

Summit Mennonite Church

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We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need
Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor
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If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope that you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God. We invite you to sign our Guest book in the foyer.

Childcare during worship is available for infants and toddlers (generally ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and toys are available at the sanctuary entrance.

December 28, 2014

Focus Statement: Seeing the child, we join with all creation in adoration and praise.

GATHERING

Piano/Organ Prelude Gory to God in the Highest (Pergolesi)
Dora Short/Marilyn Rossiter

Welcome
Lighting of the Christmas Candles Kyle and Amelia Yoder
Announcements

Call to worship (adapted from Luke 2 and Psalm 148)

Leader: come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your beauty.

ALL: In a little child, God is revealed to us.

Leader: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see

People: A revealing light to all peoples, the glory of God's kingdom people.

Leader: We rejoice in our rescue and celebrate creation's redemption.

People: The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.

Leader: The animals, wild and tame, all kings and peoples of the earth, lightning and hail, snow and fog, women and men, old and young.

All: all praise the Lord together, Our Messiah has come, Allelia!

Carols: HWB 318 Joy to the World
HWB201 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: O Lord, we confess our joy in you. We cannot keep silent!

People: You came to live among us and have brought us salvation.

Leader: Your salvation is for all peoples, all cultures, all religious communities, all humanity.

People: Because you gave us a new name and have declared us beautiful, we cannot keep silent.

Leader: When the time was right, God sent us his Son.

People: Let us praise the Lord for drawing near to us, for coming among us.

Leader: Come, young and old, male and female, all God's people. Let us praise God together.

All: Our hearts are brimming with the Spirit of God. God's salvation is for all peoples. We will not keep silent!

Carol HWB 191 O Little Town of Bethlehem

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time
Scripture: Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4-7
Sermon Your Beauty is Revealed
Mona Rhorer
Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Carol: HWB 215 What Child is This?
Sharing joys and sorrows
Pastoral Prayer
Offering

SENDING

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful
Benediction

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Food Donations for BACM for Dec: Cereal  
Greeter: LaVerne Yousey & Deb Barry  
Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler and Suzie Yoder  
Nursery: Mona Rohrer

## LAST WEEK

Attendance: 65 Offering \$1,233

## COMING EVENTS

Mon, Jan 5, 7pm: Church Council meets  
Sun, Jan 11: Annual Reports due to LaVerne  
Sun, Jan 25: Meal followed by Annual Business Meeting  
July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A heart-felt “thank you” to Summit Church for the lovely signed card, accompanied by the generous Christmas gift.. I (Marilyn) used it in part for a GPS for my Focus for my many Akron area jaunts. I (Hank) used part of it to celebrate Christmas with my wife at Mustard Seed Market Restaurant, our favorite place to celebrate. Thank you. We love you.

The church is one place to give a special **year-end gift**, for the glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom. The love of God has been a VERY special gift to us in 2014! We are all very grateful.

**Mittens, gloves, scarves and hats** are being collected for our “Mitten Tree” in the corner of the sanctuary. Bring items to share with local organizations.

Camp Luz will host a **Mother Daughter Retreat** on January 9-10. Deb Horst, associate pastor of Christian Formation and Youth at Lindale Mennonite Church and former director of Camp Luz, will be speaking on being “Rooted In Christ”. Registration forms available at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com).

**Do you feel overwhelmed with credit card dept?** Do you wonder how you will pay your rent or mortgage? Are you facing a difficult financial situation or need basic financial counsel? Everence offers a compassionate and thoughtful service that can help. You can receive confidential budget and debt counseling from a certified credit counselor (up to six sessions) at no cost through an arrangement Everence has with LSS financial Counseling Service. Pick up a brochure from the table at the back of the sanctuary or see Stan, our Everence Advocate, for more information.

**BACM:** Bring cereal for the month of December 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.

**MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Kelly and Brian McPhail of Mennonite Mission Network serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC’s relationships with other agencies.