

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 8, 2020 - Lent 2

Focus Statement: God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places and invites us to new challenges. God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence, as we respond to this invitation.

Centering Bell/Gathering Music

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

P: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

L: When life is difficult and we are troubled,
Where can we find help?

P: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

L: When we are called into new ways of thinking and being,
where does our help come from?

P: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us and never leaves us or forsakes us.

Gathering Prayer

Song HWB 356 Breathe on me, breath of God

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.

L: Friends, the One who calls us is the faithful One who promised to never leave us or forsake us. May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Story

Hank Rossiter

Scripture: John 3: 1-17

Meditation: God's faithful, loving presence

Pastor Marilyn

Song of Response: HWB 299 New earth, heavens new

Ritual of Response

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song: HWB 327 Great is thy faithfulness

Extinguishing the Light

Benediction

TODAY

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Piano: Dora Short

Greeter: Emily Miller

Nursery: Roberta & Annabella Wright

Worship Planners: Joanne Lehman & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 26

General Offering: \$2,054

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, March 12, 6:45:** Church Council meets
- **Saturday, March 14:** Central Christian School Annual Auction
- **Sunday, March 15:** Fellowship Potluck

COMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, April 26--** Service of Good-byes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's hours at Summit next week will be Thursday, March 12th from 4-8 and Saturday, March 14th from 5-9. 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!

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.

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, call Kara Shilling at the Open Arms office: 330-765-9555.

Friday & Saturday, March 20 & 21: Be our guest as **Central Christian high school** students present the Broadway Musical, *Beauty & the Beast*. Showtimes are Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting www.ccscomets.org or call 330.857.7311.

Family Promise of Summit County is holding two **Stuff the Truck events**, on **March 28 and April 4**, to accept donations of household supplies for the families who will be living in the apartments at the Glendora House. For a list of needed items, location, and times see the flier on the hall bulletin board. You may deliver your donations yourself or bring them to church and Stan & Judy will see that they get delivered to Family Promise.

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: Rebekah York of Mennonite Mission Network is serving at Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Pray for her as she helps prepare young leaders and provides continuing education opportunities for seasoned church leaders.