

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 3, 2019

Focus Statement: - We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as created in the image of God. We are called to be neighbors and peacemakers as Jesus taught, bringing about harmony and goodwill, even and especially when newcomers, migrants and refugees seeking asylum are detained, separated, and arrested. May God give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice.

Centering Bell/Gathering Video

(Work of the People)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship (based on Luke 4: 16-19)

One: At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

All: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.

Opening Prayer

Song STJ #2 Come, walk with us

HWB #377 Healer of our every ill

Children's Time

Cindy Larson

Scripture (Hebrews 13: 1-3; Matthew 25: 34-36; Leviticus 19: 33-34)

Sermon Entertaining Strangers

Haroldo Nunez

Litany of Response:

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

All: Forgive us, Lord, for the times our actions have not been consistent with the message of Good News to the most vulnerable.

Leader: He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives,

All: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have not looked after the needy, the marginalized and the exiled due to our lack of love and lack of commitment to your Word.

Leader: and recovery of sight to the blind,

All: Forgive us, Lord, for the times our works have not been motivated by your love.

Leader: to let the oppressed go free,

All: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have not stood on the side of your justice and truth on behalf of the exiled and the outcasts.

Leader: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

All: Help us, Lord, to put your Word into action, taking the Good News to all who suffer in a foreign land.

Leader: And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

All: Lord, we commit to ensuring that the preaching of your Word becomes a reality in our daily life, through the witness of our actions on behalf of those who suffer displacement due to violence and social injustice.

Leader: Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All: Lord, we commit to taking the Good News to all who suffer the pain and loss of displacement. Hallelujah, yours is the Glory and Honor forever and ever! Amen.

Prayer of Response

Pastor Marilyn

Song HWB 322 For we are strangers no more

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song HWB 369 Lord, whose love in humble service

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: William Troyer

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Piano: Kathy Gerber

Nursery: Jason & Stephanie Moyer

Greeter: Ada Enzen

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

We warmly welcome Haroldo Nunez to our worship today. Haroldo is the director of Open Arms Ministry in Wayne County and is actively coordinating efforts to minister to the many immigrants in our local area. He was pastor of Salem Mennonite Church of Wooster for many years and continues to be involved in that congregation and around the Ohio conference.

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 19

General Offering: \$929

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **March 6, 7pm: Joint Ash Wednesday service** with First, at Summit
- **Sat, March 9:** Central Christian School Annual auction
- **March 9 – 10, Missional Conference:** From Jerusalem to Antioch

COMING EVENTS

- **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
- **Sun, March 17:** Secret Sister Reveal during Potluck
- **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all next week by phone, text or email, but will be in the Summit office Wed March 6-9.

Marilyn will be at the Ohio conference at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron Thursday-Saturday. Other delegates include Hannah Troyer, LaVerne Yousey, and Hank Rossiter.

This Wednesday at 7:00p.m. we will receive ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads. This will remind us of our mortality and our need for confessions as we enter the season of Lent. First Mennonite will be joining us for this service here at Summit. Please come and bring a friend.

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.

We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and sympathy cards in the sudden passing of our nephew, Geoffrey. The day before his passing, he was all done with his chemo and radiation treatments and doing very well. But the next day, a blood vessel around the tumor burst, which led to a tremendous blood loss internally and which the doctor said there was nothing they could do nor could this even have been predicted. He passed away in less than 2 hours after he arrived at the hospital. The doctors said that Geoff would not have been aware of what was happening and would not have been in any pain. Life is surely short...live each day as if it's your last day on earth. Thank you for your love and support. Jack and Mona

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.

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: Eric and Kelly Frey Martin are traveling from Colombia to Ecuador to join Mennonite Mission Network personnel for a retreat. Pray for a time of meaningful worship and renewal as long-term and short-term workers share experiences to equip them for continued ministry.