Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

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

September 9, 2018

Focus Statement: In our scarcity-thinking world, we hear nothing but bad news. This requires a honing of a practical theology of abundance taught by Jesus. This is clearly not a prosperity gospel abundance (give to get) but rather one based on gratitude and faith.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music Lighting of Peace Lamp Welcome/Call to Worship

Come, all you who are thirsty!

Come, all you who are hungry!

Come to the waters.

Come to the hillside.

Buy wine and milk, without money and without cost.

Take these fish and these loaves-take as much as you want.

We know the rain comes down from heaven, making the earth bud and flourish.

We have heard that all ate and were filled-5,000 men, plus women and children.

Come, all of you who fear there is not enough.

Come and know the abundance of our God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn HWB# 592 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Children's Time

William Troyer

Scripture Reading Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon Do you hear what I hear? Patrick Nafsiger

Song of Response STS# 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Offering and Offertory
Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests
Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing HWB# 580 My Life Flows On **Benediction**

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Pam Zook

Greeters: Mary Schwartz & William Troyer

Nursery:

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 34 General Offering: \$2,820

Filemon Scooter \$50. Peace Garden \$160.50 \$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 11, 6:45: Church Council meets **Sunday, September 16 (third Sunday)** Mark 7:24-37: BACM Sunday & shared meal - Main dish provided by BACM; bring sides dishes and desserts to share

COMING EVENTS

September 23 Peace Sunday- Immigration emphasis- Ephesians 2: 11-22 September 30 Daniel 10- Someone is fighting for you- musical meditation 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 Saturday, Oct 20, 4:30 – 6:30pm: 20th Annual BACM Dinner & Silent Auction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, Marilyn's Summit office hours will be Monday, 4-7 and Tuesday 4-9. She is available on other days at your convenience. Text or call for a time.

Join in celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 7th at 10:30 am at Center Christian School. This special worship service is a partnership of Mennonite churches in the area including Swahili Community Church of Akron, a Congolese Mennonite congregation. The event will include prayer, scripture, communion, and worship offerings from the Salem Mennonite dance group, Congolese Swahili choir, and combined traditional choir. Translation will be provided. After the service we will gather around tables for a shared meal and fellowship at Central Christian School. Volunteers are needed for the following: greeters, ushers, nursery care, parking attendants, setup crew, cleanup crew, and choir members. A volunteer meeting and choir practice will take plan on Sunday, September 30th from 6-7:30 pm at Orrville Mennonite Church. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet posted at your church if you are able to help.

Congratulations to Stephanie, Jason and Wesley Moyer on the birth of daughter/sister, Eloise Ferne, on Monday, August 27th!

Are you interested or know of a couple who would benefit from a Marriage Encounter Weekend? We have a very good opportunity at the end of this month. See Marilyn for details. It is bilingual and much of it is being paid by a grant. There is still room for more couples, so please PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS. Deadline is Monday, September 17.

The MCC Bike Michiana bike ride is being held Sept 14 - 16. This year the funds will go to support MCC's project in Nepal. MCC's partnering organization, Brethren in Community Welfare Society (BICWS) works at providing education, peace training, and livelihood support to poor and marginalized communities in the far southeast of Nepal. For more information or to support this event, please see Stan.

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. We are collecting supplies for school kits which will be sent to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Bring the items for school kits to the church by **September 16** and put them under the Giving Tree.

Contents for School Kits (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

BACM: Bring Pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, elbow macaroni etc) & 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: David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.