

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

January 6, 2019

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

Focus Statement: On Epiphany Sunday we bask in the glow of Jesus, the light of the world, who brings all the powers of the world to their knees. This week we name the powers of our own modern world that seek to overcome the goodness of God's creation through sin and death. To counteract this evil in our world, we give glory to God, the one who gave us the Son, who himself leads us in the ways of God's justice and righteousness.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

People: Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through God's Son, Jesus.

People: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

Prayer

Songs HWB #216 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
HWB #218 As with Gladness Men of Old

Children's Time

Cindy Larson

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon Disempowering the Darkness Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song STS 32 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Sermon Response

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing STS 57 Go, My Friends, in Grace

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: Bob Beyeler

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 26

General Offering: \$2,780

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Tues, Jan 8, 6:45,** Church Council meets
- **Sun, Jan 13:** Annual Reports due to Jason from Commission Chairs
- Guest Speaker next Sunday-- Marilyn present. HMMM....wonder who it will be?

COMING EVENTS

- **Fri, Jan 18:** Family Promise at Grace UCC of Loyal Oak Church, 3285 Cleveland-Massillon Rd – See Stan or Judy
- **Sun, Jan 27:** Annual Business Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours at Summit this week will be Tuesday 3-9 and Friday 9-1. Please text or call her for a meeting time.

Hats and mittens are still being given away on our upside-down Christmas tree, in cooperation with BACM. Please be generous, especially those who have not donated.

Please write checks of love for Wannee Pikla to Summit Emergency Fund today.

Please keep remembering Bobbie Mohr in your prayers, and let her know you are doing that by sending cards. Jim and Bobbie's address is: 502 Rosalind Ave, Wadsworth OH 44281.

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!

Introducing the new monthly **MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter!** Sign up to receive it at mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation.

The latest episode of the **Holding it(,) Together podcast** is out now, focusing on infertility, miscarriage and infant loss. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>.

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.

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: Pray for God's guiding presence as David and Rebekka Stutzman and their children seek to build Christian community among their neighbors in Germany.