

## 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 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

### Purpose

**Focus Statement:** O Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid? I see my need for your strength in my weakness and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust, and for patience in the coming of the Lord.

### Centering Bell/Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

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

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob and Rachel,  
whose hope is in Yahweh their God.

**Men: And give sight to the blind.**

**Women: You raise up those that were bowed down.**

**All: And love the just.**

Leader: You protect strangers;

**Women: The orphan and widow you sustain.**

**Men: But the way of the wicked you thwart.**

**All: Yahweh shall reign forever your God, O Zion, through all generations.**

### Lighting of Advent Candles

#### Gathering Prayer

**Special Music** STS #26 Helpless and hungry (What Child is This)

#### Children's Time

Hank Rossiter

**Song:** HWB #182 Oh, how shall I receive thee

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Meditation** Whom Shall I Fear?

Marilyn Rossiter

**Song:** STJ #97 The Lord is my Light

### Offering

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

#### Introduction of guests; Announcements

**Song:** HWB #184 Hark! The glad sound!

### Sending

## TODAY

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Song Leader: Pam Zook

Piano: Dora Short

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Greeter: Phil Moyer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

## LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32

General Offering: \$1,876

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

## THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Dec. 18:** pot luck at First Mennonite
- **Friday, Dec 20:** Our evening with Family Promise
- **Sun, Dec 22<sup>th</sup> 9:30:** Christmas Brunch; **10:30** Worship Service

## COMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve play and candle light service at First Mennonite, 405 Trease Rd, Wadsworth
- **January 12:** Annual reports due to Hannah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's day off is Tuesday. She will work Monday, Wednesday, and half days Thursdays and Fridays. This week her office hours will be Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm and Wed, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-8pm.

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!

This year, Mennonite Church USA Archives launched an oral history project to collect interviews of young people between the ages of 24-40 within MC USA. Participants answered questions about their religious background, racial/ethnic identity and hopes for the future of MC USA. Excerpts from these interviews will be regularly featured in the Menno Snapshots blog: <http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/oral-history-project/>  
<<https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=01ba7926fd&e=6c7a628164>>

**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](http://mcc.org/kits/school).

Join an intentional community with peers, serve with a local nonprofit, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve)<<http://www.MennoniteMissionNetwork.net/Serve>>. Age: 20+; term: 1-2 years.

Need a change of scenery? Join SOOP and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25. Explore opportunities at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve)<<http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve>>.

**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 DOOR's leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current three-month program to nine months.