

Circles of Love, Guest Speakers

Companions on an Unmapped Journey

Milt Stoltzfus' two older sisters, Marcia and Marian, were diagnosed in early childhood with having brain damage. Milt shares about how the church entered into the unknown and often overwhelming journey with intellectual disabilities with his family, offering grace and courage along the way.

Discerning Baptism

Peter and Mary Graber were uncertain how to approach baptism and church membership for their daughter Emily, age 25, who was born with an intellectual disability. The Grabers reflect on how they worked with Sunnyside Mennonite Church to discern and design a 'Ceremony of Joining' for Emily which included a sprinkling of the congregation rather than a water baptism.

When Inclusivity Thrives

College Mennonite Church is made more vibrant by the thriving Deaf Christian Fellowship. **Sheila S. Yoder**, former Deaf Ministries Coordinator, and **Pastor Rex Brake**, who is deaf, describe the journey and joys of being an inclusive congregation. *Sign language interpretation will be provided.*

Gifts Much Greater than Limitations

Ross Ringenberg was a passionate and talented individual committed to serving others. Despite increasing physical limitations leading up to his death, Ross' gifts were embraced by his church. Pastor **Frances Ringenberg**, Ross' mother, describes how Prairie Street Mennonite Church welcomed her son's gifts of lay-ministry at every stage of his adult life.