Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor Stan King and Rachael Oyer, Caring Team Worship: 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

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

April 2, 2017

Focus Statement: When we come to the end of our own human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Bring all that you have and all that you are. The Spirit is here to

breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs HWB 26 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

HWB 349 Spirit of the living God

Children's Time William Troyer

Offering

Moment in Mission "Who Is our Neighbor" Conference

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives,

we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—"Will these

bones ever live?"

People: But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead.

Reader 1: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley. Reader 2: Your Song, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb. Reader 3: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death but rise again as your beloved people.

Leader: God, holy Breath,

All: restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with

reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

Sermon Shredding Shrouds

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song STS 121 Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests; Announcements Pastoral Prayer

Closing Song HWB 356 Breathe on me, breath of God

Benediction and Postlude

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THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Stan King Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Greeters: LaVerne Yousey & Phil Moyer

Nursery: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 31 General Offering: \$1,050

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

• Tuesday, April 4, 6:00: Church Council meets

COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday meal and Service
- Sunday, April 16: Easter Brunch
- Sat, May 7: worship seminar at Sonnenberg Church- Rachel Miller, AMBS
- May 8- Brenda Yoder here from Dove's Nest to speak on Bullying, Abuse and Technology- bring friends!
- May 20 (Saturday)- Akron Mitzvah Service Day with over 20 projects, including Family Promise
- Saturday, July 15: Evening at Blossom

Sunday, July 30, Service and potluck picnic at Silver Creek Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be in the office on the afternoon of Monday, April 3^{rd} from 3 - 6 and Friday, April 8th from 9 - 12 am. She may also be reached by phone at other times.

Please look in the kitchen to for the signup sheet for the **Easter brunch**.

Retiring Soon? Eric Schroll, our Everence Financial Adviser, at the Hartville office, will be holding a seminar on Monday April 3 at 5:30 PM presenting important information about Medicare and Social Security for anyone thinking about retirement. For more information see Stan King. To RSVP call 330-877-6066 or email jean.bontrager@everence.com

News from Central Christian School

- Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool Grade 12. We invite you to schedule a visit for your child to experience a school day at CCS. Your child will have an opportunity to meet teachers, attend chapel and learn more about the Central Community. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at 330.857.7311.
- Central Christian Elementary School will present their spring concert, Legends at Camp Garner Creek, on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.
- Are you looking for a holistic, nurturing, and hands-on learning experience for your preschool child? Please join us for our Preschool Open House on Monday, April 10. Drop in anytime from 5 to 7 pm, no reservation necessary! Our preschool teachers will be available to answer your questions about our program, you can visit the classroom and playground, and learn more about our Central community! Additional questions? Call 330.857.7311.
- Central Christian Middle School presents the drama, The Princess Who Had No Name, on Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

BACM: Bring **Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, and carrots) and Deodorant** for the month of April 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: Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.