

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 JUSTICE

November 29, 2015

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Lighting the Advent Candle and Peace Lamp

Welcome and Announcements

Hank Rossiter

Call to Worship

Leader: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light in our dark world. Pray with me.

People: Lift up your eyes! God's justice is on the way.

Leader: Liberating God, sustain us and help us to walk in your ways.

People: Free us from the chains of prejudice and the shackles of sin.

Leader: This is the moment to wake from sleep. Be ready, Jesus is coming to set us free.

ALL: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Singing: HWB 371 Let there be light, Lord God Viv Jaberg

HWB 178 Come thou long expected Jesus

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING of Joys and Prayer Requests

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HEARING GOD

Scripture: Luke 21: 25-36; Psalm 25: 1-10

Sermon: The Justice of Jesus Messiah Pastor Jackson Weah

Response: Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Time of Quiet Reflection

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Together, we light this first candle of Advent in anticipation of God's justice breaking in.

People: In the midst of our realities and the realities of the world, God longs to free us from all that holds us captive to fear, confusion, even despair.

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

People: The path God reveals is freedom. Freedom from fear.

All: Freedom from sin. Freedom from injustice.

Prayer

Invitation to Light a Candle

(Singing: STS 15 Hope is a Candle)

SENDING

BLESSING



THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Sermon: Pastor Jackson Weah, Monrovia, Liberia and Pastor Marilyn

Gathering Music: Pam Zook, Tim Larson and Susan Moyer

Song Leader: Viv Jaberg

Greeters: LaVerne Yousey & Rachael Oyer

Nursery: Pam and Avery Zook

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 42 General Offering: \$1,193 Burial \$150

COMING EVENTS

Mon, Dec 7, 7 pm: Church Council meets

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm American welcome to Pastor Jackson Weah, our friend and pastor from Hope of Praise Church in Monrovia, Liberia and overseer of Bridge of Hope Girls' School.

We also welcome the following dear friends as new members this morning: Mel and Rachel Gingerich, Leah Horner, William and Hannah Troyer, Devon Elliot, Curtis Yovichin, and Rachael Oyer.

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

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to take home December 20th, please see Susan Moyer today for the purchases.

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.

Appreciation goes to Paula Gill for putting up our two trees for Advent. Thanks, Paula.

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.

The **Family Promise of Summit County** volunteer appreciation dinner is being held on December 1st, 6:00 PM at the Family Center, 111 Voris St., Akron. Come to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and hear about plans for the future. See the flier on the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. RSVP to Pauline at 330-253-8081 or Pauline@familypromise.org,

A **fund raiser** event at Dayspring Mennonite Church is being planned by Hannah and a friend from Dayspring. This will be a vendor event on Dec 6, from 2 – 5pm; the cost for a table is \$10 and goes directly to the support of Sean and Hannah Miller, who are serving at an orphanage in Bolivia. You can go to the event and do some Christmas shopping. Hannah will have her Trades of Hope items displayed there.

BULLETIN INSERT NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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.

Apply for the 2016 Everence college scholarship. If your family owns an Everence product, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 29, 2016. Learn more at everence.com/scholarships or see Stan King for a copy of the application.

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.

BACM: Bring **cereal** for the month of **December** 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.