

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

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

Third Sunday of Advent-Let it Be Whole

December 17, 2017

Focus Statement: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of restoration.

All: O God, you amaze us with your promise to build up the ancient ruins. You say you will replace the ashes of the past with garlands of beauty. Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questions.

All: Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.

Leader: Let it be whole.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Song STJ 10 Spirit, Working in Creation

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Jack & Mona Rohrer

Scripture Luke 1:46-56

Sermon Let it Be Whole

Marilyn Rossiter

Song STS 3 Come, Light of the World

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Drama

Wisdom and Wonder

Song HWB 299 New Earth, Heavens New

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Avery Zook

Song Leader: Kyle Yoder

Pianist: Dora Short

Greeters: Rachael Oyer & Heather Tentler

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 36 General Offering: \$2,101 Sharing Fund \$350
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Today: Christmas Brunch

Sunday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First Mennonite,
405 Trease Rd, Wadsworth.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 28

Sun, Feb. 18: Bryon Moyer Suderman from Toronto: Guest

concert/service for all ages here. First Mennonite, Wadsworth will
join us for worship. Bring friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's hours in the church office this week will be Tuesday morning, Dec. 19th 10-1 and Thursday morning, 9-12. She is available other times by text/phone or email.

Sunday School Announcement: Today, children will meet from 10-10:25. Next Sunday, on Christmas Eve, classes will not meet, but will resume on Sunday, the 31st.

Feb. 2-4, 2018 Mennonite Arts Weekend at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. "Seeds of Compassion: How can Art cultivate Cultures of kindness?" Marilyn is planning to attend. See her for a ride! www.mennoniteartsweekend.org

Check out the new adjustable children's table in the S.S. across from the sanctuary. Special thanks to Julia Beyeler for finding this quality addition to our Sunday School program and to Jack and Viv for helping to set it up.

Small Groups: If you would like to join a small group in 2018, please make this known to Stan or Mary on the caring team.

Thanks to Rachael Oyer for her work on Caring Team these past two years. Thanks to LaVerne Yousey for his work as moderator of Summit and to Mona for her work on Fellowship and Hospitality and as council secretary. We appreciate you all!

Let's remember our shut-ins this Christmas (Penny and Bob Unger) as well as people we hardly ever see (college kids, Molly and Neil Zook etc. and Wannee Pikla).

The children of Summit bring such life and joy to our congregation. One of our most important roles is nurturing these young people. With that in mind, we are seeking individuals who would be willing to serve in the nursery with our youngest attendees during the service. We would like to recruit enough volunteers that your turn would be limited to once every two months at minimum. If you are interested in this role, please contact Susan Moyer or Rachael Oyer. Thank you.

Would you have interest in helping to fund a **Ted & Co.** play for the first weekend in March? Location is still up in the air. The subject of the play is the Doctrine of Discovery. This is an important subject and provides a great background while at the same time being highly entertaining. If you would like to give towards this above-budget item, write “Ted & Co.” on your check.

The “mitten tree” is up! Who will you bless with a bright pair of mittens or a hat to cover cold ears? The cold has finally hit and little children (and big children) need hats and gloves, mittens and mufflers to keep warm. These will be collected in a few weeks and be donated to BACM. Let’s fill the tree with warmth!

BACM: Bring **Cereal/Pancake Mix/Oatmeal and Household Cleaner** for the month of December and drop into the box by our white giving tree.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.