

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

First Sunday of Advent-Let it be
December 3, 2017

Focus Statement: We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness—whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.

All: O God, your expectations terrify us. How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?
(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance.
Let it be.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Song STS 1 Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Jack & Mona Rohrer

Scripture Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Let it Be

Marilyn Rossiter

Song STS 49 I Will Come to You in the Silence

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of Guest; Announcements

Musical Interlude Let it Be

Drama Wisdom and Wonder

Song HWB 172 O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Pianist: Pam Zook

Greeters: Hannah & William Troyer

Nursery: Rachael Oyer & Cindy Larson

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 35 General Offering: \$536
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 5, 6:45: Church Council meets
7:45: Spending Plan Committee meets

COMING EVENTS

Wed, Dec 13, 6pm: Community Vigil Against Gun Violence, Trinity United Church of Christ, 215 High St, Wadsworth

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

Pastor Marilyn's hours in the church office this week will be Tuesday, Dec 5, 1 - 3 pm and Wednesday, Dec 6, 3 - 5:30 pm. She is available other times by text/phone or email.

If you would like an Advent Home Guide for families, to go with our December service themes, see Marilyn or go to Ohio Conference website to download.

Please see the signup sheets in the kitchen. One is for the Christmas Brunch on Dec 17, and the other is for snacks to share during our fellowship time between worship and Sunday school.

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