

#1 – Joyce Peachey Lind ordained



On September 10, 2023, the Community Mennonite congregation ordained Pastor Joyce for pastoral ministry within Mennonite Church USA. Since September 2020, she has been serving as one of the pastoral team at CMC, having previously received a ministerial credential of license toward ordination. Licensing is usually issued for a minimum of a two-year period for the purpose of testing a pastor's inner and outer call



to ministry. Joyce's licensing period lasted about 3 years, mostly because of pandemic interference. Following discernment with Joyce and the church council at its April 13, 2023 meeting, a recommendation was submitted to Allegheny Mennonite Conference for Joyce to be ordained.



At the ordination service, Beth Ranck Yoder brought the message. The service also included a special children's time with a Q&A led by interim pastor Luann Yutzy, where children could weigh in on what they thought pastoral ministry was about. Children also provided a blessing of flowers.

Congratulations and blessings to Joyce and the CMC community as they embrace this chapter of ministry together.

#2 – Calls for Prayer and Action

If you are looking to join an active prayer group to intercede for peace in the Middle East, Samantha Lioi suggests a group from Washington State: *From Pastor Rachael Weasley of Community of Hope Menno (based in Bellingham, Washington)*. 📺 🗣️ Every Monday and Thursday, you can hop on a 20-minute zoom call where we open and close with poetry, silence and song, and call our representatives in the middle! I'm calling it "Calls for Peace." It is interfaith/secular. Feel free to invite friends/colleagues who don't identify as Christian. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86545382863?pwd=89pxn7iGPJq5EDwOHFVs6hQg1ZGDwS.1>

You might also check out Mennonite Action - <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/>

We are people of God's peace - Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites bonded by a common belief that we must be public about our peace values. We believe that Mennonites have a responsibility to use our voices as powerfully as possible for the cause of peace and justice.

#3 – Giving Tuesday – THANK YOU !!!

GIVING TUESDAY Sixteen people joined the 2023 Giving Tuesday initiative to help fund this year's goal (\$3,000) for a *special "One-Time" 2023-24 budget item* to cover expected conference minister search related expenses. \$2,815 was received, just shy of the goal. Thank you!

#4 – THE TABLE FELLOWSHIP (Harrisonburg, VA) – December 2023 AMC Featured Congregation



From The Table website: "Much of Jesus' ministry, before and after the resurrection, took place at the table. The early Christian church continued Jesus' table practices, breaking bread together and welcoming many new guests into the fellowship of Jesus. We continue in the table tradition, recognizing our need for nourishment and giving thanks for God's good gifts. By intentionally gathering as a community, we are fed and energized to do the work of Jesus in our world."

The Table, as a congregation, has ebbed and flowed with the seasons of life. In this season, we are a small group that meets late Sunday afternoons in a home setting often around food and always around supportive conversation. We find sharing food together is one of the best ways to nurture relationships and walk together through life on our shared, though separate, journeys as Jesus followers. In recent months we've centered our conversations around book studies, like Dear White Peacemakers by Osheta Moore, The Land is Not Empty by Sarah Augustine, and currently The Holy in the Night by Shannon W. Dycus. --Daniel Miller, for The Table Fellowship. For more click: <https://thetablefellowship.net/>