

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

April 28, 2019

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

**All: Earth awakens from winter,
ushering in a vision of wondrous color and vibrant life!**

One: Make a joyful noise,
For God brings comfort to those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.

All: Lent is over and the celebration of Easter is begun.

One: The cycle of living and dying continues,
As it has for ages past and will for ages to come.

**All: Yet we are free to believe in the Risen Christ;
Who brings a message of renewal, awakening, and possibility.**

One: Proclaim the tidings near and far, go tell the blessed story!

**All: Thanks be to God, who gives us hope through Jesus, the Risen
Christ.**

Opening Prayer HWB #677

Songs: HWB #282 Proclaim the tidings near and far
STS #98 On the journey to Emmaus

Children's Time

Mark Gerber

Scripture John 20: 19-31

Meditation Free to Believe

Cynthia Mason

Song HWB #366 God of grace and God of glory

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

One: God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always
respond to the opportunities you place before us.

**All: Help us to open our eyes and commit our lives to acts of mercy
and labors of love.**

One: Even though we find much in our world that deals in doubt and
despair and death, and we are tempted to succumb to these forces,

**All: Help us to turn away from darkness and choose light, affirm what
can be affirmed, hope where hope is possible, and risk ourselves
to lift up human dignity.**

One: O Risen Christ, as the good news of Easter inspired your first
followers, encourage us to proclaim your gospel and be instruments
of your justice and peace.

**All: Grant that we might know the power of resurrection and the
promise of rebirth, that our church may bear witness to Your
gracious love and forgiveness.**

Now and in the world to come, we pray, Amen.

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song HWB #299 New earth, heavens new

Sending

TODAY

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader: Mark Gerber

Piano: Dora Short

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson

Greeter: Mona Rohrer

Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 54

General Offering: \$1,440

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **May 1, 3, & 4, 9-3:30:** Summit Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. See Hank if you'd like to swing a hammer! (coaching is part of it!)

COMING EVENTS

- **May 7, 6:45:** Summit Church Council meets
- **May 11:** Cultivating Generous Congregations
- **May 19:** Fellowship Potluck meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all next week by phone, text or email, and will be in the office Tuesday, April 30, 11am-3pm and Friday 4-6 or by other appointment.

Small groups continue to meet, one monthly the other bi-weekly. Please speak to Stan, Mary or Marilyn if you are interested in either or would like to form a new one.

Hearing-impaired devises are available for anyone having problems hearing the service. See Jack or Lee if you would like to try one.

The pulled pork for the **church/BACM August community meal** is already purchased. (We got a great deal by buying it early!) Now we need freezer space to store it. A box is 18 in. by 12 in. by 8 in, and weighs 40 lbs. Contact Pastor Marilyn if you have extra freezer space. A box is in the church freezer if you'd like to see the size.

Community gardens behind the church are available. See William or Hank if you would like one...or two!

Upcoming workshop to answer questions about Medicare and Social Security Most people approaching retirement have questions about Medicare and Social Security. Two upcoming workshops presented by Everence Financial on Thursday, May 2 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 strategies to maximize your benefit, the best time to begin taking Social Security and more. The workshop will take place at the Everence office in Kidron, 4136 Kidron Road. Reservations are not required.

BACM: Bring **Side dishes (instant potatoes, rice, noodles, helpers & Deodorant** for the month of **May**. Always accepted are clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries. **Note – BACM no longer needs egg cartons.**

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Matthew and Toni Krabill are preparing for ministry through Mennonite Mission Network where they will work alongside Janie and Neal Blough at the Paris Mennonite Center. Pray for the Krabills as they raise support for a life of faithful discipleship in France.