

# Summit Mennonite Church

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*Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.*

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am

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

December 4, 2016

Focus Statement: God's harmony is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

L: In the nighttime of fear, we build walls and fences.

**P: Rather than showing hospitality, we keep the stranger away.**

**We forget the truth that God's love is for everyone.**

L: O God, show us the way of your heart.

**All: Come quickly, show us.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs: HWB #183 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's Cry

HWB #211 Lo, how a Rose e're blooming

Candle lighting while singing StS #3 Come, light of the world

## PRAISING

Advent Reading

Song: StJ #61 How can we be silent?

## CONFESSING/RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession:

L: God of harmony,

**P: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ. Amen**

Words of Assurance:

L: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love.

Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's compassion is your strength, God's love is your redemption.

**All: Come; let us walk in the way of God's heart!**

Song: StJ #15 Santo (Holy)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time:

Mary Schwartz

Scripture: Psalm 72: 1-7, Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: Solo or Harmony?

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

## RESPONDING

Song of Response: HWB #182 Oh, how shall I receive thee?

Sharing sermon responses, joys and prayer requests

Announcements and Introduction of guests

Prayers of the people

Offering

## SENDING

Blessing

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## THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Pam Zook

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Greeters: Judy & Stan King

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

## LAST WEEK

Attendance: 51

General Offering: \$1,302

\$1,750 needed weekly to meet spending plan

Year to date \$3,100 short for meeting spending plan

## THIS WEEK

- Today, 5:50 – 7:30pm: "Search for the Christ Child" at Oak Grove

## COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Dec 18, 9:30: Christmas Brunch followed by worship
- Christmas Eve, 7pm- Combined Candlelight Service HERE at Summit with First Mennonite
- Christmas Day, 10:30: Worship Service – No Sunday school

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Wednesday, Dec 7, 1 - 4 and Saturday Dec 10, 1 - 4. Call/email/text Marilyn for time with her, keeping in mind that Tuesday is her day off.

Christmas Day-- We will have a special worship service at 10:30, with no Sunday School. "Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King..."

The poinsettias on the tree may be purchased, and will be available to take home on Christmas Day. See Lee or Wanda Ressler if you would like one.

This Christmas, as every month, we support the work of BACM (Barberton Area Community Ministries) right here in our own building. Pray that the Spirit will hover close on all days within these walls and beyond. Thank you, Summit volunteers and thank you, congregation, for giving out of our abundance for this important ministry.

Family Promise is still looking for volunteers to stay in Akron on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-5. Call Pauline Egan if you can fill this need. (*Phone: 330-253-8081.*)

Have you liked our Facebook page? It is one way for our page to be shared among acquaintances, especially here in the Barberton/Akron area. It is also a way for our light to NOT be hid under a bushel. Thanks to Deb Barry for her work here.

If you would like to participate in candle lighting, scripture reading, and/or spreading Advent/Christmas cheer at the Food Pantry or other local venues, please let Pastor Marilyn know! We have many tasks and assignments and many hands make work light.

Thanks to your generous support this years **MCC Bike Michiana** ride contributed over \$12,000 to MCC's Palestine and Israel project.

#### **Central Christian School Announcements:**

- Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Alumni Night, December 23: Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 - 7pm by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls 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.
- **More info on all events: [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org) or 330.857.7311**

**BACM:** Bring **canned soup and ramen noodles and household cleaner** 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.

**MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out an Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck and Kate Unruh, and leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller.