

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor
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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 11, 2016

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

L: In the nighttime of sorrow, we become impatient and lose hope.

P: Our joy disappears and our songs become silent.

We forget the truth that God will restore all creation.

All: Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs: HWB #184 Hark! The glad sound!

HWB #176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

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

PRAISING

Advent Reading

Song: StJ #13 My soul is filled with joy

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession:

L: God of healing,

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:

Jason Moyer

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: God's Healing Heart
Healing/Anointing Service

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Song of Response: HWB #181 My soul proclaims with wonder

Sharing sermon responses, joys and prayer requests

Announcements and Introduction of guests

Prayers of the people

Offering

SENDING

Blessing

THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Susan Moyer

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: Janine & Mike McDowell

Nursery: Hazel Boyle & Rachael Oyer

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32

General Offering: \$3,264

Jubilee Fund: \$170

\$1,750 needed weekly to meet spending plan

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

THIS WEEK

- Sunday, Dec 18, 9:30: Christmas Brunch followed by worship

COMING EVENTS

- Christmas Eve, 7pm- Combined Candlelight Service HERE at Summit with First Mennonite
- Christmas Day, 10:30: Worship Service – No Sunday school
- Sun, Jan 29: Annual Business Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Wednesday, Dec 14, 1 - 4 and Saturday Dec 17, 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.

There will be an evaluation of the order of worship and Sunday School on January 8th. Please note this and be ready to voice your preference.

There is a signup sheet in the kitchen for the Christmas brunch next Sunday. Egg casseroles will be provided, please sign up for cut up fruit or sweet rolls to share. The brunch will be at 9:30, replacing Sunday school, followed by the worship service. Come, join our fellowship.

Another opportunity for sharing this Christmas season is our "Mitten Tree" in the corner of the sanctuary. Bring mittens, gloves, hats, scarves etc. to decorate the tree. These can be hand knitted or purchased and will be given to needy children and adults in our community.

Most Sundays there are breads and sweets on the island in the kitchen. These are given to BACM by Giant Eagle, and anything they don't give out during the week is available to anyone. They are past the sell-by date, so will be disposed of on Monday.

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

Summit will be volunteering for Family Promise the 23rd, Friday evening. See Stan for volunteer opportunities.

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.

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 churches in Bolivia have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.