

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 25, 2016

Focus Statement: Jesus is born! Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Call to Worship: Isaiah 52: 7-10
Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful HWB #212
Opening Prayer
Blessing of the Christ Candles (children help light all five candles)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time: Mona Rohrer
Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20
Sermon: O Little Town of Barberton Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Song of Response: HWB #318 Joy to the world
StS #32 Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Prayers of the people
(During this time, you are invited to share a prayer, wish, joy or concern)
Offering

SENDING

Blessing
L: From where we are to where you need us,
All: Jesus, lead us on.
L: From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
All: Jesus, lead us on.
L: To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
All: Jesus, lead us on.
L: Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
All: Jesus, lead us on!



THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Marilyn Rossiter and William Troyer
Worship Leader: Lee Ressler
Song Leader: Pam Zook
Greeters: Hannah & William Troyer
Nursery: Hannah & William Troyer
Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 63 General Offering: \$1,735
\$1,750 needed weekly to meet spending plan
Year to date \$3,100 short for meeting spending plan

COMING EVENTS

- Sun, Jan 29, 10:30 (replacing Sunday school): Annual Business Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Wednesday, December 27th from noon to five and Thursday, December 28th noon to three.. Call/email/text Marilyn for time with her, keeping in mind that Tuesday is her day off.

If you purchased poinsettias they are available to take home today. If you didn't purchase any, there are several available. See Wanda Ressler if you are interested.

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.

BACM will once again be collecting **Bags of Love** to be distributed in the spring. Many of the clients are on food stamps and can't use them to buy personal care or household items. Fill a paper bag (feel free to decorate it!) with the following items: 1 package toilet paper (4 rolls), laundry detergent (up to 64 oz), dish soap, hand soap, deodorant, soap/body wash, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, all-purpose cleaner. Bring filled bags in before the end of February. Next Sunday we will bring our offerings to the front, along with our offerings for BACM.

We will have a special **New Year's Day celebration** of worship and communion service next Sunday. What Kingdom work of reconciliation do you need to complete before then? Plan to bring family and friends! We will have special music and events that day to celebrate the coming of the New Year!

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.*)

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: On this Christmas day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. Mennonite Mission Network partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- Pray for the Alger family of Kidron, in the sudden passing of their young son, Eric.
- Pray that Summit will continue to search and find ways to be Light to the area of Barberton as well as our respective communities.