

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 9, 2018

Focus Statement: On this second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God's goodness embodied in the Messiah. By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus' life and message.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome/Lighting of Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

People: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

People: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Prayer

Songs: HWB #183 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's cry
StJ #54 Longing for light

Children's Time: Peace

William Troyer

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 1-6, Malachi 3: 1-4

Sermon Listening with Binoculars

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song Hope is a Candle StS #15

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Announcements/ Introduction of Guests

Closing Hymn: STJ# 56 Make me a channel of your peace

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Stan King

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Susan Moyer

Greeters: Judy & Stan King

Nursery: Stephanie & Jason Moyer

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 34

General Offering: \$2,745

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Dec 11: 6:45:** Church Council meets
- **Sunday, Dec 16, 1:30pm:** Bring a sack lunch if you'd like to stay and visit the Akron Congolese worship at Trinity UCC in Akron. We will carpool from the parking lot.
- **Sunday, Dec 16, 2:30 pm:** Handel's Messiah at Oak Grove

COMING EVENTS

- **Sun, Dec 23:** Christmas Brunch- **see sign-up sheet in the kitchen**
- **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 4-9 and Friday, 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.**

Dear friends, I have been overwhelmed by your kindness, your prayers, your many cards with encouraging notes. "Only" three more treatments and ten weeks to go! With your continued thoughts and prayers, I know I can be a survivor. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will miss Christmas Eve with you, but you will all be in my heart. **Bobbie Mohr**

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.

Our upside-down Christmas in the foyer needs many mittens, scarves and hats! Please bring them in as soon as possible because BACM clients will be taking them as needed. We will need multiple supplies to meet the need of five more food pantry days before Christmas. Thank you!

For anyone interested in spreading some international Christmas love, join us December 16! We will bring sack lunches and then at one thirty we will plan to carpool to Akron's UCC church to join with the Congolese Mennonite congregation there. Their service is three hours, BUT we will stay for about 90 minutes. Since music is one way to connect, we will plan to sing three carols in hopes that they will know the Swahili words to the familiar melodies. An invitation to surrounding churches, including First Mennonite has been made. Come and connect!

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.

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

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's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.