

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Stan King and Rachael Oyer, Caring Team

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

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

Living Ink: the Plot Thickens

Focus Statement: “The plot Thickens.” The Passion Week is thick with multilayered and complex symbolism. The characters in God’s story are not straightforward. The people who praised “Hosanna” and hailed Jesus as the coming king may be the very ones who later shouted, “Crucify him!” Like them, we find ourselves to be deeply complex characters within the covenant story, characters whose unredeemed motives, desires, and passions all too often drive out behavior and actions.

GATHERING

Gathering music

Tim Larson, Susan Moyer

Welcome/Announcements

LaVerne Yousey

Call to Worship

ENTRANCE OF PALMS (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: The Lord our God has given us light!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB #238 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hank Rossiter

Children’s Story

Suzie Yoder

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

Prayer of confessing and Reconciliation:

Lord we confess that our motives, desires, and passions have not been pure—we have not been living into the truth of your good news story. We confess that we have often acted in destructive ways as we live out of our brokenness rather than out of your healing, redeeming love. Help us to find our refuge in you. Forgive us, heal us, and reconcile us, o God, so that we may be the *living ink* of your covenant love in all our relationships: with you, with each other, and with all of creation we pray. Amen.
(Pause for silent confession).

Assurance

HEARING GOD’S STORY

Singing: STS #73 *Jesus is Coming*

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-23, 56

Sermon: Head, Heart, Hands

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Singing: HWB #285 *All hail the Power of Jesus’ name*

Sharing of sermon responses, joys and prayer requests

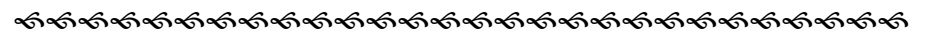
Prayers for the people

Offering

SENDING

Singing: HWB #43 *Christ is our Cornerstone*

Blessing



THIS MORNING

Greeters: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Nursery: Suzie & Kyle Yoder

Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler & LaVerne Yousey

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 44

General Offering: \$1,720

THIS WEEK

Thurs, March 24: Maundy Thursday meal and service

Sun, March 27: Easter Brunch and service (no Sunday school)

Sun, April 10: BACM “Back on Your Feet” walk

COMING EVENTS

Sun, April 17: Potluck followed by Talent Show

Sat, April 23: Egg roll making class taught by Mona

Sun, May 8: Women’s Day Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Thursday from **5-6:30** before the Maundy Thursday meal and service and Saturday, **10-3**. She is also available by phone, except on Wednesday, her Sabbath.

Our **Maundy Thursday** meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. -- matzo ball soup and simple communion together, followed by a 7:15 Service of Shadows.

There is a signup sheet in the kitchen for sweet breads, fruit and juice for the Easter brunch on March 27.

Women's Group: On Sat, April 23 come and learn how to make lumpia (eggrolls) and enjoy eating them with an Indonesian meal made by Mona. The signup sheet is in the kitchen.

It is time to renew or begin a new subscription to ***The Mennonite***, the official publication of Mennonite Church USA. Deadline is tomorrow, March 21. Please see Lee to subscribe. The cost is \$37 per year.

Everyone is invited to the 19th annual **Maple Syrup Missions Festival** held at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Rd., Kidron, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Come and enjoy Sonnenberg's own PANCAKES made from scratch and topped with SYRUP made from local maple sap, SAUSAGE specially seasoned and stuffed, as well as applesauce and drinks. All proceeds from the meal go to support Sonnenberg mission projects. See mission displays at the festival. There will also be extra syrup and sausage available for purchase to take home.

Upcoming events at Camp Luz:

- Men's Retreat, April 8-10 with Pastor Doug Zehr from Oak Grove
- Father Son Retreat, April 29-30 with Pastor Todd Martin from Smithville
- Family Fun Day, June 4. This day includes our 5k and Kids Fun Run (registration on our website), games and activities, free food, and the grand opening of the new Camp Luz pool!
- Summer Camp- registration is available online now, and there is an early registration discount until April 15.

BULLETIN INSERT MARCH 20, 2016

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the program, staff and budget of the Great Lakes region. This person will represent MCC Great Lakes within the broader MCC system, within the constituent churches of the region and actively collaborate with other MCC entities. The position includes involvement in everything from fund raising to program development to informal conversations to policy discussions. For more information visit serve.mcc.org or contact Susan Wadel at 717-552-5785. Deadline to apply is March 14.

MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST: Pray for Arloa Bontrager, Del Hershberger and Sharon Norton of Mennonite Mission Network as they spend the coming week with Journey International participants in Indonesia reflecting on their experience and strengthening the relationship with host church, *Jemaat Kristen Indonesia*.

BACM: Bring **macaroni & cheese** and **feminine hygiene products** for the month of **March** 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.