

Summit Mennonite Church

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Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

***Childcare** during worship is available for infants and toddlers (ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary*

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

December 13, 2015

THE PATH OF TRUST

Focus Statement: On this third Sunday of Advent we bring our fears to God. Today we examine the path to resolute, joyful and trusting responses in life.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Lighting the Advent Candle and Peace Lamp

Welcome and Announcements

Stan King

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud, O people, Shout out your worship in a loud voice!

People: God takes away the judgment against us; There's no need to fear disaster.

Leader: The Lord our God exults over us with gladness; Singing loudly as on a day of celebration.

People: God delivers us from all that oppresses us, changing our shame into praise.

ALL: Rejoice! For God is our strength and our might and has become our salvation.

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB 184 Hark! The Glad Sound!

Julia Beyeler

HWB 114 In thee is gladness

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HEARING GOD

Kyle Yoder

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philipians 4:4-7

Sermon: Choosing Trust

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Time of Quiet Reflection

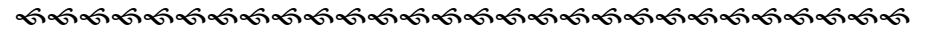
Prayer of Liberation (unison):

Liberating God, set us free. As we walk this road of freedom, give us more love, more hope, more peace and more joy.

Singing: STJ 105 Don't Be Afraid

SENDING

BLESSING



THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Stan King

Gathering Music: Dora Short and Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Greeters: Julia & Bob Beyeler

Nursery: Hannah & William Troyer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32 General Offering: \$1,210

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7-8: choir practice at First Mennonite, Wadsworth

Thursday: Soup at six on Thursday and final rehearsal of Christmas cantata beginning at 6:45-8pm

Sun, Dec 20: Christmas Brunch, 9:30, Worship, 10:30

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Dec 24, 7pm: Christmas Eve service at First Mennonite,

Sun, Jan 31: Potluck lunch followed by Trades of Hope party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Monday from 1-4 and on Thursday beginning at 4.

Please bring mittens, hats, and gloves to "decorate" our corner mitten tree in the far end of the sanctuary. The decorations will be given to Barberton Area Community Ministries for distribution to those in need.

Please sign up for snacks on the sheet in the kitchen if you can bring something to go with coffee on a Sunday Morning. Write your name beside the date that suits you.

Remember our Soup at Summit dates: Thursday the 17th of December.

If you plan to sing with the choir for the joint Christmas Eve Service with First Mennonite of Wadsworth, please save these dates for joint rehearsals at First from 7-8pm.: TUESDAYS, Dec. 8, 15, and 22.

POINSETTIAS: For those who purchased one, please take them home with you after church next Sunday, the 20th. Remember to pay Susan \$20, if you haven't already. Also, she purchased a couple of extras so if anyone is interested in one, let her know. Thank you.

44 riders participated in the **2015 MCC Bike Michiana** bike ride. The ride raised over \$16,000 to provide relief for Syrian Refugees. Thank you to all of our faithful supporters from Summit Mennonite Church. For more information about the ride or how you can help support MCC projects, see Stan.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the **Christmas program** on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. www.ccscomets.org

Alumni Night, December 18: Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 - 7pm by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girl's basketball at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.

Give the Gift of Time: Are you looking for a way to give of your time to help others and enrich your life? MCC Connections has several volunteer openings in the Rug Dept and Quilt Room. These positions are for volunteering in the store, or taking projects home to work on. Positions available for in store volunteering 4 or 8 hrs a week. Must be teachable, detail oriented and work with precision. Please call the store at **330-857-7802** for more information on how you can make a difference in the world!