

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 10.45 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

September 17, 2017

MEDITATION:

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself. Now naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread which sustains us and as wine that consoles us. You are the light and truth, You are the way and the hope, You are love. Grow in us, Lord! *-Julia Esquivel, Guatemala*

Gathering Music Tim Larson & Hank Rossiter, Cello & Recorder

Opening Song: HWB #89 For the beauty of the earth

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: We gather, in the name of God,
hungry in our hearts for the love of God.

**All: We gather as well, with hearts eager to turn
love of God toward love for our neighbors.**

One: Grace us with your love, O God.
A love that sees suffering, hears heartache,
yet dares to share, and risk building community
in the brokenness and chaos of our world.

**All: Hold us tenderly, O God.
so that we may be open to your creative Spirit.
Stir us to acts of kindness and greater service.
in the unity of your love, we pray, Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Song: HWB #577 O love that will not let me go

Children's Time

Hank Rossiter

Scripture: Mark 14:1-9

Sermon: "A Story to Remember"

Cynthia Mason

Response Song: HWB 592 Love divine, all loves excelling

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Guests

Closing Song: HWB #427 You shall go out with joy

Blessing

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Pianist: Dora Short

Greeters: Rachael Oyer & Heather Tentler

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason, Wanda & Lee Ressler

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 39

General Offering: \$1,365

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Today, September 17: Potluck Fellowship Meal

COMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, Oct 10, 6:45: Church Council meets

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.

Family Promise of Summit County will hold their first **Box City** event at Firestone Stadium on Sat, Oct 7. 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.

Please see Mona if you are able to take a **meal to Hazel & Ron** this week. It can be something that they could warm up later, if you are not able to deliver a hot ready-to-eat meal to them at meal time.

Calling all quilters! Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own. More information at mcc.org.

MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti: Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response. Contributions can also be made by calling 1-888-563-4676 or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

Your local Everence office will provide information about Medicare and Social Security at free evening seminars on Sept 11th, Oct 2nd, & Nov 6th (Mondays) for the fall season. The seminars will be held at Everence Financial, 1221 W. Maple St., Hartsville. The Medicare seminar will include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. The Social Security seminar will cover how benefits are calculated and the best time to start collecting them. There also will be time for questions from the audience. To reserve your spot, contact Jean Bontrager at (330) 877-6066 or email jean.bontrager@everence.com.

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: Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God's faithfulness. Pray also that today's mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.