

## 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**

November 18, 2018

**Focus Statement:** *Discipleship can be defined as following Jesus, but since the early Jesus is not with us, discipleship or following Jesus calls for an imaginative, creative, and faithful interaction with the living spirit of Christ through scriptural interpretation, church tradition, prayer, spiritual discernment, and communal formation. The story of Jesus in the Gospels is our primary source for following in the way of Jesus. Worship is the sacred space where the church is formed by the story of Jesus.*

### Centering Bell/Gathering Music

#### Lighting of Peace Lamp

#### Welcome/Call to Worship

L: God calls out to all who would follow.

**P: God calls us within creation and the human heart.**

L: God calls us in Scripture and through the church.

**P. God calls us in history and human experience.**

L: God calls us to life and wholeness.

**P: God calls us to healing and hope.**

L: God calls us to follow in the way of Jesus.

**ALL: God calls out to all who would follow.**

#### Opening Prayer

**Song:** HWB #20, "Come and see"

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We have followed in the ways of the world more than the ways of Christ, forgiving God. Our hands have built walls instead of tearing them down. We have comforted ourselves more than others. Our love for one another has not burned bright enough for the world to see. So, forgive us, merciful God, and direct us back to the path that Christ has trod. Set our feet to walking in the path of peace. Ignite our hearts with the flame of justice. Bind us together with the cords of Christ's love so that all may know we are Christians by our love.

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Song:** STJ #95 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

#### Children's Time

Jason Moyer

**Scripture Reading** John 13: 34-35

**Sermon** "Following Jesus"

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

#### Communal Commitment: (Unison)

We commit ourselves to follow Jesus. As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read scripture together guided by the Spirit. Through Baptism, we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Christ's disciples, no matter the cost.

**Response Song:** HWB #411 "I bind my heart this tide"

#### Offering and Offertory

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Announcements

**Closing Song:** HWB #546 "Guide my feet"

#### Benediction

L: In sun or rain

**P: God will guide our feet!**

L: In triumph or in tragedy

**P: God will guide our feet!**

L: In joy or sorrow

**P: God will guide our feet!**

L: In life or death

**P: God will guide our feet!**

L: In faith and in hope

**ALL: God will guide our feet!**

#### TODAY:

Worship Leader: Hannah Troyer

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Dora Short

Greeters: Roberta Wright & Lee Ressler

Nursery: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Worship Planners: Viv Jaberg & Marilyn Rossiter

#### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 36

General Offering: \$815

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

#### TODAY

- Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
- Cantate Singers concert tonight at 7 pm, Kidron Mennonite, Bluegrass  
Mass accompanied by Honeytown

#### COMING EVENTS

- **Sun, Dec 2:** Short Congregational meeting to select Trustee
- **Sun, Dec 23:** Christmas Brunch
- **Mon, Dec 24,** 7pm Christmas Eve Service at Summit (joint with First Menn)
- **Sun, Jan 13:** Annual Reports due to Jason from Commission Chairs
- **Sun, Jan 27:** Annual Business Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours at Summit next week will be Tuesday. Please text or call her for a meeting time. The Rossiters will be in Athens with family Wednesday-Friday, attending an interfaith mosque worship and "pie Thanksgiving" on Friday. She will be available by phone Wednesday and Friday.

For all Commission Chairs and the Treasurer, Annual reports are due to Jason by January 1.

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 27.

Congratulations to Joanne Lehman, whose book of poetry, *Fountain Nook*, has just been published. Poetry is such an instrument of the Spirit in these times. Email or call her for a copy!

Next week we will look at the role of the Holy Spirit in keeping scriptures and the Body current to the needs of the world. Read Mark 1: 9-11. Come ready to share how the Spirit used this or other scripture in your life this week.

As we settlers celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember that it is a time of mourning for First Land Peoples. Be open and alert to ways in which we can still make reparations, however small. (There is The American Indian and Veterans Center/Pow Wow that meets in Norton and needs funding. See Hannah if you would like to contribute to this group.)

**Give a kit for Christmas!** From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a relief kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about relief kit contents and how you can get involved, visit [mcc.org/kits/relief](http://mcc.org/kits/relief).

For all who would like to use the internet here inside Summit, the password for the BACM WIFI network is **mistytable690**.

**BACM:** Bring **Canned Fruit & Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **November** 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:** Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.