

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 6, 2016

Focus Statement: "Turning Over a New Leaf." As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to "re-turn" to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience God's good news of reconciliation.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Dora Short

Call to Worship:

Leader: Many are the torments of the unjust

All: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

All: and shout for joy, all you upright of heart.

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB #592 *Love Divine all Loves Excelling*

Julia Beyeler

HWB #398 *I Love to Tell the Story*

CONFESSION AND RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation (based on Psalm 32)

While we keep silent, our bodies waste away through our groaning all day long. Day and night your hand is heavy upon us and our strength dries up as in the heat of summer. Then when we acknowledge our sin to you, and do not hide our iniquity you forgive the guilt of our sin. Therefore, we offer our prayer and worship to you. (silent confession)

Words of Assurance

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story

William Troyer

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Skit: The Prodigal

Ted Swartz

Message: Sibling Rivalry

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn: HWB#139 *Far, Far Away*

Responses to Today's Story

Corporate Prayer

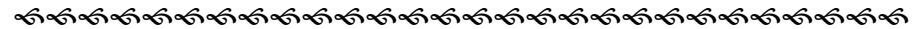
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

SENDING

Hymn: HWB# 362 *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Announcements

Blessing



THIS MORNING

Greeters: Judy & Stan King

Nursery: Deb Barry & Brenda Lowe

Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler & LaVerne Yousey

Thanks to Ted Swartz, Avery, Hank, and Lee for their rendition of a "modern day" parable. What is your "tax collecting" sin? What will you leave in the pig sty so that you can be transformed by your Father's blessing? How will transformation be evident in your life?

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 53

General Offering: \$1,565

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 7, 7 pm: Church Council meets

COMING EVENTS

Fri & Sat, March 18 & 19, 7pm: Drama at Central Christian School

Mon, March 21: Visitation Day at Central Christian School

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

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 Mon, March 7, from 4-7pm and Thurs, March 10 from 9-12. She is also available by phone, except on Wednesday, her Sabbath.

Please call Rachael Oyer or Pastor Marilyn to be included in the March small groupings for the next year.

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

The 23 voice Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College, and director Russell Adrian will present the program “**Transform Our Lives**” on Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m., Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, OH and Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, OH. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and a free will offering will be taken for the Spring Break Tour costs. Go to www.hesston.edu for complete tour details.

Looking ahead for April, there will be a pot luck April 17th, followed by the 2nd annual talent show, so mark your calendars now. We had several good talent acts last year and hope to add more this year, so start practicing. Any kind of talent is welcome!

According to World Relief of Akron, there will be 120 refugee arrivals in the next year in this area. There is a great need for the following items: brooms/dustpans, alarm clocks, bed pillows, light bulbs, trash cans, toilet brushes, and sharp kitchen knives. You may go to their website to order from Amazon or send donations.

Time to make your summer plans! Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff is a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff varies in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

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.

MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST: Alisha and Josh Garber of Mennonite Mission Network teach and mentor students at LCC International University in Lithuania. Throughout the winter, Josh has battled bronchitis. Pray for renewed energy for Josh and for the health of Alisha and their first child expected in May.