

## 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 12, 2017

**Focus Statement:** In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery is always present with us in our wondering.

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

**All: *we gather to worship.***

Leader: Curious about God's ways in the world.

**All: *we gather to worship.***

Leader: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

**All: *we gather to worship.***

Leader: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

#### Opening Prayer

**Opening Songs** HWB 70 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
STJ 18 Over My Head

#### Children's Time

Hank Rossiter

#### Offering

#### Confession and words of assurance

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

**Reader 1: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.**

**Reader 2: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.**

**Reader 3: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work *for* you, we fail to move *with* your Spirit.

*All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.*

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,

*All: restore us.*

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

**Scripture** Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17

**Sermon** Go To the Land I Will Show You Larry Augsburger

**Response Song** HWB 594 Lord, You Sometimes Speak in Wonders

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

**Sending Song** STS 34 You are Holy

**Benediction and Postlude**

#### THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Stan King

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: Cindy & Tim Larson

Nursery: Stephanie & Jason Moyer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

#### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 39 General Offering: \$1,776 Emergency Aid Fund: \$25  
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

#### THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, March 14, 7:00: The Shack viewing at Lake 8 Movies, 588 Tuscarawas Ave, Barberton. This is a Jubilee event, meet at the theater to see the movie at no cost to you.
- Friday, March 17, 6pm: Game night at the church. Bring finger foods to share and your favorite game. A sign up sheet is in the kitchen

#### COMING EVENTS

- March 23 – 24: Ohio missional conference at Central Christian School
- Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday meal and Service
- Sunday, April 16: Easter Brunch

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Summit office hours next week will be Monday afternoon, 3-5 and Friday afternoon, 4-6. She may also be reached by phone at other times.

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

**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.

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](http://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.