

# Leetonia Mennonite Church

## Congregational Profile

**Leetonia Mennonite Church** is a small, community-based congregation located in Leetonia, a rural town in Columbiana County, Ohio, with deep Italian Catholic roots. The church has maintained a continuous presence for over 200 years at its current location on the edge of the village, approximately 20 miles south of Youngstown and about halfway between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Geographically, the area lies at the northern tip of Appalachia.

Leetonia Mennonite is one of three sister congregations in the Columbiana area, alongside Midway Mennonite Church and North Lima Mennonite Church. While we share close ties with these churches, our official conference affiliation is with the Evana Network. The broader region also includes numerous Old Order Mennonite congregations.

Our congregation consists of about 40 active regular attenders and a total membership of approximately 50–55 people. We are predominantly Caucasian and represent a mix of working- and middle-class individuals, with an even balance between college-educated and non-college-educated backgrounds.

In recent years, our guiding theme has been **“One God, One Body, Many Parts, One Purpose,”** which supports our mission:

**“We joyfully gather as followers of Jesus, seeking God, serving each other, and witnessing to all.”**

This focus has shaped our growing heart for outreach—seeking to connect with the surrounding communities and engage people from all faith walks.

Here are some self-identified strengths and weaknesses:

### Strengths/Successes

- Active participation of members in various roles
- Small, personal, and devoted congregation
- Small groups experiencing growth (Women’s Bible Study & Grove Guys)
- Good working relationships with surrounding churches regardless of denomination

### Weaknesses/Challenges

- Aging congregation with very few young couples/children
- Community outreach needs to expand
- Concerns about fiscal forecast as congregation ages
- Musical leadership/gifts