

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

November 25, 2018

Focus Statement: The Holy Spirit is God's transforming power. The Spirit is the flame of God's love, the unseen wind of God's movement within the church and world. Transformation is rarely smooth, simple or easy. Transformation is often disruptive. Worship is intended as a sacred space where we encounter the transforming and disruptive power of the Spirit.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

L: Holy Spirit, dwell among us.

P: Holy Spirit, dwell within us.

L: Holy Spirit, come as fire.

P: Holy Spirit, come as wind.

L: Holy Spirit, ignite us with passion.

P: Holy Spirit, blow upon the embers of our hearts.

L: Holy Spirit, gather us as one.

P: Holy Spirit, send us forth into the world.

Opening Prayer

Praise Hymn: HWB #26 "Holy Spirit, come with power"

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of the Spirit: (Unison) John 3: 8

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Hymn: HWB #502 "Spirit of God! Descend"

Prayer

Children's Time

Hank Rossiter

Reading the word: Mark 1: 9-11

Proclaiming the Word Experience Transformation Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song: HWB #614 "In the bulb there is a flower"

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship, the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy, and peace of the gospel.

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Sending Hymn: STJ #49 "Rain down"

Benediction

ALL: God will guide our feet!

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Avery Zook

Song Leader: Kyle Yoder

Pianist: William Troyer/Susan Moyer

Greeters: Julia & Bob Beyeler

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson

Worship Planners: Viv Jaberg & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 43

General Offering: \$1,233

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Sun, Dec 2:** Short Congregational meeting to select Trustee

COMING EVENTS

- **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 Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please text or call her for a meeting time.

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.

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider Summit Mennonite Church as an option. As of the end of October, we are approximately \$7,000 (\$700/month) short of meeting our 2018 Spending Plan obligations that we committed to at our business meeting last January.

Would you like to brighten a homeless child's Christmas by donating a gift to **Family Promise of Summit County**? The flier about Santa's workshop and a list of suggested gifts are on the bulletin board. Please bring all donations to the church by Dec. 16. If you have questions please see Stan or Judy.

Did you know that if you have a gym or fitness center membership and an Everence Medicare Supplement plan, Everence will reimburse up to \$10.00 per month for your gym or fitness center membership? For more information call the number on the back of your Everence card or see Stan, our Everence Advocate.

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.

Our 30th year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 5:15-7:30 p.m. The church is located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville, OH. This is a 45 minute, indoor/outdoor, walk-through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! Admission is one article of canned food or toiletries for People to People Ministries. Please note that the church is handicap accessible. Everyone is welcome!

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

BACM: Bring **Peanut butter & Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **December** 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: Participants with Journey International, a Mennonite Mission Network program, are serving in Benin and Ecuador. Pray for God's love to flow through Requiyah Johnson, working with children at *La Casa Grande*, and for Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller, working with refugees and children in Quito.