

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Rachael Oyer, Caring Team

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

August 31, 2017

Focus Statement:

The Sabbath as a day of rest, as a day of abstaining from toil, is not for the purpose of recovering one's lost strength and becoming fit for the forthcoming labor. The Sabbath is a day for the sake of life. ~*Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

Gathering Music

Opening Song: HWB 6 Here in this place

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: Jesus says . . . "Take and eat,"

All: Calling us to share in his life.

Inviting us to intimacy, to love, to communion.

One: Jesus says . . . "Even unto the least of these,"

All: Calling us to compassion.

Inviting us to do justice, to walk the way of peace.

One: Jesus says . . . "Like a mustard seed,"

All: Calling us to live in hope.

Inviting us to experience God in our midst, here in this moment.

One: Jesus says . . . "My burden is light,"

All: Calling us to pause and remember.

Inviting us to let go of our burdens, to rest and renew our souls.

One: Jesus says . . . "Come unto me,"

All: Calling us to be a Sabbath people.

Inviting us to prayer and play, silence and song.

One: May it be so.

Opening Prayer

Song: HWB 5 There is a place of quiet rest

Children's Song: Kum bah yah

Children's Time

Jason Moyer

Scripture: Exodus 20: 8-11, Mark 6: 30-33

Sermon "A Holy Pause" Cynthia Mason

Moments of Reflection and Prayer

Response Song HWB 362 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Closing Benediction HWB 346 Dona Nobis Pacem

TODAY:

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Piano: Susan Moyer

Greeters: LaVerne Yousey & Phil Moyer

Nursery: Julia Beyeler & Cindy Larson

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason and Susan Moyer

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 46

General Offering: \$2,601

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 17: Potluck Fellowship Meal

Saturday, Oct 7, 3pm at Firestone Stadium: Family Promise Box City

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be away from Summit for sabbatical from Aug 21 to Nov 13, for a time of renewal, growth, and study. During this time, Caring Team will be available to support the congregation with care. Please contact Rachael Oyer or Stan King with concerns or needs. Mary Schwartz & Avery Zook will be providing some peripheral support for Caring Team during these months as needed. Please be respectful of Marilyn's time away and refrain from contacting her directly. We will be able to reach her for emergency needs if they arise. Thank you for supporting Marilyn in her time of sabbatical.

The annual **MCC Bike Michiana** bike ride will be held at The Amigo Center on Sept. 15 - 17. The proceeds from this year's ride will go to support the "MCC Cow Bank Helps Victims of Agent Orange" project. MCC and its partner Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange are giving one cow each to 60 families who have a family member effected by Agent Orange. The project is designed to increase the family's financial reserves so they can pay for medical care, housing, and education. If you are interested in joining us for the weekend or would like to support this project financially, see Stan King.

Sonnenberg Mennonite Mississippi Catfish Fry for Missions will be Saturday September 2 from 4:30-7:00 PM.

Family Promise of Summit County will hold their first **Box City** event at Firestone Stadium. This fun and meaningful event gives participants the opportunity to have fun together, while experiencing what it might be like to be homeless by spending the night in a cardboard box home. We're hoping to not only raise awareness of the issues faced by so many in our community by filling the stadium with more than 200 participants but also raise more than \$50,000 to continue serving these families. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

Upcoming seminars to answer questions about Medicare and Social Security. Most people approaching retirement have questions about Medicare and Social Security. Two upcoming seminars presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. *Medicare: An overview* (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.) will provide information on what's covered, the plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. *Social Security: An overview* (7 - 8:15 p.m.) will explain how benefits are calculated, the best time to start collecting Social Security, and about spousal benefits. The seminars will take place in Berlin (Aug. 28) at Comfort Suites Hotel, 4810 TR 366 and Kidron (Sept. 11) at Everence Financial, 4136 Kidron Road. Reservations are not required.

BACM: Bring **Canned Fruit and Hand Soap** for the month of **September** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of September

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.