabaptist Christian?
- TODAY: Carry-in Retirement Appreciation Lunch for Mary Siebel's 23 years as TRCCC Director

- January Mission: MCC Infant Health Kids: NEW items only, sizes 6-12 months
 - 3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
 - 3 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves)
 - 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 30 in x 30 in, larger sizes preferred)
 - 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins
 - 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)
 - 1 pair of socks
 - 1 cap

Worship Schedule:

		Worship	Scripture	Time for	
Month	Date	Leader	Reader	Kids	Greeter
February	4	Warren	Ron	Mona	Lowell
	11	Jan A.	Jeff	Darren	Norma
	18	Norma	Warren	Mona	Jenny
	25	Grace	Chris		Darren

Calendar of Events: January 2024

- 28th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults— What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - o 10:45 Hybrid Worship
 - 12:00 Carry-in Retirement Appreciation for Mary Siebel's 23
 Years as the Director of TRCCC
- 31st Wednesday: 6:00 FMC Potluck and Fellowship
 - o 7:00 New Hymn Sing-along

Upcoming Calendar of Events: February 2024

- Mission: Marian's Closet diapers/wipes (larger sizes)
- 1st Thursday 6:00 Notes of Wisdom (Song of Solomon) Silver Run Winery
- 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:30 Central District Conference Mid-year Gathering on zoom (see link in the newsletter/Google calendar)

- 4th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults—
 What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - o 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Community is the Center of our Life
 - o Noon FMC Annual Meeting after worship
 - o Jim's birthday (86 years)
- 6th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - o Mike Chapman's birthday
- 7th Wednesday, 6:00 Soup Night Potluck and Fellowship
 - o 7:00 Steering Team Meeting
- 11th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults—What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - o 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Community is the Center of our Life
- 12th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - o 7:30 Deacon's meeting on zoom
 - Acelin Croyle's birthday
- 14th Wednesday, 6:00 Potluck and Fellowship
 - o 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service with Summit Mennonite
 - o Marian Croyle's birthday
- 17th Saturday, 12:00 Spa Afternoon (salad lunch/spa) or out-to-eat
- 18th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults— What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Reconciliation is the Center of our Work/Christ among Us, Repent and Believe
- 18-22nd Sunday afternoon-Thursday, Jan will be at the Pastors and Leaders Conference at AMBS (limited access to phone/email)
- 20th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - Dan Moss' birthday
- 21st Wednesday, 6:00 Potluck and Fellowship
 - o 7:00 Euchre Night at Kenny's
- 24th Saturday Logan Newcomer's birthday
- 25th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults—What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Reconciliation is the Center of our Work/Christ among Us, Showing Us Faith
 - New Member reception following worship