



February 18, 2024 Reconciliation is the Center of our Work

Prelude: Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord VT#616

\*Call to Worship:

Teach us your pathways, O God—our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

***For you are the greatest guide, and your map is always good.***

Other paths have left us lost; other ways have left us confused.

***You guide us along the trail of your mercy, drawing sinner and saint down this well-worn way. All your paths are love, made smooth by your faithful walking. We are led into your truth by following the tread of your feet.***

\*Hymn: Praise with Joy the World's Creator VT#428

Reading the Psalms: Psalm 25:1-11 CEB

Prayer of Confession:

God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this fresh on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey.

***Be with us in this wilderness.***

We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with Christ.

***Forgive our self-focused minds.***

Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget your extensive, covenantal love for the world.

***May we partner with you and your church to remember.***

***(looking at one another) You are beloved.***

Hymn: Take Thou My Hand VT#631 (vs 1 in German)

A Time for Kids: Menno Simons

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 VT#785

Quartet: I Bind My Heart This Tide VT#556

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 NIV

Message: Reconciliation is the Center of our Work VT#921

\*Responsive Hymn: True Evangelical Faith (VT insert)

Sharing Our Lives and Reflections

Pastoral Prayer

\*Sending Hymn: We are People of God's Peace VT#797

Benediction

Postlude/Offering True Evangelical Faith VT#439

*Worship Leader: Norma Rohrer*

*Scripture Reader: Warren Croyle*

*A Time for Kids: Mona Rohrer*

*Music: Lowell Nofziger, Julie Brenneman, Jenny Newcomer*

*Haas, Warren + Jan Croyle*

*Greeter: Jenny Newcomer Haas*

*Message: Jan Croyle*

Welcome to First Mennonite Church where we are the church and not the building! All are welcome—NO exceptions, NO exclusions.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> portions of our worship will center around the question “What is an Anabaptist Christian?” We are 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?
- **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** 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:**

		<b>Worship</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Time for</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Kids</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
February	25	Grace	Chris	---	Darren
March	3	Jenny	Mark	Mona	
	10		Darren	Mona	Robyn
	17	Chris	Jan A.	Mona	Christy

## Calendar of Events: February 2024

- 18<sup>th</sup> 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
  - Harry Ravenswaay’s birthday
- 18-22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday afternoon-Thursday, Jan at the Pastors and Leaders Conference at AMBS (limited access to phone/email)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 5:00 Devozercise (devotions/exercise combo)
  - Dan Moss’ birthday
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 12:00 Community Lenton Worship/Lunch at Grace Lutheran
  - 6:00 Potluck and Fellowship
  - 7:00 Euchre Night at Kenny’s
- 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday Logan Newcomer’s birthday
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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
- 26<sup>th</sup> Monday, Mark’s birthday
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Jerry’s birthday (87 years!)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 12:00 Community Lenton Worship/Lunch at Grace Lutheran
  - 6:00 FMC Potluck and February birthdays celebration
  - Paul’s birthday (92 years!)

## Upcoming Calendar of Events: March 2024

- **March Mission Project:** MCC for Gaza Relief
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 9:00-12:00 FMC Work Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School: kids—The Peace Table; adults—Bring a topic to discuss
  - 10:45 Hybrid Worship: Christ among Us, Showing Us Justice