

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

December. 23, 2018

Focus statement

On this final Sunday of Advent, we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God's people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God's greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome/Lighting Advent Candles

Leader: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

People: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer

Songs: HWB #215 What child is this
StJ #13 My soul is filled with joy

Children's Time: Love

Hank Rossiter

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Sermon Optical Illusion Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song StS #15 Hope is a Candle (chorus found in back of HWB)

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Announcements/ Introduction of Guests

Christmas Prayer Hymn: HWB #191 O little town of Bethlehem
Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader: Kyle Yoder

Pianist: William Troyer

Greeters: Mona & Jack Rohrer

Nursery: Roberta & Annabella Wright

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 34

General Offering: \$3,003

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today, 9:30:** Christmas Brunch followed by Worship Service (no Sunday school)
- **Mon, Dec 24,** 7pm Christmas Eve Service at Summit (joint with First Menn)

COMING EVENTS

- **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 Wednesday, the 26th from noon to four and Friday the 28th from noon to four. Please text or call her for a meeting time.

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.

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 or contact your local Everence credit union office.

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.

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>.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: In this season of “Peace on earth, goodwill to all people,” Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.