

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 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Focus Statement: Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

People: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

Leader: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Gathering Prayer

Song HWB #13 Blessed Jesus, at your Word

Responsive reading (from Isaiah 2:1-5)

Leader: The word of the Lord has been established for us.

People: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.

People: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

People: even when you have told me that you are coming.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

People: when all you have asked of me is to care.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

People: when your face is so obvious.

(silence)

Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Song: STS #15 Hope is a candle

Children's Story

Cindy Larson

Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-41

Meditation: Living the beautiful-not-yet

Marilyn Rossiter

Song of response: HWB #334 Christ is the world's true light

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song: HWB #178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Sending

TODAY

Worship Leader: Mark Gerber

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Piano: Pam Zook

Nursery: Karen Steiner & Roberta Wright

Greeter: Ada Enzen

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 45

General Offering: \$1,254

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

- **Tues, Dec 10th, 6:45:** Church Council meets, both incoming and outgoing commission chairs attend
- **Sun, Dec 22nd:** Christmas Brunch

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, noon-4pm. and Wednesday 10:30am-8:30pm.

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 six 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!

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 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

- Larry S had three-month checkup after surgery and had good report
- Mary’s friend, Judy, broke her ankle