

## Summit Mennonite Church

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**We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need**  
Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor  
Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team  
*If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope that you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God. We invite you to sign our Oguest book in the foyer.*

**Childcare** during worship is available for infants and toddlers (generally ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and toys are available at the sanctuary entrance.

### March 15, 2015

Focus Statement: Life is hard, and we're sure we're in it alone. Yet in our supposed abandonment, God not only hears our distress but responds to it. How can we recognize God's presence in the shadows and see the life that is there?

#### GATHERING

Prelude Dora Short  
Candlelighting Stan King  
Welcome & Opening Prayer  
Call to Grace (from Psalm 107)  
Though even the redeemed are fools because of their sinful ways,  
God saves them from their desperate circumstances, giving orders  
for their healing and rescuing them from the pit.  
Hymn: HWB #167 For God so loved us Pam Zook  
Children's Time Mona Rohrer  
Hymn: HWB #233 Joyful is the dark

#### HEARING GOD

Readers theater  
Scripture: Number 21: 4-9; John 3: 14-21  
Message: God amidst the shadows. Marilyn Rossiter

#### RESPONDING

**Call to Authenticity**  
Leader: Where are you Lord? We feel abandoned.  
You don't seem to be listening to our cries for help.  
**Congregation: When life is hard,  
we want you to make it better.**  
Leader: Like the people of Israel, we're tired of our burdens, our distress and our difficulty.

**Congregation Do something, and quickly!**

*Silence*

Leader: Shine your light on us.

**Congregation: Help us trust that you are present,  
even in hardship.**

Hymn: STJ #54 Longing for Light

Announcements

Sharing joys and sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

#### SENDING

Hymn: STS #124 My soul cries out

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out  
by being present whether we know it or not.

**Congregation: God, we will walk in your light  
Whether we see it or not.**

Blessing



March food Donations for BACM: potatoes, rice noodles or box dinners

Greeter: Ron & Hazel Boyle

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

Nursery: Deb Barry & Brenda Lowe

#### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 43

Offering: \$1,603

Needed to meet spending plan: \$1,400

#### THIS WEEK

Sun, March 22: Meal & Talent Show (see food signup sheet in kitchen)

#### COMING EVENTS

Sat, March 28, 10am: Egg Roll making class taught by Mona

Sun, March 29: Family Promise Get Back on Your Feet walk

Thurs, April 2: Maundy Thursday meal and service

Sun, April 5, 9:30: Easter Breakfast, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 Easter Worship Service

Sun, April 25: Congregational meeting to explore our vision

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office days this week will be Tuesday 10-1 and Friday 12-5. She is also available by phone or email at other times.

One more week to sign up the **Talent Show** scheduled for next Sunday. Don't be shy – we welcome any kind of talent! Good or bad! There is also a signup sheet in the kitchen to bring finger foods for that day.

When stopping by the church, those with keys should be sure to turn off lights and lock the outside doors. The doors have been found open several times and this needs to be corrected.

All women and friends are invited to an eggroll making class taught by Mona, Saturday, March 28 at 10am. We will start with a coffee/tea brunch. (Please bring something to share to munch on.)

The **Family Promise Get Back on Your Feet Walk** will be Sunday, March 29, 3:00 PM at 3300 Moorewood Rd, Fairlawn. You may register online at [walk.familypromisesc.org](http://walk.familypromisesc.org) where you can join the Summit Mennonite team. We will post the donations on line as we sell our "Flat Jordan" paper sneakers. For more information see Stan or Judy King.

We will have a Maundy Thursday meal and communion on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

There is a signup sheet in the kitchen for food for Easter Brunch, Easter morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Central Christian School's Spring Chicken BBQ: Friday, April 17, 4:30 -7:00 pm at CCS. Dine in and Carry-out services are available. Tickets may be purchased from junior students or at the door.

Central Christian's Elementary School Spring Concert, April 17, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center, following the Chicken BBQ.

Details on all events at [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

Plan to invite friends to our Easter Breakfast and service! Children will have an Easter Egg Hunt and adults will enjoy a breakfast in place of Sunday School before our service. Let's pack out this place!

First Mennonite Church is having a Youth fundraiser for Kansas City! Menno's Best Coffee is available in 12 oz. bags (ground or whole bean) for just \$12. Five dollars from each bag sold goes to the youth, and an additional \$1 is donated to MCC. To purchase, email Sharon at [ssh44270@gmail.com](mailto:ssh44270@gmail.com). Orders will be taken through Sunday, March 15th. Checks can be made to First Mennonite. Thank you for your support!

## **BULLETIN INSERT MARCH 15, 2015**

**Investing in education, youth and employment opportunities.** Learn about how Everence is supporting Caribbean and Latin American programs focused on education, youth and employment through a new bond purchase. You can support this kind of investing too. (Visit [everence.com/everence-news](http://everence.com/everence-news))

**BACM:** Bring potatoes, rice noodles or box diners for the month of March and drop into the box by our white giving tree. You may bring other food or grocery supplies also. It would be helpful to get into the habit of buying a few extra items when you do your grocery shopping.

**MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Praise God for the language-learning progress that Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey team in Southeast Asia has made. Pray that they will use their increased fluency to share God's love in words as well as deeds.