

You may have noticed on Sundays that people are meeting at Sunset Celebrations on Pontaluna Road near 3rd Street in Fruitport. That's us! We would like to tell you a little about our Church, what we believe, and a few of the ways we are reaching out in the community.

Thirteen years ago we began meeting in the home of our Pastor, Mark Richey. For nearly two years now we have met at Sunset Celebrations.

Many folks wonder who Mennonites are, if they are the same as Amish, and if we welcome visitors from other traditions to our services.

Historically, Mennonites emerged from the reformation at nearly the same time as Protestant groups, but with several distinct beliefs and practices. Those who held these beliefs were collectively called “Anabaptists” because of their insistence that baptism be a believer’s choice upon confession of faith rather than a parent’s choice at infancy. Among the other distinctives of Anabaptists are nonresistance and nonviolence, separation from political involvement and office holding, and maintaining a plain and modest appearance.

While it is true that Mennonites and Amish share a lot of church history and doctrine, the two groups vary considerably in their application of biblical principles to lifestyle choices. Take, for example, the application of the Scripture "Love not the World, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the Love of the Father is not in Him." (1 John 2:15) Our Amish brothers and sisters would choose to separate themselves from the modern culture, but Mennonites tend to engage contemporary society while maintaining the values of the Kingdom of God. The difference is a matter of application.

There is much in our beliefs that may sound familiar to you. We believe in Salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Though we emphasize a holy lifestyle, we do not believe salvation can be earned. We believe in the inerrancy of the Word of God, the Bible. We believe Jesus meant us to live the Kingdom of God while in this world.

And, yes, we always welcome visitors! We would love to get to know you and hear how God is working in your life as well as answer any questions you have.

Since our founding, we have seen our mission summed up in the following prophecy of Jesus found in Isaiah 61:

- The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me;
- Because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;
- He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
- To proclaim liberty to the captives,
- And the opening of the prison to them that are bound...

Some of the ways we try to live this out are through visiting and leading worship services at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, visiting and counseling prisoners and parolees, and parenting foster children.

We desire our worship services to focus on the Lord and His Word. So we keep it simple. We sing hymns acapella, our sermons employ a lot of scripture, and we spend time in prayer for the needs of the church and community.

We invite you to visit us. Our services are Sunday morning at 10:00 with Sunday School at 11:30. Sunday evening at 7:00. Wednesday evening we have prayer meeting at 7:00. Children are welcome too!

~ Seth Richey

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00PM

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