

Summit Mennonite Church

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

Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

Worship: 10:30 am

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 Oguest 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 14, 2014

Advent 3 Oh, that you would reveal your **joy**

Focus statement: In a world of grief and despair God's Spirit clothes us in celebration

GATHERING:

Prelude Tim Larson and Susan Moyer

Welcome Suzie Yoder

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Announcements

Call to worship

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

All: Oh, that you would reveal your joy to us, O Lord.

Leader: We celebrate the year of the Lord's favor.

People: a time of comfort for those who mourn.

Leader: There will be crowns instead of ashes,

People: joyful anointing instead of mourning,

Leader: cloaks of praise instead of spirits of despair,

People: Cities of renewal instead of devastation.

All: The Lord will wrap us in robes of righteousness.

Come, O God, and clothe us in garments of salvation.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: STJ #13 *My Soul is filled with joy* Julia Beyeler

Theme song: *Reveal your Mystery* located in pocket at back of Hymnal

CONFESSION

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus now on our congregation and the wider Anabaptist Mennonite church family.

People: We are a faithful church but sometimes we've kept our riches to ourselves.

Leader: Sometimes we have excluded the inquirer who has come to our door seeking faith. Sometimes we've refused to admit our weaknesses. Sometimes we've been too quiet in the land. Sometimes we've helped those far away but ignored our neighbors. Sometimes we've tried so hard to serve that we've forgotten the joy of worshiping you. Hear our honest confessions, O God, and remember us in mercy.

People: Restore to us the joy of being your faithful people.

All: Restore our joy, O Lord of hosts; Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Sing: Come have mercy on us, Come have mercy on us, Oh Lord

ASSURANCE

Leader: The Lord, has done great things in and through his church and has bestowed rich blessings on us, his Anabaptist people.

People: When we place our lives into your hands, O God, you willingly transform our timid hearts with your infectious joy.

Sing: Come, walk in the joy, come walk in the joy of Christ.

PROCLAIMING

Children's time

Scripture Isaiah 61: 408; Luke 1: 46-56

Sermon: The Scattering of Power, Prestige and Pride Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB #184 Hark the glad sound!

Sharing joys and sorrows

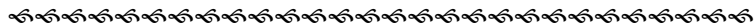
Pastoral Prayer

Offering

SENDING

Hymn: STJ# 109 *There is more love*

All: Go with the One who came as a child, for he is Lord of all. Seek the One still unknown, who calls us and brings joy into our lives! Join your song with the One who brings joy to the world!



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

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 35 Offering \$1,732

THIS WEEK

Thurs, Dec 18, 7pm: Advent prayer service
Sun, Dec 21: 9:30 Christmas Brunch & 10:30 service – **see signup sheet
in kitchen!**

COMING EVENTS

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50th Anniversary celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

What are ways you can support the things you care about - like your congregation or church missions? For many, planned giving - like bequests, gift annuities, gifts of assets and more - offer many advantages. Learn more from your faith-based Everence financial advisor or at "Charitable giving" at everence.com.

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: Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with Mennonite Mission Network, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.