

## 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**

December 16, 2018

**Focus statement:** On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.

### Centering Bell/Gathering Music

### Welcome/Lighting of Peace Lamp

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.**

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

**People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.**

**All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.**

### Prayer

**Songs:** STS#4 Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes  
STS#16 (using joy instead of peace)

**Children's Time:** Joy

Jason Moyer

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3:7-18

**Sermon** Corrective Vision

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

**Response Song:** StS #15 Hope is a Candle (Refrain – see bulletin insert)

### Offering and Offertory

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

### Announcements/ Introduction of Guests

**Closing Hymn:** StJ #61 How can we be silent

### Benediction

### TODAY:

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Pianist: Dora Short

Greeters: Rachael Oyer & Phil Moyer

Nursery: Rachael Oyer & William Troyer

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 23

General Offering: \$1,502

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

### THIS WEEK

- **Today, 2:30 pm:** Handel's Messiah at Oak Grove
- **Wed, Dec 19, 7:30:** Christmas Eve rehearsal for participants, readers and octet
- **Sun, Dec 23, 9:30:** Christmas Brunch followed by Worship Service (no Sunday school)

### COMING EVENTS

- **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- 9-noon and Wednesday 6-9pm. Please text or call her for a meeting time.

Please note that next week the **Christmas brunch will be at 9:30**, with the Worship Service following. There will be **no Sunday school**.

Marilyn is trying to use only one email address for her church involvement. It is: **rossitermarilyn17@gmail.com**.

Please continue to bring **hats, mittens, and scarves** for our Christmas tree in the foyer. There are two more pantry days before Christmas, but the cold of winter will require our helping even past Christmas. So watch for after-Christmas hat and glove sales. BACM is so appreciative of our help. Thank you, church.

Ohio Conference's Immigration Resource Team will be meeting Dec. 20 to continue its work on developing a resolution to present to the delegates at Annual Conference Assembly in March. This team is composed of Dan King, Hannah Troyer, Mara Weaver Boshart, Kelsey Troyer and Alysa Short. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's direction as they work together at creating this document.

**Care for creation and receive a discount with your next car.** You can show your care for God's earth with your large decisions like buying a hybrid or fuel-efficient car. Faith-based Everence Federal Credit Union encourages purchase of these cars with a discounted car loan rate as low as 3.24 percent for "green" vehicles. Also check out the credit union's express car loans at [everence.com/auto-loans](http://everence.com/auto-loans) or contact your local Everence credit union office.

**Volunteer with SWAP:** Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. If your church has never been to one of our SWAP locations, or if it has been a while since you have been to SWAP, please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. You can also check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/medis/resources/8302>.

**Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

**Central Christian Alumni Night, December 21:** Baseball fundraiser meal served 5-7 pm. Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. **All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.** [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**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:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.