

## 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 22, 2015

Focus Statement: We expect maturity to be something we can arrive at-and then live in ever after. Yet God desires what we hide away in our secret hearts. For that seed to grow, the seed coat must first decay. What has to die in our lives so that a new covenant, written on our hearts, can bear its fruit?

### GATHERING

Prelude My Soul Cries out String Trio  
Candlelighting Rachael Oyer  
Welcome & Opening Prayer  
Call to Grace (from Psalm 51)

God wants truth in the most hidden places, and teaches wisdom in the most secret space. Creating for us clean hearts, God puts a new, faithful spirit deep inside us!

Hymn: HWB #26 Holy Spirit, come with power Kyle Yoder  
Children's Time Mona Rohrer  
Hymn: HWB #396 The work is thine, O Christ

### HEARING GOD

Readers Theater  
Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 31-34, John 12: 20-33  
Message: Letting the Seed Coat Decay Marilyn Rossiter

### RESPONDING

**Call to Authenticity**  
Leader: Faithful God, we want to mature in faith.  
**Congregation: But what does that really mean?  
And what will we have to give up?**  
Leader: We wonder what transformation requires of us, our congregation, our denomination.

**Congregation: We're afraid you'll ask too much.**

*Silence*

Leader: We want to be your people.

**Congregation: Make us willing receivers of a covenant knit right into the center of our being.**

Hymn: HWB #614 In the bulb there is a flower

Announcements

Sharing joys and sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Susan Moyer

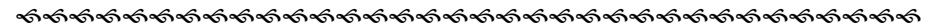
### SENDING

Hymn: HWB #395 Here I Am, Lord

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out, writing a new way of being into our very DNA.

**Congregation: God, we will watch and wait for your new thing to bear fruit within and among us.**

Blessing



March food Donations for BACM: potatoes, rice noodles or box dinners  
Greeter: Hannah Horner & William Troyer  
Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer  
Nursery: Andressa & Senari Bouyer

Attendance: 39  
LAST WEEK  
Offering: \$1,308  
Needed to meet spending plan: \$1,400

THIS WEEK  
Today, March 22: Meal & Talent Show  
Sat, March 28, 10am: Egg Roll making class taught by Mona  
Sun, March 29: Family Promise Get Back on Your Feet walk

### COMING EVENTS

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 Monday 4-8 and Tuesday 11-3. She is also available by phone or email at other times.

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

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.

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 we will enjoy a breakfast in place of Sunday School before our service. Let's pack out this place!

**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:** Passionfest, held in New Zealand last month, is an annual celebration of Jesus, community, and justice. Pray for Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network, based in Australia, as they follow up on contacts they made during the festival.