

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

August 4, 2019

Focus Statement: Greed is not just a matter of desire, but also a matter of idolatry. Greed is a worship of money and wealth for its own sake. Generosity, opposite of greed, is the releasing that which controls us as we return our trust to God and relearn our vocation as a blessing to others.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

All: Seek the Lord in the empty places; seek the Lord in the wilderness of your life.

L: Seek the Lord among those who also seek him.

All: Seek the Lord, and he shall be found. And it will be enough.

Gathering Prayer

Song: HWB# 651 I owe the Lord a Morning Song

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we are a people who always want more;
more money, more things, more stuff, more.

We are a people who want bigger;

we are a people who want things faster, newer, smarter.

We confess that we are a people who can never have enough –

there is always something missing,

there is always something better than what we have.

God, we confess that we try to fill the emptiness within with outside things, but they never satisfy.

Forgive us, God of abundance, remind us that what we have is enough, that newer, faster, smarter, stronger isn't always better.

Help us to notice the abundance that surrounds us.

Soften our hearts and lead us to a place where we can share out of that abundance.

Words of assurance

Song: StS #58 O God How We Have Wandered

Children's Time

Cindy Larson

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Generosity: A community of abundance

Pastor Marilyn

Response Song: HWB #383 God whose Giving

Offering prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing: HWB #145 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Avery Zook

Song Leader & Piano: Pam Zook

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson

Greeter: LaVerne Yousey

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 21

General Offering: \$1,587

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 10, 4-7: Community Meal joint with BACM

COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 18: Back to school Fellowship Potluck
- Sunday, August 25: Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be available all week by phone, text or email. She will be in the office by appointment.

We are in need of people who would be interested in leading Children's Time on Sunday mornings. We are down one person and do not have any substitutes to call on. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to this list. Dates we need people are: 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10 and 12/8. Call, text or email Marilyn, Susan or Viv.

Time for your photo update for our bulletin board; please see Deb.

Women, are you in need of encouragement and fellowship? Camp Luz is hosting a retreat for you September 13-15. Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, superintendent of Central Christian School will be exploring the idea of being "Strong and Courageous" women of God. More information and registration is available at www.campluz.com.

Hearing-impaired devices are available for anyone having problems hearing the service. See the person running the sound system if you would like to try one.

MCC Connections Thrift Shop, in Kidron, Ohio, is accepting applications for the Assistant Director - Retail Coordinator position. This individual is responsible to manage the retail operation of the MCC Connections Thrift Shop. This is a full-time hourly paid position (40 hours/week, including rotating Saturdays) plus benefits. The applicant should have good attention to detail, flexibility, strong interpersonal skills, computer skills, retail experience and support the mission of MCC. Applications will be accepted through September 30. To receive an application or job description send an email to the director, Michael Amstutz, at Michael@MCCConnections.com or stop by the store. An online application is available here. For more information or questions, call 330-857-7802.

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.

BACM: Bring **Canned ravioli/Beef stew/Chili with meat & Deodorant** for the month of August. Always accepted are clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries. **Note – BACM needs plastic bags.**

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Marisa Smucker, who has been working for Mennonite Mission Network's Church Relations team, began serving as the Mennonite Voluntary Service program director in June. Pray that God will provide wisdom, energy and joy for Marisa as she serves in this capacity.