

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 31, 2019

Focus Statement: When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship, O God, you are our God even when we stray and get lost.

All: We will tell you about the way we get lost through our poor choices. We are so glad that you forgive us and invite us back.

Leader: Help us return to your love and truth, God. As we light the Christ candle, we think of your love from the warm hugs we can share.

Opening Prayer

Song: HWB #532 I am Leaning on the Lord

Children's Time Careless and Bitter

Mona Rohrer

Scripture Psalm 32:2; Luke 15: 11b-32

Song Sunday God Hugs

Marilyn Rossiter

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: *(Psalm 32:10-11)*

"Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." Who will trust the Lord today?

Frank Semkow: I will trust the Lord today.

Leader: We are all invited to trust the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: God of steadfast love, we put our trust in your care for us.

When we need to find our way home, we put our trust in you.

Leader: When we need forgiveness (*pause*), we put our trust in you. When our souls hunger for a new way of living (*pause*), we put our trust in you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will put our trust in you.

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song STJ #78 We will walk with God

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Mark Gerber

Song Leader Marilyn Rossiter

Piano: William Troyer

Nursery: Karen Steiner & Roberta Wright

Greeter: Kathy Gerber

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 36

General Offering: \$1,565

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today** Tenebrae Choir after church in sanctuary (fifteen minutes)
- **Wed, April 3, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Thurs, April 4, 6:45pm:** Church Council meets
- **Sunday, April 7:** Tenebrae Choir after church (fifteen minutes)

COMING EVENTS

- **Friday, April 12:** Family Promise
- **Thursday, April 18, 7pm:** 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
- **April 24 & 26, 9-3:30** Habitat for Humanity Service Project
- **May 1, 3, & 4:** Habitat for Humanity Service Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all next week by phone, text or email, and will be in the office Wednesday, April 3rd, 11a.m.-8:00pm (part of this will be in Wadsworth), and Thursday, April 4th 1:30- 8:30pm.

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.

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.

Most people approaching retirement have questions about Medicare and Social Security. Two upcoming workshops presented by Everence® Financial on Monday, April 8, will provide answers. *Medicare: An overview* (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.) will provide information on what's covered, the plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. *Social Security: An overview* (7 - 8:15 p.m.) will cover the best time to begin taking Social Security benefits, as well as strategies to maximize benefits and more. The workshops will take place at the Everence office, 1221 W. Maple St., Hartville. To reserve your spot, contact Jean Bontrager at (330) 877-1982 or jean.bontrager@everence.com.

Did you know that you can **donate to your favorite charity** every time you make a purchase from Amazon? Just log on to www.smile.amazon.com and search for your charity. Options include BACM, Family Promise, MCC and many others.

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.

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

BACM: Bring Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots) & Deodorant for the month of **April**. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.