

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

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION

Focus Statement: We ask, "What are you waiting for, O God?" God hears our cries and calls to us in return with words of hope. Can we hear God's invitation? God calls us to repent, pay attention, and embrace the Lord's vision for a new creation.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Let us share together in the Litany of Light.

O God, with your judgement and with your justice, endow the leaders.

People: They shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with righteousness.

Leader: Blessed be their name forever; their name shall remain as long as the sun.

People: In them shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim their happiness.

Leader: Blessed by Yahweh, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds.

All: And blessed forever be God's glorious name; may the whole earth be filled with God's Glory.

Lighting the Advent Candles

Gathering Prayer

Special Music "Comfort Ye" "Every Valley"

Hank Rossiter

Children's Time

Jason Moyer

Song HWB 183 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

Scriptures Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Meditation Preparing Our Holy Song

Marilyn Rossiter

Song of response HWB 211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song HWB 176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

Sending

TODAY

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader & Piano: Susan Moyer

Nursery: Vivian Jaberg & Mona Rohrer

Greeter: Lee Ressler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 37

General Offering: \$2,922

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today, 5-7:** Search for the Christ Child at Oak Grove
- **Tues, Dec 10th, 6:45:** Church Council meets, both incoming and outgoing commission chairs attend
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6pm:** First Mennonite, Wadsworth, pot luck

COMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, Dec. 18:** pot luck at First Mennonite
- **Sun, Dec 22nd:** Christmas Brunch
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24th:** Christmas Eve play and candle light service at First, Mennonite, 405 Trease Rd, Wadsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's day off is changed to Tuesday. She will work Monday, Wednesday, and half days Thursdays and Fridays. This week her office hours will be Monday, Dec. 9th, 11am – 3pm and Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 4 – 8pm.

This year the **mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats** placed on our mitten Christmas tree will be shared between BACM and Norton Primary/Elementary School, grades pre-K through 5. The school is especially requesting water-proof gloves. Let's help a child be a little warmer this season! Questions? See William or Hank.

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 6pm and anyone wishing to sing on Christmas Eve will practice at 7:15.

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!

You are invited to hear **Handel's Messiah** performed at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. This church has a long-standing tradition of hosting this beautiful work and their 86th rendition will be offered as a worshipful way to celebrate the Christmas season.

Give a kit for Christmas! From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a school kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about school kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/school.

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 the Argentina Mennonite Church as it enters its second century. May its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, that combines income-generating work with church planting.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Phil & Susan thankful to be able to spend last days with mother, also for cards & prayers,