

## 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

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:30 am

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

### THE PATH OF SERVICE

December 27, 2015

#### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Lighting the Advent Candles and Peace Lamp

Welcome and Announcements

Lee Ressler

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, sing praise all the heights!

**People: Praise God, sun and moon. Sing praise, all you shining stars.**

Leader: Praise God, all the earth. Sing praise all fruit trees and hills!

**People: Praise God, all you animals. Sing praise, creeping things and flying birds.**

**ALL: Young men and women alike, old and young together, Let all that has life and breath praise God!**

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB 197 Angels We Have Heard on High

Kyle Yoder

HWB 194 Away in a Manger

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

#### OFFERING

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### HEARING GOD

Scripture: Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon: The Path to Service

Marilyn Rossiter

#### RESPONDING

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Together we light a candle on this Sunday to celebrate the arrival of Jesus in our midst. God comes to us in the utter freedom of vulnerable love.

**People: In the cry of a baby entering the world for the first time.**

Leader: We confess, God, that we sometimes prefer a disembodied gospel—one that doesn't get us involved in the world you created.

**People: Yet you have come into all of our messiness, troubles, and sin. Oh, How great your love for us!**

Leader: We light this candle to celebrate that Great Love that comes into our world and into our lives. Help us to cherish that love.

**People: To bask in that love, to experience forgiveness and new life in that love, may that love ignite in us a flame of love for others.**

Prayer

Singing: HWB 318 Joy to the World

#### SENDING

Blessing



#### THIS MORNING

Greeters: Deb Barry & Paula Gill

Nursery: Stephanie & Jason Moyer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

#### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 66

General Offering: \$1,421

#### THIS WEEK

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

#### COMING EVENTS

Jan 8-10: Marilyn gone to worship weekend at Laurelville Retreat Center, PA.

Jan 10: Jeff Wilihite, Director of Family Promise, here at Summit!

Jan 17: Potluck/important Congregation Meeting. Please plan to come for the day, complete with communion, worship, lunch, and family meeting.

Jan 24 (evening)-January 29: Marilyn gone to Pastors' week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

Jan 31: Potluck and Trades of Hope presentation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Marilyn will be in the office Monday and Thursday afternoons from noon to three.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart! I felt very loved last Sunday with the surprise Christmas love gift. You, my dear Summit people, continually amaze me. May God bless each one in the New Year and make it a happy and healthy one! -Pastor Marilyn

Sympathy goes out to the family of Thea Rue, who left this earthly life on Monday, December 21st.

This Christmas, I am particularly thankful for a group of Summit women for their gift to the Bridge of Hope Girls' School. Because of your generosity, little girls will receive school supplies. Thank you. Michal Bouyers will leave Monday to personally see that this gift is delivered. She also promised to come and share stories and pics in the New Year.

Mona's sister, Thea, passed away Monday, Dec 21. Memorial services will be held at the Mt Eaton Community Church , 8478 N Market St, Mt Eaton, on Wed, Dec 30 at 6 pm, followed by a fellowship meal at 7 pm. We would also like to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards, food and especially thanks to Marilyn for your support and visits to Thea.

BACM will once again be collecting Bags of Love to distribute to our clients in the spring! Please help us be making Bags of Love for our clients to receive when they visit our pantry. Fill a decorated brown grocery bag with the following items:

- One package of toilet paper (4 rolls)
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Hand soap
- Deodorant
- Soap/body wash
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- All-purpose cleaner

Place filled bags by our Giving Tree before the end of February.