

This Sunday in Worship

September 21, 2025
9:30 am Worship



Talashia Keim Yoder

11:30 CMC en Español



David Maldonado

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Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 am - Jubilee Ministry
7:00 pm - Community Life Commission

Wednesday, September 24

5:00 pm - Prayer Choir
7:00 pm - MYF

Thursday, September 25

10:00 am - Volunteer Day
10:00 am - Pastoral Care Visitors
10:45 am - CMC Fellowship

Sunday, September 28

9:20 am - Gathering Songs
9:30 am - Worship Service
After Worship - Fellowship Time
- Children's Sunday School
10:45 am - Adult Sunday School
11:30 am - CMC en Español

News Items from the Church Board

This Sunday we will convene at 2:30p for our September CMC Congregational meeting.

Attached are: 1) **CMC congregational meeting agenda**, 2) the **meeting minutes** from our August 17th gathering, 3) **Distilled Purpose Statement Table**, and 4) **Table Discussion outline**. Be prepared for a plenary on the Task Force Report, which was sent September 10th, and a breakout table session related to our purpose statement (documents #3 & #4). Your familiarity with the 3rd document, the "table" will prepare you for the breakout discussion portion of our gathering.

In today's newsletter you will see an announcement about the Service of Gratitude and Grief set for October 5th at 4pm. As part of our transitional journey together the board has asked our pastors (Suella & Merle) to plan and offer a service to gather us as a community so that we, as one body, have a space to share our joy and grief, and bear witness with each other within this context.

Your board continues to meet two times per month as we maintain our timeline, pace and schedule during this time. We look forward to your continued engagement in the life of CMC and appreciate your prayers!

Your CMC board wanted to let you know about a Practical Ministry Training (online PLT module) course being offered by AMBS this fall. The topic is timely for us and enables leadership development within CMC. If you are interested, please email boardchair@collegemennonite.org and we'll assist you in registration.

Leading Intercultural Congregations in a Fractured World

Anabaptist congregations are outgrowing their ethnic roots and representing increasingly diverse cultures, languages, ethnicities and racial identities. Diversity may be beautiful, but moving together can be hard. This workshop is designed to provide both encouragement and practical resources for congregational leaders in increasingly diverse contexts. The instructors will share from their experiences of serving on the pastoral team of Living Water Community Church in Chicago, a multilingual and multi-ethnic congregation that is part of Mennonite Church USA.

Leading Intercultural Congregations in a Fractured World

Kristin Loeks Jackson and Alexis Ruzuhaza, - Four-session online workshop. Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27. 6-7:30 pm ET

Patrick Vendrely

CMC Board Chair 2025-2027

Here you will find the August 2025 Financial Report in both English and Spanish.

[August 2025
Financial Report](#)

On October 5, at 4:00 p.m. we'll gather in the sanctuary for a Service of Gratitude and Grief. This service is responding to those among us who carry grief that College Mennonite Church is no longer the congregation we once were. This service will be a time within a context of worship for us to bring and name our grief, offering it into God's care.

This service is intended primarily for grief related to CMC. But there are many things in our world today to grieve, so bring any and all kinds of grief to this time of worship. Whether you personally carry grief or not, we are members of a community of faith where we share our joy and our grief.

Interim pastors Merle and Suella will lead us through this worship service, beginning in gratitude, then moving to offering our pain and grief, followed by remembering and sitting within resurrection light, and closing with a blessing.

All are welcome, to bring and offer grief and to support those who are grieving.

Note from the Music Director: Our new song this week is VT 811, "Use us, God," by Jeremy Kempf. Many of us learned this at the Mennonite USA Convention earlier this summer, and I've been wanting to introduce it for a while! While Jeremy's songs are sometimes more challenging for our congregation, this simple tune only has five notes and a text that helps focus our intentions as we go out into the world.

"We are from..."

Our fall worship series will take us, in broad strokes, through the biblical story. In conversations among the pastoral team and worship commission, it became clear that it's time to rehearse this Big Story together again. This fall, our interpretive lens for rehearsing the story will be "reflecting back and hoping forward."

Our series title, "We are from..." is an outgrowth of meaningful communal experiences of our past few months. In this time of reflecting back and hoping forward, we have found meaning in remembering where we are from - and coming to the realization that we are also from this moment we find ourselves in! We are from the Bible stories and the Big Story, we are from our individual and collective stories, we are from our current moment, and we are even from a future that has yet to be revealed - because God always has been and always will be. So this fall as we tell our stories, we will reflect back with gratitude and look ahead with hope.

Outline for the Fall (details may change as the Spirit moves!)

