

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

November 24, 2019

Focus Statement: *Small is large in the Kingdom of God. Instead of focusing on what we don't have, we are to be people of abundance in thought, attitude, words and deeds. What will you give this Thanksgiving as an offering of "five loaves and two fish"?*

Centering Bell/Gathering Music "Now I walk in Beauty"

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

L: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

P: Thank you!

L: The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

P: Thank you!

L: The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

P: Thank you!

L: Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

P: Thank you!

L: Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

P: Thank you!

L: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

P: Thank you!

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

Opening Prayer

Songs: HWB #42 All People that on earth do dwell

HWB #98 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Children's Time

Marilyn Rossiter

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15: 32-39

Sermon: Gifting Grief

Marilyn Rossiter

Response Song: HWB #385 What gift can we bring?

Offering: Blandine Aruna

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Blessing: STJ #76 The Lord bless you and keep you
Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Mark Gerber

Piano: William Troyer

Nursery: Wanda Ressler

Greeter: Hank Rossiter

Worship Planners: Vivian Jaberg & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32

General Offering: \$1,775

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today:** Special Thanksgiving worship service and meal

COMING EVENTS

- **Sun, Dec 22nd:** Christmas Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, Marilyn will be working Monday, the 25th all day and evening. She will be available at Summit 9-5. She will be available at home on Tuesday 8-12 by phone. Hank and Marilyn will be in Athens Wednesday-Friday morning. Marilyn will work from home on Friday afternoon, the 29th and Saturday morning, the 30th.

We welcome our brothers and sisters from the Akron Swahili Community Church: Obedi, Aziza, Blandine, Issa and Amani Aruna. We are so glad you could join us in our worship today.

Please remember to send **birthday greetings to Penny Unger**, 188 Edgehill, Akron OH 44312 on November 30th. Penny is homebound, but cheerful and loves company (and cards).

Fellowship and Advent meals: First Mennonite in Wadsworth has invited our congregation to their Wednesday night pot luck on Wed. the 11th and the 18th. The meal is at six and anyone wishing to sing on Christmas Eve will practice at 7:15.

Mitten Tree: Each year we decorate a tree with hats, scarves and mittens for children and adults in need of warmth through the winter months. Please consider buying an item for the tree. We will decorate it with as many as it will hold! Council will take suggestions as to whom these items be given

On the Sunday before Christmas (22nd) we will be singing a carol about all the characters in the Christmas story. We will need ALL AGES to volunteer to be shepherds, wise men, Joseph, animals, Mary and Baby Jesus. Please let Viv know what your choice is!

Central Christian School is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Varsity Head Coach for the Lady Comets volleyball team. Please visit <https://www.ccscomets.org/about/employment.cfm> to view the job description.

The Small Groups will be reorganized in January. If you would like to be part of a small group please sign up in the kitchen. If you are currently part of a small group and choose not to continue please let The Caring Team know. We anticipate that the small groups will be a place where we get to know one another better through sharing, discipling, prayer, book discussions, Bible study, activities, etc. If you have questions please contact Stan or Mary.

The 31st year of “**Search for the Christ Child**” will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 8, from 5-7pm (please note that this is the second Sunday in December, as the first weekend in December is Thanksgiving weekend). The church is located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville. This is a 45 minute, indoor/outdoor walk-through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! The church is handicap accessible. Admission is one canned food item or toiletries for People to People Ministries. Everyone is welcome!

BACM: Bring **Cold breakfast items (cereal, breakfast bars, pop tarts) & Deodorant** for the month of **December**. Always accepted are clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries. **Note – BACM needs plastic bags.**

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Marvin Lorenzana and his leadership of the Missional Discipleship Initiative. More than 45 leaders in eight “huddles” (learning groups) began training last month. Praise God for their willingness to reach out into their communities to share the good news about Jesus’ love.