

## Announcements:

David Wing's birthday is March 22nd. Faith Carpenter has put postcards out on entry table for you to pick up. The address is David Wing P.O. Box 339, Centreville, MI 49032 You must write his address in black or blue ink. Put your return address on also. Thank you.

We are invited to consider contributing to the work of Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Hebron through next week. Checks can be made payable to Florence with Outreach: CPT in the memo line.

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

10 March, 2024 10th Sunday

Attendance	41	
General Fund Offering		\$ 701.00
Mutual Aid		\$ 180.00
TOTAL OFFERING		\$ 881.00
General Fund Balance		\$ 33,010.58

**Artwork:** Evans, Edwin, 1844-1923. Grain Fields, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Leadership Team: Dan Petry, Congregational Chair; Tim Lind, Serving Steward; Nathan Nichols, Caretaking Steward; Devon Miller, Gathering Steward.

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## Florence Church of the Brethren Mennonite Sunday, March 17, 2024



**We are an Anabaptist Christian congregation affiliated  
with Church of the Brethren and Mennonite Church USA**

Preservice singing Come, come, come my heart

Verna Troyer

to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God.  
We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Welcome

Kim Henritzy

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on **The Worship Closet**

Hymn What is This Place VT 22

Verna Troyer

Hymn O Lamb of God VT 321

Verna Troyer

Call to worship (based on Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

Kim Henritzy

Offering

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant...  
it will not be like the old covenant:

**written on stone.**

This will be a radically new covenant,  
my laws will be within you

**Written on hearts.**

And God added these wonderful words—  
I am your God and you are my people.

**Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God,  
so that we know you in all your fullness,  
love you as you love us,  
and worship you as you deserve.**

Let us worship God.

Children's time

Blessing the quilts

Chris Nofsinger

Children to Sunday School

Singing together

Verna Troyer

Unless a Grain of Wheat VT 302

New Earth, Heavens New VT 377

Scripture

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51: 1-12

John 12: 20-33

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online.**

Meditation

Willard Fenton Miller

Hymn Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

Verna Troyer

Congregational Sharing

Kim Henritzy

Confession (inspired by John 12:20-33)

Kim Henritzy

Prayer

David Shenk

Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are.  
We struggle with even the *idea* of change.  
We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently.  
But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life.  
Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full.  
Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things.

Benediction

David Shenk

Teach us by your Spirit to *let go* of our agendas and assumptions.  
Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power.  
Give us the strength and courage to try new things.  
Encourage us – and even push us –

Sending Song Use Us, God VT 811

Verna Troyer