

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

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 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

Lighting of the Candles

Focus Statement: What are we waiting for? All creation sings the praises of our God, who is faithful and just. Let us join our voices and rejoice, proclaiming the glory of our Lord. Proclaiming the coming of Emmanuel.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

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

People: Alleluia! I will thank you, Yahweh, with all my heart, in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Women: Great are your works to be pondered by all who love them.

Men: Glorious and sublime are your works; your just stands firm forever.

Leader: You help us remember your wonders. You are compassion and love.

Women: You give food to those who fear you; keeping your covenant ever in mind.

All: You have shown your might to your people by giving them the lands of the nations.

Leader: Your works are justice and truth; your precepts are all of them sure.

Men: They are steadfast forever and ever—made in uprightness and faithfulness.

Leader: You have sent deliverance to your people and established your covenant forever. To fear you is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise.

All: Your praise shall last forever!

Gathering Prayer

Lighting of Advent Candles

Songs: HWB #212 O come, all ye faithful
HWB #210 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
HWB #191 O little town of Bethlehem

Children's Story "The Candy Cane"

Mona Rohrer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 63:7-9 and Matthew 2:13-23

Congregational Meditation Closings and Openings

Marilyn Rossiter

Song: HWB #167 For God so loved us

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song: HWB #318 Joy to the world

Sending

Leader: Thank you God for the Light that has lightened our place of worship.

People: Thank you for the Light which has been sent into our lives.

All: Let us follow the Light into the world; enable us to be bearers of that Light, which your son Jesus Christ has shown us. Amen.

TODAY

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader: Marilyn Rossiter

Piano: William Troyer

Nursery: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Greeter: Jack Rohrer

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 46

General Offering: \$1,602

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Today:** 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
- **Sunday, January 19:** Stewardship Sunday, Eric Schroll, speaker
- **Thursday, February 6, 7-9pm:** Winter Ohio Cluster meeting at Summit
- **January 26:** Annual Business Meeting during Sunday school time, followed by Fellowship Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week Marilyn's hours will be Jan.2nd, Thursday afternoon, 1-5pm and Friday morning, Jan.3rd, 10am-2 p.m.

I was so humbled by your gift to us on the 22nd. Hank and I thank you. You are amazing and we love you all. ~Marilyn

Sunday School: Beginning January 5th, children will begin the winter quarter of Sunday School and the adults will study the book, *Reading the Bible After Christendom* by Lloyd Pietersen and forward by Walter Brueggemann. If you'd like a book, see Hank today.

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>>. 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>>.

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: Praise God that the government in Mongolia has renewed JCS International's registration for another two years. JCS is the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in this country. Pray for God's light to brighten people's lives in this season of extreme cold and short days.