



405 Trease Road
Wadsworth, OH 44281

February 4, 2024 Community is the Center of our Life

Prelude

***Call to Worship: VT#851**

***Christmas Hymn: Love Has Come VT#258**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:18-22 CEB

Christmas Hymn: Angels, from the Realms of Glory VT#265

A Time for Kids: Be Kind

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 NIV

Message: Community is the Center of our Life

***Hymn of Response: Strong, Peaceful Man VT#573**

Sharing Our Lives and Reflections

Pastoral Prayer

***Sending Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT#160**

Benediction

Postlude/Offering

*Worship Leader: Warren Croyle
Scripture Reader: Ron Chamberlin*

*A Time for Kids: Mona Rohrer
Piano: Jean-Marc Schweizer
Greeter: Lowell Nofziger
Message: Jan Croyle*

Welcome to First Mennonite Church where we 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: Annual Meeting following worship**
- **Sunday, February 11th** we will celebrate “Shrove Tuesday”, hear the age-old story of this tradition, pancake flipping relays, and a pancake lunch (see sign-up sheet in the hall)
- **Sunday, February 25th** we will welcome Aaron and Ashley Garnes as members of our FMC family. If there is anyone else interested in joining, please see Jan C.

- **January Mission: MCC Infant Health Kids:** NEW items only, sizes 6-12 months (LAST CALL)

- 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

- **February Mission: Marian’s Closet** Diapers/Wipes (large)
- **Worship Schedule:**

		Worship	Scripture	Time for	
Month	Date	Leader	Reader	Kids	Greeter
February	11	Jan A.	Jeff	Darren	Norma
	18	Norma	Warren	Mona	Jenny
	25	Grace	Chris	---	Darren
March	3	Jenny	Mark	Mona	Marirose

Calendar of Events: February 2024

- **Mission:** Marian’s Closet diapers/wipes (larger sizes)
- 4th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults—What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Community is the Center of our Life
 - Noon FMC Annual Meeting after worship
 - Jim’s birthday (86 years)
- 6th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozerercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - Mike Chapman’s birthday
- 7th Wednesday, 6:00 Soup Night Potluck and Fellowship
 - 7:00 Steering Team Meeting
- 11th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Book; adults—What is an Anabaptist Christian?
 - 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Community is the Center of our Life

- 12:00 Shrove Tuesday games for kids + pancake lunch
- 12th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozerercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - 7:30 Deacon’s meeting on zoom
 - Acelin Croyle’s birthday
- 14th Wednesday, 6:00 Potluck and Fellowship
 - 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service with Summit Mennonite
 - 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 Devozerercise (devotions/exercise combo)
 - Dan Moss’ birthday
- 21st Wednesday, 6:00 Potluck and Fellowship
 - 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