

Summit Mennonite Church

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

Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School 11:15 am

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

March 19, 2017

Focus Statement: Our bodies know the desperate need for water; we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

Gathering Music

Dora Short

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In a dry and weary land,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Parched and depleted,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Longing for your living water,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs HWB 12 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
HWB 372 O Healing River

Children's Time

Mona Rohrer

Offering

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, *you* are the living Water. You restore us to life. We confess that in the desert moments of our lives we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up. Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

People: When we see the dryness behind and before us, we quarrel among ourselves and burden on another. We cry out: "Is the Lord even among us?"

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, for in the harshness of life's desert journey we quickly focus on our selves. We forget that you have been, you are, and you will forever be our deliverer.

People: Restore in us a remembering spirit, that we may hope in you again. Renew our hearts, O Lord. Make us generous in our praise, that we may worship you anew!

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our living Water,

All: restore us.

Leader: Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water. Let all who have nothing come to the Lord. Come—without money or price. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord, which will never run dry.

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Sermon Avoiding Samaria

Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song HWB 495 O Let All Who Thirst

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

Sending Song STJ 29 You Are All We Have

Blessing and Postlude

THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Greeters: Janine & Mike Coblentz McDowell

Nursery: Stephanie & Jason Moyer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 26 General Offering: \$2,031.99
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- March 23 – 24: Ohio missional conference at Central Christian School

COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday meal and Service
- Sunday, April 16: Easter Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be in the office on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 23rd from 3 – 6pm. She will be at Annual Conference Assembly from Thursday noon to Saturday evening. She may also be reached by phone at other times.

Hannah Troyer and Julia Beyeler will be joining Hank and Marilyn at the pre-conference meeting with Alan and Deb Hirsch. Pray for the Rossiters and Julia attending ACA on March 25 at Central Christian High School.

Hannah Troyer will have her friend Ashten Tuller here at Summit on March 26th after church, to present the Norwex brand to us. Norwex is an alternative method of cleaning that uses special microfiber cloths with no chemicals and no single use items. This is a great opportunity to learn how to be better stewards of our Earth in our everyday lives. Sign up in the kitchen or let Hannah know if you plan to stay. Bring a light dish to share if you'd like.

Opportunity to host an international young adult: Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a host family in the Wooster area for a young adult beginning in August who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and working at Green Field Farms. Host families have the opportunity to learn about a new culture from the IVEP participant they host, as well as getting to understand their own culture in a new way when they see it through the eyes of someone experiencing it for the first time. Each host gets a monthly stipend that is to be used to cover some of the costs for the room and board of the IVEP participant. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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

Men, Camp Luz has two upcoming retreats just for the guys. The **Men's Retreat** is March 31-April 2, with pastors David and Chet Eshleman. The **Father Son Retreat** is April 28-29, with father son duo Kent and Sean Miller. More information and registration for both retreats is available at www.campluz.com

BACM: Bring **Spaghetti Sauce and Dish Soap** 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: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served with Mennonite Mission Network since 1985. Pray for C. Paul as he works with more than 50 business chaplains in Paraguay who reach out to employees in the workplace, and pray for Hildi as she provides spiritual direction to help people deepen their faith.