

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

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

February 17, 2019

Focus Statement: “A person’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions”. How do we sometimes slide into the world’s belief to the contrary of this scripture? How does gratitude play into this battle?

Gathering Music

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

L: We come before you today with gratitude,

P: Gratitude for the opportunity to share with each other and to give to each other.

L: Gratitude for the example of Jesus, who teaches us to love our neighbors and serve those around us.

P: Please open our eyes to new visions of service and faithful living.

A: Thank you for the opportunity to expand our hearts, our communities, and our lives through your grace.

Opening Prayer

Song: HWB #8 Brethren, we have met to worship

HWB #517 Open my eyes, that I may see

Children’s Time

Hank Rossiter

Scripture Luke 7: 36-50

Sermon Grace and Gratitude

Marilyn Rossiter

Song: HWB #385 What gift can we bring

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song: HWB #545 Be thou my vision

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Piano: Dora Short

Nursery: Viv Jaberg & Karen Steiner

Greeter: Julia Beyeler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 33

General Offering: \$2,605

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

NEXT WEEK

- **Today, 1pm: “The Loss of Turtle Island”** with First Mennonite, Wadsworth. Hannah Troyer has been trained in this exercise created by MCC Central States which tells the story of how colonization affected Native Americans on this land. The exercise will take a little over an hour.
- **The leaders of the Akron Swahili Community Church** would like to invite us to worship with them on **Feb 24th**. Rollin, translator suggested that we arrive at the worship service at 1:30pm and to plan on being there until 5pm.

COMING EVENTS

- **Here are dates for an upcoming series of classes on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.** They will be held at First Mennonite, Wadsworth at 7-8pm on the following Wednesdays: **Feb.20, 27, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3rd**. This is a six-week course, with sessions building on each other, so a six-week commitment is helpful.
- **March 6, 7pm: Joint Ash Wednesday service** with First, at Summit
- **March 9 – 10, Missional Conference:** From Jerusalem to Antioch All are invited to this event, 6:30pm the 9th through noon on Friday, the 10th. Consider attending! Scholarships available. (\$45 for visitors, \$25 for delegates). Registration required.at Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all next week by phone, text or email, but will be in the Summit office Tuesday, the 19th 8am-1pm and Wednesday the 20th from 3-5pm

Interested in a church mission project this summer? There is a clipboard at the entrance to the sanctuary to gauge interest in volunteering with SWAP in Kentucky OR Habitat for Humanity in Summit county, along with a short description of each project. Check it out!

GIFTS: There are many ways to give to Summit. If you are looking for something new to try, how about helping plan Worship Services? We are looking for individuals/couples who might want to give this a try! Please let Susan Moyer know if you would have interest. Thank you.

Everence will hold an informative **webinar on Social Security** and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 2 and 8 p.m.** (EST). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement savings into retirement income and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit www.everence.com/retirementincome or contact Valerie Diaz at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3349 or valerie.diaz@everence.com.

Each year around this time, we collect items for Bags of Love to be donated to BACM (Barberton Area Community Ministries) as part of their project to collect these goods for clients. If you are interested in participating, please purchase the following items and bring them to church by Sunday, February 24th:

- 1 package of toilet paper (4 rolls)
- Laundry detergent (up to 64 oz)
- Dish soap
- Hand soap
- Deodorant
- Soap/body wash
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- All purpose cleaner

Please place items up near the organ (separate from regular BACM donations) so we can be sure these get in the bags. On Sunday, February 24th during Sunday School the children (and any children at heart who wish to participate) will decorate bags and fill them with the items you bring. We will then gift them to BACM.

BACM: Bring **Mac and Cheese and Bags of Love** for the month of **February**. Please put 'Bags of Love' items for BACM by the organ. Our children will be decorating the bags the last Sunday of February. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network are serving at La Casa Grande children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.