Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Rachael Oyer, Caring Team

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

November 19, 2017

Focus Statement As your pastor, I have been given the gift of sabbatical. Thank you for this gift of time. Slowing down and resting have given me new energy. The spiritual practice of Sabbath is a gift for us all.

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cynthia Mason Dora

Gathering Music

Short

Welcome

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

Songs: HWB #89 For the Beauty of the Earth

StJ #16 Praise with joy the world's Creator

StJ #17 Halle, hallelujah!

Sabbath Lesson #1- Practicing Sabbath is a gift

Words of Welcome and Return from Sabbath Rest

Leader: On the seventh day of Creation, God rested, celebrated and proclaimed with satisfaction, "It is good."

Congregation: Pastor Marilyn, we share in the ministry here at Summit, and have much to celebrate. We are grateful for your encouragement, vision, and guidance as we seek to serve God in this place. Of this ministry, we say with confidence, "It is good."

Leader: Today, we welcome you back, Pastor Marilyn, as you return from your Sabbatical journey. We trust that God has blessed you and strengthened you in this time of rest and renewal.

Congregation: While you were away from us, we promised to be faithful in carrying out our mission. To this end, many of us served in new roles and expanded our service in the life of our church. As we were called to new tasks, we were reminded of the many ways you serve and uplift us as our pastor.

We are glad for your return and hope that your time away has renewed your energy and vision to undergird you in the ministry you share with our congregation. Children's TimeMona RhorerSermonSeeing SalvationPastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song HWB #517 Open my eyes, that I may see

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing HWB #478 Sent forth with God's blessing.

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Cynthia Mason Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Dora Short Greeters: Stan King

Nursery: Julia Beyeler & William Troyer

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 33 General Offering: \$532

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Today: Annual Discernment Meeting

Today: Thanksgiving Meal

Today: Cantate Choir – "A Garden of Music" service at Sonnenberg

Church, 14367 Hackett Road, Dalton-5p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec 17: Christmas Brunch

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 28

Feb. 19 Bryon Moyer Suderman from Toronto: Guest concert/service for all ages here. First Mennonite, Wadsworth will join us for worship.

Bring friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from Marilyn: Thank you all for the gift of sabbatical. It was a blessed time of slowing down, reconnecting to family and communion with God through creation, solitude, and relationships. I will be sharing lessons learned in short service segments in the next eleven weeks. The sharings will be called Sabbath Lessons.

Pastor Marilyn's hours in the church office this week will be Monday, 2-5 and Saturday 10-1.

Reminder: Please call or email Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman about the need for automatic weapon accessibility control legislation this week. We live in a republic where each voter has the responsibility to act on his/her beliefs. As a peace church, we are called to active participation in making changes in how accessible automatic weapons are to the public.

Christmas Choir-You are all invited to join the joint Summit/First Mennonite Christmas Choir directed by Lowell Nofziger, which will perform during our Christmas Eve service at First Mennonite. Practices will be Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th beginning at 7 pm at First Mennonite. You are also invited (whether or not you'd like to sing) to the potluck each week which starts at 6 pm. We hope to see you there.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church, located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville, will be performing selections from Handel's Messiah accompanied by chamber musicians and led by conductor Brian Wiebe, on Sunday, December 17, at 2:30pm. All are welcome and a free-will offering will be taken. If you would like to join the choir, please plan to attend rehearsals on Friday, December 15, at 7:00pm, and Saturday, December 16, at 3:30pm.

Central Christian School has a part-time Software Specialist job opening. Contact CCS at 330-857-7311 for more information. The job description can be found on the school website.

Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas Concert, *A Lamb's Tale*, on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

BACM: Bring **Canned Meat (tuna or chicken) and Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of Novemb**er** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of September