

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

March 10, 2019

Focus Statement: When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation, God's hand delivers us. We confess our trust in a saving God.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music Shepherd me, O God

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

L: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

P: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

L: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge, who commands his angels to guard us.

P: God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble

A: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

Opening Prayer

Songs: STJ #1 We sing to you, O God

HWB #527 Lord Jesus, think on me

Children's Time

Jason Moyer

Scripture: Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon Saving God

Marilyn Rossiter

Song: STS #81 When we are tempted

Confession and reconciliation

L: Scripture says, "No one who believes in God will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Who will call upon the Lord today?

Paula Gill: I will call upon the Lord today.

L: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

Prayer

All: Saving God, we call upon you for you alone can save. When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness, we call to you.

L: When we face temptations, we call to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.

L: Our generous God provides for us.

Offering And I will Raise You Up

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song: STS #1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader & Piano: Susan Moyer

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson

Greeter: Ethan Horst

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 28

General Offering: \$2,305

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Wed, March 13, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Sun, March 17, 6:30pm:** Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting/Dinner
- **Sun, March 17:** Fellowship Potluck

COMING EVENTS

- **Wed, March 20, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Wed, March 27, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Wed, April 3, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Sun, April 21, 9:30:** Easter Brunch followed by worship service (no Sunday school)
- **Sun, April 21:** Secret Sister Reveal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all next week by phone, text or email, and will be in the office Thursday, March 14th, 10a.m.-1p.m. and Friday, March 15th, 1-4p.m.

Lenten Home Devotions: The theme and Scriptures in the Lent At Home materials are based on the congregational worship materials published in Leader magazine by MennoMedia. For each week, the At Home resource offers meditations, pondering thoughts, scriptures, songs, prayers and creative activities for children, families or personal/group devotions. This resource comes from our Mennonite friends in Canada and is called **Lenten Guided Prayer 2019: Grit and Grace**. If you'd like a copy, see Marilyn.

Are you on the right financial path? When it comes to your finances, do you have a financial plan that takes your faith values into consideration? If not, Christian-based Everence can help. Get started on your journey today! Learn more at everence.com/ financial-planning.

Confession and Ritual will be important responses in our Lenten services this month. As worship leaders read the Scripture, they will end with, "Who will call upon the Lord today?" In response to this question, one or more of you will be asked to respond by coming forward with an empty bowl or plate brought from your home. After placing it on the altar table as an expression of the spiritual hunger of our congregation, you are invited to offer a confessional response based on the focus statement/questions of the day (a heads up- you'll be asked ahead). This could be in the form of an art piece, a poem, words to a hymn, a musical selection or a story. After our corporate confession, the empty bowl will be filled. So, find a quiet space and think and pray about these themes: Lent 1- God's hand delivers, 2- God shelters, 3- God pours out life-giving drink, 4-God hugs us, 5- God makes a way through mighty waters, and 6- God's love endures as we follow Jesus.

Berlin Mennonite Church will host a Healthy Congregations Workshop April 4-5. Bill Blank, associate director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, will lead the workshop. This workshop is designed for pastors, church staff, lay leaders and congregation members. Participants will learn how they can influence the health of their congregations, and how to detect and avoid unhealthy patterns of living together in community. The registration fee includes a course manual and lunch. The fee is \$40 per person or \$60 per couple (with a shared manual) for all those registering by March 17. After that date, the registration fee increases to \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. Register online at <http://bit.ly/April5HealthyCongregations> or send your completed registration form and fee to Berlin Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 217, Berlin OH 44610.

BACM: Bring **Spaghetti Sauce & Deodorant** for the month of **March**. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Alisha, Joshua and Asher Garber of Mennonite Mission Network are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona's residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place where they can flourish in the coming year.