

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

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

September 2, 2018

Focus Statement: How does white privilege fit into the parable of the ten virgins? Complacency in our faith comes to mind. Are we also distracted? What would faithful readiness look like? What robs us of wakefulness and hope, the ability to anticipate and wait?

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

~ Rev. Mindi, on her **Rev-o-lution** blog.

Songs HWB# 36 God of our strength

Children's Time Being Ready

Mona Rohrer

Scripture Reading Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon Faithful Readiness

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song HWB# 26 Holy Spirit, come with power

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing- HWB# 581 Take Thou my hand, O Father

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: William Troyer

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Pianist: Marilyn Rossiter

Greeters: Racheal Oyer & Lee Ressler

Nursery: Mona Rohrer & Deb Barry

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 34 General Offering: \$1,998.98 Filemon Scooter \$100
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 11, 6:45: Church Council meets

Sunday, September 16 (third Sunday): Potluck

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 with Congolese Community Church of Akron -

see insert

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, Marilyn's Summit office hours will be Tuesday, Sept 4th, 8: 30 am-noon, and Thursday, September 6th, 4-6. Marilyn will be a mentor for the Journey program at Camp Amigo next weekend, the 7-9th. 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 Center 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 place 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.

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)

Local volunteer opportunity: Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a group of 6-8 people to come clean and price used seasonal decor items in preparation for our annual Christmas sale. Ideally such a group could come for several hours once a month either during our regular work hours or on an evening or Saturday. For more information contact Nancy Schneider at 330-8772769 or manager@hartvillethriftshoppe.org. Hartville Thrift Shoppe proceeds support Mennonite Central Committee's relief, development and peace work around the world.

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: Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.