

Summit Mennonite Church

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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

September 30, 2018

Focus Statement: *God calls us to invite people of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, ability, age, economic status, or life situation into full participation in any aspect of our congregation.*

Centering Bell/Gathering Music Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship (based on Revelation 22)

Leader: The Spirit of God bids us, "Come."

Let everyone who hears within their hearts "Come."

Hear the whole earth rejoice and

the coastlands sing of our God's steadfast love.

All: **We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.**

We give thanks for God sets us free!

Leader: Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit "Come."

Let anyone who wishes "Come,"

and receive the water of life as a gift.

All: **We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.**

We give thanks for God's steadfast love

that brings joy to our hearts in the night, lights our lives like

the dawn, and sets us free. Amen.

from Free Indeed, written by Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Way Archive**.

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Opening Prayer

Songs WHB# 125 To God, with the Lamb

WHB# 299 New earth, heavens new

Children's Time

Cynthia Mason

Scripture Reading Revelations 21: 22-27

Sermon Welcoming All, Learning from All"

Jason Moyer

Response Song MWB# 320 Oh, holy city seen of John

Offering and Offertory Cello and Recorder Duet Mozart

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests; Announcements

Farewell to Mike and Cynthia/Congregational Prayer/ Prayer of Blessing

Hymn of Blessing- Siahamba (We are Marching in the Light of God) **Swahili**

words: Twatembea nuruni mwake, twatembea nuruni mwake. (repeat)

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader: Marilyn Rossiter

Pianist: Marilyn Rossiter & Kathy Gerber

Recorder and Cello: Hank Rossiter and Tim Larson

Greeters: Julia & Bob Beyeler

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 31

General Offering: \$1,165

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct 6, 3pm at Firestone Stadium: Family Promise Box City

Sunday, October 7, 10:30: World-Wide Communion Day Worship at

Central Christian School – 8 congregations participating

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct 20, 4:30 – 6:30pm: BACM Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, Oct 21: Birthday Potluck Fellowship Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, Marilyn's hours at Summit will be Wednesday and Friday. She is available on other days at your convenience. Call or text for a time to meet.

Please be sure that the outside door is locked if you visit the church during the week, or if you are the last one to leave on Sundays. Thank you.

Volunteer tasks for October World Communion Sunday will be assigned and coordinated through www.signupgenius.com. Date(s) for volunteer meeting will be found through doodle.com.

Please sign up for volunteer positions today for next week's Sunday service at Central Christian. It will include worship at 10:30 a.m. and a meal afterwards. Please let Marilyn know if you have any questions. Carpooling is necessary. Please ask to share rides with those in your area and those in Barberton. Invite persons who you have not seen recently at our services. Let's make this a high priority to attend. There will be no services at Summit, but you may give your usual tithes as you enter Central Christian. There will be baskets/envelopes inside the door. May God be glorified in all ways through this service. Please pray this prayer daily this week.

Orrville Mennonite is the destination, 1305 W Market St, for the combined choir rehearsal this evening from 6 – 8:30. A volunteers meeting will also be happening at the same time. A gospel piece is planned. See Marilyn today if you'd like copies early.

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new Voices Together hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of Voices Together are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that Voices Together will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org. Every voice matters. Every dollar counts.

Healthy conversations workshop: We are immersed in a culture that is more polarized every day, and we are told that the best way out of conflict is to fight (and win). There is another option, though. Join Sonnenberg Mennonite in Kidron for a weekend workshop on November 9-10 learning about and practicing healthy dialogue. The workshop will be led by Jes Stoltzfus Buller, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Education Coordinator. For more information or to RSVP for this free event, call 330-857-8222 or sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com.

Central Christian School's Prelude and Dessert Concert: Friday, Oct 12 at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Center. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend. Visit www.cscscomets.org for details.

Community Service Day (CSD) On Oct 19, over 225 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations, as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. Students will begin calling to secure sponsors for their service on Oct 2. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2018 or visit www.cscscomets.org/GiveToCentral to donate. Contributions are due by Nov 2.

BACM: Bring **Canned Ravioli/Beef Stew/Chili/meat & Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **September** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, is made up of Brayden Thomas, Jasmin Tente, Jessica Porr, Max Janzen, and leader Monica Miller. Pray for them as they help expand the ministry of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.