

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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Sunday School: 9:30 am
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 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.

January 4, 2015

Focus Statement: God's gift of grace empowers the church and invites all peoples to share in the riches of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude Susan Moyer
Welcome
Announcements
Call to worship: William Troyer

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 awe that comes from remembering your saving mystery.

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

Leader: The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

People: We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.

Leader: All of us, part of the same body, share the same promise,

People: through the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Leader: Throwing light on the inner workings of this mystery was God's plan from all eternity.

People: God's gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.

All: In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ.

Carol: StS 32 Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen; the Light of God has come.

People: You are gathering your people, all peoples, those far away and those close at hand.

Leader: The mystery, long hidden, has been revealed to all. Our hearts are jubilant!

People: This mystery, until now, was revealed to the apostles and prophets.

Leader: But now, in Jesus, all people are heirs to this mysterious promise.

People: So grace is our rich inheritance, more precious than gold, frankincense, or myrrh..

All: We praise you, O God, for revealing your saving mystery. We will proclaim your promise with gratitude.

Hymn: HWB #206 Infant holy, infant lowly

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Gentile Journeying

Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Carol: HWB 218 As with gladness

Sharing joys and sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

SENDING

Hymn: HWB #210 Good Christians friends

Benediction

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Food Donations for BACM for Jan: canned vegetables, peas, carrots, green beans or corn

Greeter: Bob Beyeler

Worship Planners: Wanda and Lee Ressler

Nursery: Wanda Ressler

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 27 Offering: \$1,056 BACM: \$25

Offering 12/24/14: \$520 for Family Promise & BACM

### THIS WEEK

Mon, Jan 5, 7pm: Church Council meets

Wed Jan 7, 7:30pm: Worship and Nurture Commission meets at church

Sun, Jan 11: Annual Reports due to LaVerne

### COMING EVENTS

Sun, Jan 25: Meal followed by Annual Business Meeting

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning today, we are requesting that all children age 4 and above go to their parents/grandparents after Children's story during worship. This means that only newborn through age 3 will be in the Nursery during church. We are providing bags with activities for the children who stay with their parents or grandparents. If your children need some "quiet time" activities be sure they pick up a bag before returning to you after the Children's Story. Thanks for your cooperation on this change for our children.

Please return all Christmas cantata books and thanks, all, for your help!

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).

BACM: Bring vegetables; peas, carrots, green beans or corn 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:** Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is currently in the United States for a few months. She requests prayer for Ukraine and the upheaval that touches all levels of society. Pray for wisdom and restraint for government authorities, and pray that churches will model Jesus' way as an alternative to violence.