

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

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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 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Presence

Focus Statement: What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Hank Rossiter/Tim Larson

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Let us share together in the Litany of Light. The world and all that is in it belong to Yahweh; the earth and all who live in it.

People: Yahweh built it on the deep waters, laid its foundation in the ocean's depths.

Leader: Who has the right to climb Yahweh's mountain? Or stand in this holy place?

Men: Those who are pure in act and thought.

Women: Who do not worship idols or make false promise.

Leader: Yahweh will bless them. God their savior will give the salvation.

Lighting of Advent Candles

Gathering Prayer

Song HWB #172 O come, O come, Immanuel

Children's Story The Christmas Story

Mona Rohrer

Song: STS #22 There were angels hov'ring round

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Meditation A Call to Arms

Marilyn Rossiter

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song: HWB #201 Hark! The herald angels sing

Sending

TODAY

Worship Leader: Stan King

Song Leader & Piano: Susan Moyer

Nursery: Deb Barry & Rachael Oyer

Greeter: Ruth Amstutz

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 37

General Offering: \$1,505

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today, 9:30: Christmas Brunch; 10:30 Worship Service**, no Sunday school
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24th**, 7pm: Christmas Eve play and candle light service at First Mennonite, 405 Trease Rd, Wadsworth
- **Sunday, Dec 29:** No Sunday school

COMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, January 12:** Annual reports due to Hannah
- **Sunday, January 12:** Special Fellowship Farewell Potluck celebrating Julia & Bob before they move to Indiana
- **January 26:** Annual Business Meeting during Sunday school time, followed by Fellowship Potluck

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, December 23rd from 8-12.

We welcome Matt, Alyssa, and Everett Rabatin to Summit as they represent the Holy Family for us today.

Please plan to attend the combined Summit Mennonite/First Mennonite **Christmas Eve** play and candle lighting service, held this year at First Mennonite Church, 405 Trease Rd, Wadsworth.

For next Sunday, December 29th, bring personal stories of where you saw Jesus this holiday season (or in a Christmas past), or where you've experienced an angel. Or, what was your most precious Christmas gift?

If you have indicated to Lee your wish to subscribe to The Mennonite that has been completed. The suggested cost for the annual subscription is \$39.

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.**

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 feature 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>>

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.