

## 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 13, 2016

Focus Statement: Empowering the poor through justice and healing is one of Jesus' main themes in Luke's gospel. The parable of the talents is a "living ink" story that requires many readings and discussions from many points of view, but particularly most Americans' entitled status. MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) uses the following slogan: Sharing God's love through economic empowerment~ that all people may experience God's love and unleash their potential to earn a livelihood, provide for families and enrich their communities.

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering music

Tim Yoder

Welcome

LaVerne Yousey

Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB #299 *New Earth, Heavens New*

Kyle Yoder

HWB # 398 *I Love to tell the Story*

### CONFESSING AND RECONCILING (in unison)

Our faith is so small, O God.

We often find ourselves asking, like Nicodemus,

"How can these things be?" Help us to face our unbelief.

Teach us to accept what life brings.

Inspire us to be a compassionate presence in the world,

and to receive anew the rebirth of water and Spirit offered to us

in Jesus. Amen

Assurance

### HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story

Suzie Yoder

Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 12-28

Sermon: Invest Wisely

Bethany Nussbaum

### RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Singing: STJ # 65 Let Justice flow Like Streams

Sharing of joys and prayer requests

Offering

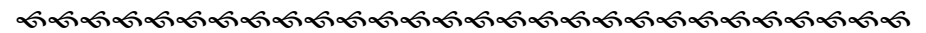
Prayers for the People

### SENDING

Singing: HWB #640 this is the Day of New Beginning

Blessing: (based on Psalm 126 and John 12)

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. May we perceive the fragrance of the new thing God is doing in our world. Amen



### THIS MORNING

Greeters: Paula Gill & Deb Barry

Nursery: Pam Zook & Karen Steiner

Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler & LaVerne Yousey

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 46

General Offering: \$2,168

### THIS WEEK

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

### COMING EVENTS

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

We welcome Bethany Nussbaum, of MEDA, to our worship this morning. Thank you, Bethany, for leading us in worship this morning.

We also welcome Tim Yoder. Thanks, Tim for sharing your musical talents with us this morning!

This week Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Mon, March 14, from 11-7pm and Friday, March 18 from 9-12. She is also available by phone, except on Wednesday, her Sabbath.

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

Looking ahead for April, there will be a pot luck April 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**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](http://swap.mcc.org) or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

**Are you a veteran, or do you know someone who is?** We are seeking groups to try out the six-week Sunday School curriculum "Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together" and share their feedback with us. The curriculum focuses on returning veterans and how the church can play a part in their healing journeys, drawing from biblical reflection, the latest understandings of trauma and moral injury and the experiences of veterans themselves. This is a project of the Peace and Justice Support Network, a partnership of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Mission Network. See [pjsn.org/vets](http://pjsn.org/vets) or contact Jason Boone, PJSN's coordinating minister, at [jasonb@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:jasonb@mennoniteusa.org).

**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:** Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13<sup>th</sup>-century empire..