

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 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

November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

Dare to Imagine God's Goodness!

Prelude: Marilyn Rossiter

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle Hank Rossiter

Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of hope.

And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Call to Worship: Hank Rossiter

Land Acknowledgment—*Voices Together* # 878

Opening Song: O Come, O Come Immanuel VT # 210

Song: Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets VT # 276

Confession and Assurance

Leader: A friend once said children grow taller at night—while at rest—bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their bodies grow.

Trees grow silently, too—from deep inside—energy is released.

Branches reach for the light.

People can grow silently, too.

People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth God inspires deep inside of us, preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable.

Leader: In Advent—O God—cause us to get up on our tiptoes, lean forward, and extend our gaze.

People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up, will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.

(silence)

Assurance

Leader: The kingdom of God is near.

Listen—can you hear it?

Look—can you see it?

Our God says, “Surely the days are coming—they are already here!”

Invitation to the *Dare to Imagine Table*: Joanne Lehman

Scripture: Luke 21: 25-36 Hank Rossiter

Sermon: “Drawing Near” Patrick Nafziger

Song of Response: Hope is a Candle VT # 211

Sharing Joys and Concerns Hank Rossiter

Congregational Prayer Christine Nafziger

-See bulletin insert

Offering Hank Rossiter

Announcement/Welcome of Visitors & Virtual Attendees Hank Rossiter

Closing Song: There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT # 828

Sending Blessing/Benediction Hank Rossiter

TODAY

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Pianist: Marilyn Rossiter

Worship Planner: Wanda Ressler

Nursery: Vivian Jaberg

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 30

General Offering: \$31,850

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mitten tree is up! Bring your donations of mittens/gloves, hats and scarves to be donated to local children through several organizations.

Everence® to hold last Medicare workshops of 2021

Everence will hold its final Medicare and Social Security workshops for the year in early December. Topics will include when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, strategies to maximize your Social Security benefits and the best time to begin taking Social Security. The first workshop will be held at the Everence office in Kidron on Thursday, Dec. 2. The second, at the Hartville office on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Both start at 5:30 p.m. To reserve your spot, and for directions, contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or northeastohio@everence.com.

Racism and the Church with Rev. Dr. Velda Love: Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the fourth and final MCC U.S. Color of Compromise webinar on December 2 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. EST. Rev. Dr. Velda Love, United Church of Christ Minister for Racial Justice, will share on the complicity of the Church in racism and how all can journey as a witness and transformative presence with God's beloved inclusive global community. Dr. Love's work centers on addressing historical and contemporary injustices resulting from systemic, structural and individual racism. She develops and leads trainings and workshops on reparatory racial justice including the UCC Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice Campaign. More information and registration at: mcc.org/color-of-compromise

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco since 2004, serving through a partnership that includes the Argentina Mennonite Church, Mennonite Mission Network and congregations in Ohio. Pray for them and their children as they build relationships and promote Indigenous languages and cultures.

November Birthdays:

- Jack Rohrer, November 13
- Hunter, November 17
- Cindy Larson, November 24
- Leah Kamp, November 26
- Hank Rossiter, November 30
- Penny Unger, November 30

Call to Intercession

We seek you, Lord, while you may be found,
we call upon you while you are near.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You are God, our salvation. We pray for ourselves
and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

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You give wisdom and understanding. We pray
for our community and for our neighbors.

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You make rivers in the desert and provide
drink for your people. We pray for the church
in all places, that we may reflect your faithful love.

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In your mercy,
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You are about to do a new thing. We pray for
the world, for those who are in need.

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We offer you other concerns we carry
in our hearts.

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Incarnate God,
you fill the deepest blue of world and soul.
Help us to claim the sturdy hope
that Mary held in her heart
and sang out in witness,
that we too may rejoice to be disciples
of the one coming as dawn from on high.
We pray in Jesus' name:

Our Father ... (using sins/those who sin against us)

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