

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 30, 2018

Focus statement

On this first Sunday after Christmas we proclaim God's love revealed in the Son, the Word made flesh, who brings together all creation in him. In Christ's birth and life, we come to understand righteousness as **God's love for all creation, a love in which we are called to participate.**

Centering Bell/Gathering Music O Holy Night Kathy Gerber

Welcome/Lighting of all Advent Candles plus Christ Candle

Call to worship

Leader: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

People: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.

Leader: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

People: And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.

All: Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we now experience!

Prayer

Songs HWB 210 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

HWB 199 The First Noel, the angel did say

HWB 202 The virgin Mary had a baby boy

Children's Time: Jesus

William Troyer

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41

Communal Meditation—Manger Musings (invitation for any and all expressions of Christmas meaning for the benefit of the Body and the glory of God)

Response Songs WHB#820 Love Came Down at Christmas

Offering and Offertory. Helpless and Hungry (STS# 26)/WHB# 215 What child is this? Cello, Pam Zook and Hank, recorder

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Announcements/ Introduction of Guests

Closing Hymn: HWB 190 Twas in the moon of wintertime

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader/Keyboard: Marilyn Rossiter

Greeters: Mary Schwartz & William Troyer

Nursery: Karen Steiner & Vivian Jaberg

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 53

General Offering: \$1,270

Special Offering 12/24/18: \$350 Family Promise
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

- **Tues, Jan 8, 6:45**, Church Council meets
- **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, Jan 2, 2pm to 5pm and Friday Jan 4 from 2pm to 5pm. 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. 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.

Please keep remembering Bobbie Mohr in your prayers, and let her know you are doing that by sending cards

BACM will once again be collecting **Bags of Love** to distribute to their clients in the spring. Many of their clients are on food stamps, which cannot be used for personal care or household items. Please help provide these items to them by making Bags of Love. Fill a brown paper grocery bag with the following items: 1 package of toilet paper (4 rolls), laundry detergent (up to 64 ounces), dish soap, hand soap, deodorant, soap/body wash, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, all-purpose cleaner. You can decorate the bags with Love if you wish!

There are two new books in our library. **Three Simple Rules**, by Theo Boers, is written from a Christian perspective and based on sound personal financial

management principles. It offers a step-by-step process of realistically setting goals and addressing needed changes to spending, debt, assets, and income. The easily understood language and examples will help the reader confidently walk through the pages to improve their financial life.

Your New Money Mindset is a new way of thinking about the role money plays in our lives. Many of us live with ongoing, and often unexamined, tension related to money. Few of us have really escaped the credit-card trap or freed ourselves from worries about having enough for the future. In **Your New Money Mindset**, the authors, guide you through the *Money Mindset Assessment*, which will help pinpoint what attitudes about money you could work on in order to develop an openhearted attitude to life.

Ohio Conference's Ministry Development Team is composed of nine individuals along with other staff and Leadership Team members. This group responds to needs around the Conference and creates resource teams to fulfill these needs. The assistant moderator, Thomas Dunn, is the chair. We invite you to remember this group in your prayers as they oversee the work of the Missional Planning Team and the Immigration Resource Team. Please also pray for the work that they will do at their next meeting on Jan. 10.

BACM: Bring **Canned soup/Ramen noodles and Bags of Love** for the month of **January** 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: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.