

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

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*

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:30 am

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

January 31st, 2016

Focus Statement: The light Jesus brings into the world challenges and illuminates all the distinctions between us that we elevate as ultimate goods. For if the light has the power to draw wise men from afar and overcome barriers of former religious outcasts, what power does it still have to bring new freedom into our church and world?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Welcome and Announcements

William Troyer

Call to Worship

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

ALL: Amen

Opening Prayer

Singing: STJ 2 Come Walk with Us

Viv Jaberg

STJ 78 We will Walk with God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julia Beyeler

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we invest our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ and when we squander our gifts by failing to use them to build people up.

People: Forgive us when we conceal the wideness of your mercy by our lack of compassionate behavior.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed even if this means taking risks and expending whatever energy we may have.

People: Help us to hear Jesus' words addressed to us about being eager to share the spiritual treasure that we have, knowing that as we do, more, much more, will be given.

All: This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: Freedom Bound: The Path of Inclusion

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

SENDING

Hymn: STJ 79 As I Went Down to the River to Pray

Blessing:

Leader: Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.

People: Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.

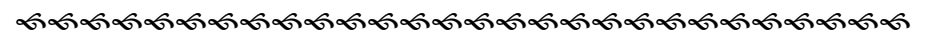
Leader: Friends of God, prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in;

People: Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest in the costly investment he has made.

Leader: Invest in others as his love has invested in you;

People: rejoicing in the fellowship of his Spirit.

Leader: The blessing of the eternal God is upon you: redeeming grace, enfolding love, enduring fellowship. Now and forever. Amen



THIS MORNING

Greeters: Kyle Yoder & Devon Elliott

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Hannah & William Troyer

LAST WEEK Attendance: 48 General Offering: \$1,666

THIS WEEK

Today: Potluck and Trades of Hope presentation after worship
Monday, 7pm: Church Council meets

COMING EVENTS

Feb 10, 7pm: Ash Wednesday service

February 14: Summit Skit

February 28: Darisuh and Emily Meraj

Sat, March 5: Central Christian School Auction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Monday 4-7 and Friday 11-3.

Thanks to all who will help this coming Friday in helping the families of Family Promise. Please be prepared to share (or tell Stan) how the Spirit worked in your lives next Sunday.

Do you enjoy scriptural drama? If you've seen any of Ted Swartz's skits based on Scripture, you know that he blends humor with imagination and knits together the beloved stories in the gospels in surprising and enlightening ways. If you would like to participate in something like this (on stage or behind the scenes) speak up! A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Pastor Marilyn has a **new phone number**: 330-201-5213. Please put this number in your phone, or make a note of it.

MCC Peace Gathering in Kidron Ohio: You are invited to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes for an informative day of workshops, worship and dialogue on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The day will begin at 9:00 am with worship and end at 5:00pm. MCC U.S. staff will join other invited presenters in leading public workshops on immigration, gun violence/incarceration, Iran, School Bullying and Anti-oppression. Following the seminars, there will be a Q&A time with all the presenters. Lunch will be provided. The Peace Gathering will take place at Kidron Mennonite Church (3987 Co Hwy 52, Kidron, OH 44636). Please RSVP to Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Central Christian School Student Visitation Days, Feb 12, March 4, and March 21: Are you interested in experiencing the difference of Christ-centered education? We invite your child to spend a day with us! Visitation Days are Feb 12, March 4 and March 21. To schedule your visit, contact Christina Lowe at 330.857.7311 or ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org.

BULLETIN INSERT JANUARY 31, 2016

Central Christian's **Singing Valentines**, Fri, Feb 12: Central Christian's Varsity Singers have delivered over 300 Valentines to loved ones in Wayne, Holmes and Stark counties over the past 15 years. You may order a Singing Valentine by calling Karla McMullen at 330.857.7311. Cost is \$25

Frohliche Dorf: Saturday, February 20 at 7 pm. It's back! Join us for the fourth Frohliche Dorf show, presented by Tim Shue and crew! Tickets are \$13-17. Purchase yours today by going to www.ccscomets.org/news

Annual Auction: Saturday, March 5, Breakfast at 7 am, Auction at 9 am. Mark your calendars and bring your friends! With a match of 200 percent, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful! Now seeking creative and quality item donations from you! Complete the form online at CCSComets.org or e-mail JoelO@CentralChristianSchool.org

BACM: Bring **canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots)** for the month of **February** 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: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel and their colleagues in Nepal as they share the good news of God's providence through the creation of small businesses, including a coffee shop. Praise God for the success of this hospitality ministry that is prospering and giving hope to many visitors.