

Summit Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:30 am

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

THE PATH OF MERCY

December 6, 2015

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Lighting the Advent Candle and Peace Lamp

Welcome and Announcements

Suzie Yoder

Call to Worship

Leader: We wait for God's light to burst into our dark world.

Open your eyes. Unstop your ears.

People: As we prepare for your coming, we recognize that we are in need of change.

Leader: Like the valleys and hills, the crooked paths and rough places, we need your mercy to transform us.

People: We confess that we still live in the shadows of apathy, greed, and prejudice. Burn away in your refining fire all that keeps us from you.

ALL: Kindle in us your merciful love, so that we may be freed to service and worship you in spirit and in truth.

Singing: HWB 172 O Come, O Come, Immanuel Hank Rossiter

HWB 176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Paula Gill

SHARING of Joys and Prayer Requests

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HEARING GOD

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon: **Mercy Ship**

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Time of Quiet Reflection

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Together we light the second candle of Advent to symbolize our need to God's mercy. God bursts into our world to help us break out of cycles of hatred and revenge.

People: We can come out of the shadows and live in the light. With this candle, we offer our hearts and minds to God.

Leader: We light this candle as a reminder to take heart. God is coming to make things right.

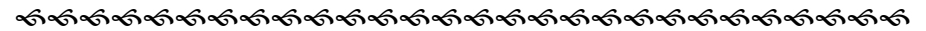
People: The path God reveals is mercy. Forgive us, O God. We long to be set free from all that keeps us from you.

Prayer

Singing: STJ 54 Longing for Light

SENDING

Blessing



THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Suzie Yoder

Gathering Music: Susan Moyer

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: Jack and Mona Rohrer

Nursery: Suzie and Kyle Yoder

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 53 General Offering: \$1,984

THIS WEEK

Today, 2 – 5pm: Fundraiser at Dayspring Mennonite Church, Hannah will be selling Trades of Hope goods

Mon, Dec 7, 7 pm: Church Council meets

Sat, Dec 12: Women's Christmas Brunch, Bricco, Fairlawn

COMING EVENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Monday afternoon (11- 3) and Thursday afternoon (4-8).

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: Thursdays, the 3rd and 17th of December.

If you plan to attend 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.

All women are invited to a **Christmas brunch** on Dec 12 at 10 am at Bricco, which is in the Doubletree Hotel in Fairlawn. Please RSVP to Mary Schwartz, Mkschwartz2000@gmail.com or 330-715-7455.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church would like to invite you to participate in or attend their annual performance of **Handel's Messiah**. Andrea Gerber will direct the choir, orchestra, and soloists on Sunday, December 13, at 2:30 pm. If you would like to join the choir, please plan to attend two practices at Oak Grove Mennonite Church: on Friday, December 11, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and Saturday, December 12, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

Central Christian Elementary School will present a **Christmas Concert, Angels We Have Heard**, on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. www.ccscomets.org

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.

