



## **Welcome to First Mennonite Church, Wadsworth**

In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to building community where all are loved and accepted regardless of age, ability, race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation. We believe that unity is found in Christ and invite everyone to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.

### **Policies of Inclusion**

#### **Membership**

First Mennonite Church welcomes into membership all people who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who are committed to following Mennonite principles, and who are prepared to share in the life and work of the congregation, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression and including those in relationships of fidelity.

#### **Marriage**

First Mennonite Church affirms the biblical marriage covenant to apply to two people in a relationship of fidelity regardless of the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of the partners, and offers to such unions and their families the pastoral care, church ceremonies, and accountability by which the church supports marriage covenants and family life.

#### **Ministry**

First Mennonite Church fully accepts the gifts of ministry and leadership offered by LGBTQ people in the church, including at every level of employment and pastoral leadership.

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