



February 11, 2024 **Community is the Center of our Life**

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

We gather as God's beloved children –
However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
So this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be together.
Let us worship God.

***Christmas Hymn: As with Gladness VT#277**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:16-20 CEB

Hymn: Will you come and follow me VT#540

A Time for Kids: Dirk Willems

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 NIV

Message: Community is the Center of our Life

***Responsive Hymn: Lord Jesus, You shall be my song VT#581**

Sharing Our Lives and Reflections

Pastoral Prayer

***Sending Hymn: Blest be the Tie that Binds VT#831**

Benediction

Postlude/Offering

Worship Leader: Jan Althaus

Scripture Reader: Jeff Bile

A Time for Kids: Darren Newcomer

Music: Lowell Nofziger, Warren + Jan Croyle

Greeter: Norma Rohrer

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.

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.*

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.**

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 Table and adults in the sanctuary discussing What is an Anabaptist Christian?

- **TODAY:** we will celebrate “Shrove Tuesday”, hear the age-old story of this tradition, pancake flipping relays, and a pancake lunch
- **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.
- **February Mission: Marian’s Closet** Diapers/Wipes (large)
- **Worship Schedule:**

		Worship	Scripture	Time for	
Month	Date	Leader	Reader	Kids	Greeter
February	18	Norma	Warren	Mona	Jenny
	25	Grace	Chris	---	Darren
March	3	Jenny	Mark	Mona	Marirose
	10	Marirose	Darren	Mona	Robyn

- 20th Tuesday, 5:00 Devozercise (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 Table; 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

Calendar of Events: February 2024

- 11th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Table; 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 Devozercise (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 (lunch/spa) or out-to-eat
- 18th Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Table; 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 at the Pastors and Leaders Conference at AMBS (limited access to phone/email)