- September 21: "We are from...a Rainbow Sign" (Primeval History) - Genesis 7-17
- September 28: "We are from...Hope in the Desert" (Family of God) - Genesis 21:8-21
- October 5: "We are from...a Feast for Remembering" (People of God) - Exodus 13:3-10
 - * This is also World Communion Sunday! We will have a joint worship service at 10:30 this day - and we are excited to collaborate with Goshen College on this service! There will be no Sunday school, but there will be a fellowship time with food.
- October 12: "We are from...Stories and Stones" (A New Land) - Joshua 4:20-24
- October 19: "We are from...God in the Storm" (Prophets and Kings) - 1 Kings 19:1-13
- October 26: "We are from...A Cry For Help" (People in Exile) - Psalm 44
- November 2: "We are from...In the Beginning" (The Messiah is Born) - John 1:1-5
 - * This Sunday is All Saints Day
- November 9: "We are from...A Chat at the Well" (Life and Teachings of Jesus) - John 4:4-29
- November 16: "We are from...You Will See Him There" (Death and Resurrection) - Matthew 29:1-10
- November 23: "We are from...Eating and Celebrating Together" (Early Church) - Acts 2:42-47

The Discipling Commission is happy to announce Ignite Your Faith (small group) offerings!

- Anabaptist Community Bible Study: These small groups will focus around studying the Bible together following the process designed for the Anabaptist Community Bible. They will meet four times. Sign up by filling out [this form](#)! Or fill it out [in Spanish](#).
- Book Club for The Anxious Generation: This small group will meet during the Sunday school hour. We will read chapters between gatherings and discuss them during our times together. We will meet weekly, October 12-December 7. Sign up by filling out [this form](#)!
- Spirit Feast: This small group is for people who identify as women. You will be part of a self-led group that meets monthly for six months to eat together and share faith together. Sign up by filling out [this form](#)! Or fill it out [in Spanish](#).



The children's library books have been switched to the fall collection! Families, stop by the children's library shelf in the hallway by the SS classrooms. We're on an honor system - take a book you need, and return it when you're finished.



Diane Hertzler and David Janzen warmly welcome the CMC congregation to attend their wedding ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the CMC sanctuary. Due to the size of their guest list, however, the light meal following the wedding will be limited to those who have received a written invitation.

Their street address after Sept. 28 will be 1724 S. 12th St., Goshen, IN, 46526.

MY COINS COUNT

It's time for My Coins Count! We will be collecting coins from Sunday, August 31- Sunday, September 21, to take to the MCC Relief Sale, to be used for water projects around the world. Bring coins each week and join in this simple, playful way of sustaining life.



September 26-27, 2025

Please consider how you can donate baked goods for the Relief Sale **September 26 th and 27th**. Containers for pie, bread, cookies, sweet rolls and cakes will be in the hallway starting this Sunday. As usual all donated items will be collected by the church offices doors on **Friday, September 26th up until noon** when they will then be delivered to the sale. This also includes plants.

-Mary Jo Short

Sometimes we need to be reminded of what our baking can do for others. An hour or two can make a big difference in the lives of people around the world.

One batch (3 doz) of cookies can provide winter clothing for a child in Syria

OR school meals in Burundi

OR 10 chickens for 2 families in India

OR 10 fruit trees for a family in Bangladesh

One Pie will provide an eco-friendly stove in Malawi

Two Pies can start a garden in India

Three Pies can provide emergency food for a family in Sudan

One pan cinnamon rolls provides a school uniform for a student in Egypt

Two pans cinnamon rolls provides books for a peace library in Rwanda

Three pans cinnamon rolls can stock a family pond in Cambodia

These are only a few possibilities. Just think what you can do on a family night, or a small group project or Sunday School class party, or you can come up with your ideas.

We are thrilled to invite you to Rooted in Community: A Night Out for CCYC. As current and alumni families, dedicated supporters, and friends, we are excited for you to join us. Many of you know that CCYC provides the highest quality of early childhood education to families in our community, regardless of a family's ability to pay. All funds raised this year will go towards our Sliding Fee Scholarship, allowing more kids in our community to flourish! CCYC is growing and we're excited to share with you.

Your invitation is attached. Just copy the URL or scan the QR code to reserve your tickets.

We are looking forward to seeing you on October 10th at The Table @ 108!

All our best,

Janet and the Board of Directors (Jim Caskey, Lauren Hodges, Rocio Arevelo-Espinosa, Corine Graber Alvarez, Liz Andes, Clayton Miller, Denise Murphy, and Ben Rheinheimer)



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

"The love which Jesus called for can be measured by its readiness to forgive. Love of neighbor includes genuine forgiveness of the wrong experienced at the hand of the neighbor. And Jesus clearly saw such readiness to forgive as the mark of discipleship and of the community of disciples. . . . Forgiveness must be endless and boundless, . . . also to the enemy." (Renowned Scottish New Testament scholar, James D. G. Dunn, Jesus' Call to Discipleship, 1992.)