

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

March 1, 2020 –Lent 1

Focus Statement: When we push through God's boundaries, we distance ourselves from God. Show us, God, through fasting and Scripture how we can grow stronger and remain true to God's calling.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

P: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.

L: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

P: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.

L: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

Songs HWB # 521 Come, thou fount

HWB # 530 What wondrous love is this

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

L: God calls to us, "Where are you?"

P: We, like Adam, hide in the garden, hoping God does not come looking for us.

L: God asks, "What have you done?"

P: We, like Eve, say, "the devil made me do it," masking our shame.

L: Our choices have consequences and yet God's grace abounds.

P: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin. When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

(Silence)

Leader: Assurance of pardon (from Psalm 32)

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.

How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God will not take into account.

God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.

God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation and songs of deliverance.

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 4: 1-11

Meditation: In the thick of temptation

Ritual of Response You are my hiding place—Marilyn & Hank

Song of Response: STS 81 When we are tempted

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Extinguishing the Light

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Stan King

Song Leader & Piano: Susan Moyer

Greeter: LaVerne Yousey

Nursery: Karen Steiner

Worship Planners: Joanne Lehman & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 18 General Offering: \$1,265

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- Today, during Sunday school time: Congregational Meeting

COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 15: Fellowship Potluck
- Sunday, April 26-- Service of Good-byes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours at Summit next week will be Wednesday, March 4th from 10-2 and Friday, March 6th from 10-2. She is also available at other times, especially around Orrville, Dalton, Kidron and Wooster.

We are fortunate to be chosen as one of the venues for the spring concerts for **Sonnenberg Station**. They will be performing here at Summit on **Saturday, March 14th at 7pm**. First Mennonite will join us. Come and bring friends! They are really great--love in the form of music. Please come!

Hank and Marilyn, LaVerne and Hannah and William will be at Sharon Mennonite all day Saturday for the Ohio Assembly of Churches. Please be in prayer for the Spirit to be active as we discern together the way forward.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church invites you to a concert by **Anthony Brown** on March 21 at 7pm. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Cindy Larson

Pastor Marilyn

Most people approaching retirement have questions about **Medicare and Social Security**. An upcoming workshop presented by Everence® Financial on Monday, March 9, will provide answers. Topics will include when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, and an explanation of Parts A, B, C and D. We'll also discuss strategies to maximize your Social Security benefits, and the best time to begin taking Social Security. The workshops will take place at the Everence office, 1221 W. Maple St., Hartsville. To reserve your spot, contact Jean Bontrager at 330-877-1982 or jean.bontrager@everence.com.

Central Christian School Annual Auction and Breakfast on Saturday, March 14. Join us for a great day for a great cause at our Annual Auction! Breakfast begins at 7 am, Auction at 9 am. ***Proceeds from the auction go toward our Fair Balance Tuition Fund.***

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting its annual fundraising dinner, "GRACIAS BANQUET" on Thursday, March 19th, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal will begin at 6 pm and will feature an enchilada dinner followed by a program of Open Arms ministry highlights. A free-will offering to benefit Open Arms will be taken. Please RSVP by March 16 to kara@openarmshispanicministry.org to reserve your place. If you have questions, you may call Kara Shilling at the Open Arms office: 330-765-9955.

Save the date! Make plans now to join MCC for a Centennial Celebration Picnic in Kidron on Saturday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gerber Building and lawn behind Central Christian School. Bring your favorite dish from More with Less cookbook or a favorite picnic food for a potluck picnic lunch at noon. (Table service and drinks will be provided.) Fun for the whole family with music from Honeytown, kids' activities and ice cream. There will be an open mic time for sharing your MCC memories and a table to display mementos from MCC service. Come ready to celebrate and share your story! More information: mcc.org/kidron-centennial-picnic

BACM: Bring **Instant Potatoes & Rice/Pasta side dishes & Deodorant** for the month of **March**. Always accepted are clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.
Note – BACM needs plastic bags.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network, partner agencies, praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read. Pray that leaders will be given the resources they need to continue this work.