

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.

October 12, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude

Susan Moyer

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24

LaVerne Yousey

Focus Statement: Only when we cry out to God, lamenting our weaknesses and our spiritual poverty, can we expect to be comforted.

Singing: WHB#13 Blessed Jesus, at your word

Julia Beyeler

Opening Prayer: See insert

Theme Song: SJ# 94 Blest Are They

Children's Time: The Princess and the Key

Mona Rohrer

HEARING GOD

Scriptures: Psalm 43: 1-3; 9-11; Matthew 5: 3&4

Message: Present Blessings

Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Hymn: WHB# 35

Response/Announcements

Sharing joys/ sorrows

Prayers for the people'-Offering for Liberian children

Offering

SENDING

Singing: WHB# 346 Dona Nobis Pacem

Benediction



Food Donations for BACM for Oct: Potato products, rice, noodles or box dinners

Greeter: Julia & Bob Beyeler

Worship Planners: Vivian Jaberg & LaVerne Yousey

Nursery: Viv Jaberg

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 30

General Offering: \$695

THIS WEEK

Wed, Oct 15, 6:30 at Beech Mennonite and Thurs, Oct 15, 7:00 at

Kidron Mennonite – Necessary Conversations between Adult Children and Their Parents

Fri, Oct 17: CCS Community Service Day

Sat, Oct 18: BACM Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction

Sun, Oct 19: Potluck

COMING EVENTS

Fri, Oct 31 – Sat, Nov 1: Church Retreat at Villa Maria

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50th Anniversary celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Summit friends,

Our family has planned a Memorial Service for my mother, Vida Hershberger, at Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville, **today**, at 2:30 pm. You are welcome to attend. --Viv

Another fundraiser for BACM is being held at the Bob Evans in Wadsworth. Eat a meal on November 10 anytime from 6am to 10pm and Bob Evans will donate 15% of your purchase to BACM. Take a flyer from the bulletin board, which you **MUST** present to your server when paying the bill.

BACM: Bring potato products, rice, noodles, or box dinners for the month of October 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: Martine Audéoud teaches in several universities in Côte d'Ivoire through Mennonite Mission Network. Praise God that classes have begun despite a break-in at one of the institutions in which thieves stole all the computers and enrollment money. Pray also for renewed health for Martine as she recovers from typhoid fever.

Careless prayers

Sometimes we pray carelessly for transformation.

But at this moment we pray differently.

We suspect how uncomfortable, how painful, how pricey,
our transformations might be.

Will you knock over one of the pillars
that holds up the house of our belief?

Will you slip in uninvolved,
and snatch away the security blanket
that no longer comforts us?

Will you back us into some corner
and with a determined gleam in your eye,
inform us that what we thought was just and right
is in fact not?

Will you put a belt around our waist
and take us where we do not want to go?

What price will we pay for transformation?

What does prayer cost?

Yet if in wisdom you choose to transform us,
however reluctant we may be,
however much we may kick and scream and claw,
then we do ask for life.

We ask for your life—

life that shepherds us beyond our hopes,
beyond our fears,
beyond the final frontier of death itself.

If you push us into a world of alternate possibility,

Then please hold our hand and go with us.

So bless us, not because we deserve it,

But because you love us. Amen.