Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team 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 24, 2019

Focus Statement: When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from destruction to God's grace.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

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

- People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary, and know your power and glory.
- People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.
- All: 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

Song HWB 474 I hunger and I thirst HWB 521 Come, Thou Fount

Children's Time

Mark Gerber

ScriptureLuke 13: 1-9, Psalm 61:1-8SermonGracetime with GodMarilyn RossiterSpecial Music:All Who are ThirstyMarilyn Rossiter, Viv Jaberg, Julia Beyeler

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: (reading Isaiah 55:1-3a)

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

Who will listen to the Lord today?

Laverne Yousey: I will listen to the Lord today.

- Leader: We are all invited to listen to the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.
- All: God of life, we listen to you, for you alone have the words of life. When we realize that we have paid too much attention to the voices in our world, we listen to you.
- Leader: When we sense the poverty of our souls, we listen to you. When our souls hunger for abundant life, we listen to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will listen to you.

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song STS 100 O Blessed Spring Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Stan King Song Leader Mark Gerber Piano: Kathy Gerber Nursery: Rachael Oyer & Susan Moyer Greeter: Rachael Oyer Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 40

General Offering: \$1,210 \$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- Today Tenebrae Choir after church (fifteen minutes)
- Wed, March 27, 7pm: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn

COMING EVENTS

- Wed, April 3, 7pm: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- Sunday, April 7: Tenebrae Choir after church (fifteen minutes)
- Thursday, April 18: Musical Tenebrae Service and Communion here
- 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 Tuesday, Tuesday, the 26th, 9am-1pm and Wednesday 3-5pm, Summit, 6-9pm First Mennonite in Wadsworth.

There will be **no Sunday School on March 31**st. (Marilyn will have a kids' video for one hour.) Directly after fellowship time following our worship service, Rachael will be showing a film in the sanctuary on appropriate involvement of adults to children in our church building and grounds. This is required once a year by our current Child Care Safety Policy. Please plan to attend.

Have you sent /called your letter to congressmen and women about your take on immigration from a Biblical perspective? There are a few sample letters left by our mission statement at the sanctuary entrance.

Whole Foods in Fairlawn weighs home containers and then subtracts that weight from that which you fill them. Consider making the trip and starting to buy food that is not encased in plastic. Our ocean and its inhabitants (and our grandchildren) will thank you.

Baptism will be a part of our Youth Sunday on May 5th. See Marilyn for a chance to participate in this commitment ritual. Catechism lock in coming in April.

If you have a chain saw and available time, I have a few large branches that need to be cut up so I can move them off my yard. In return, you can have all the wood you want! Contact me if this works for you. Thanks, Viv

We are humbled and thankful for the community-wide effort that made the CCS Auction on March 9 such a success! The final total is \$485,000+. The auction supports the Fair Balance Fund which ensures that Central Christian School can offer variable rates of tuition to families who desire a Christ-Centered education.

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: Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.