

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

July 24, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Joanne Lehman

Call to Worship

Opening Songs: VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
VT #436 O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art

Hearing the word

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-12

Sermon: Tend the Root Patrick

Responding

Response song: VT #540 Will You Come and Follow Me

Celebrating Communion

Song: VT #480 I Am the Bread of Life

We Remember the Bread of Life

All: Jesus, Divine Bread-Baker, each time we gather to break this bread
we share its richness in the midst of our poverty, and we
remember.....

Leader: And finally, we remember:

All: That our hearts are filled with gratitude for this good gift.

Within us all that is holy cries out: Come, Bread of Life, come!

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Sharing Joys & Concerns: Joanne

Congregational Prayer: Joanne

Offering

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees: Joanne

Farewell Blessings

Video from Sherah-Leigh Gerber, Ohio Conference regional pastor

Litany and Thanks Giving by Joanne Lehman

Letter to Summit from Nafziger family

Sending

Sending song: VT #815 We Will Walk with God

Sending blessing

TODAY

Worship Leader: Joanne Lehman

Pianist: Pam Zook

Worship Planner: Viv Jaberg

Zoom: Lee Ressler

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 29

General Offering: \$85

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, July 24:** Potluck farewell meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help is needed at the Relief Sale: 5,000 Eggrolls will be prepared at the Hartville Kitchen this year. On Wednesday, August 3rd the ingredients will be prepped and on Thursday, August 4th the rolling will happen. Help is also needed to help serve the eggrolls at the sale. See Wanda if you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities.

Volunteer Help Needed! The Community Gardens are looking great, but the weeds are growing rapidly in the paths between the gardens. If you have a little time (or a lot) and would like to help in removing the weeds from the paths, you are welcome to stop by anytime to work on this project. Bring a container to put weeds in. Weeds can be dumped on the compost piles beside the gardens. Contact Viv if you have questions.

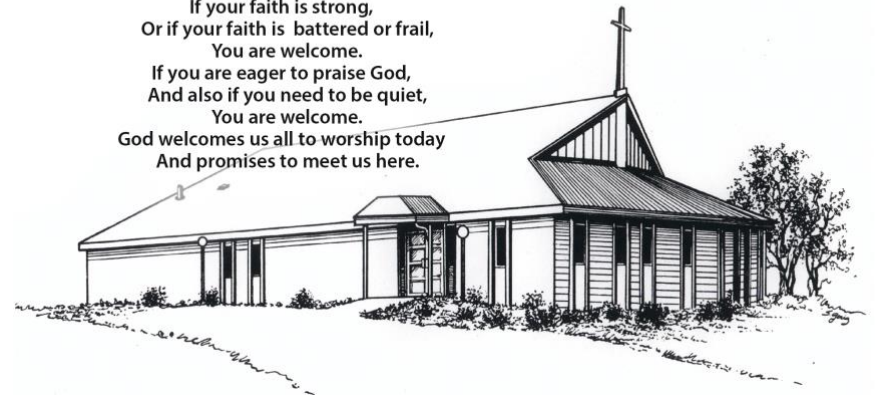
Christine's CD of Piano Music If you have a CD player and would enjoy relaxing piano music, I would like to offer my CD, *In Between*, to anyone from Summit Mennonite. It is my way of expressing appreciation for each of you. It's been a joy getting to know you over the past two years, and I am grateful for the opportunity we've had to minister among you! If you're interested in the CD, I will put copies in the kitchen and you can help yourself. May it be a blessing to you in your times of quiet with God, and calming in the midst of life.

MCC webinar on July 26: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers: When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC for a free webinar on Tuesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. EDT to learn about ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them, to offer creative housing solutions. We will hear from panelists involved with the Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN), the Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE), Reservoir Hill House of Peace (RHHP), Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) and more. Learn more and register at: mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, where they are engaged in North American ministry. Pray for a time of spiritual and physical renewal, as the Garbers visit family, friends and supporting congregations. Pray for them, also, as they discern what God is calling them to next.

SUMMIT MENNONITE CHURCH

If you are delighted to be here,
And, or, if you are tired or troubled,
You are welcome.
If your faith is strong,
Or if your faith is battered or frail,
You are welcome.
If you are eager to praise God,
And also if you need to be quiet,
You are welcome.
God welcomes us all to worship today
And promises to meet us here.



Litany and Thanks Giving for the Nafziger Family

Leader: Through the years, Summit has weathered passages and seasons of change. Again today, we recognize a passage, as Christine, Patrick, Aidan, and Kaitlyn end their time with our congregation.

People: For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. There's a time to arrive, and a time to go. A time to work and a time to rest. A time to be called, and a time to say goodbye.

Leader: Patrick and Christine: you accepted the task of serving as our interim pastors. You have proclaimed God's word, taught us, and led us in confession and words of assurance.

People: You have comforted us in times of trouble, sickness, and the death. You have shared our joys and sorrows. You have listened to us. You have walked with us through times of change and transition.

Leader: Each of you, Christine, Patrick, Aidan, and Kaitlyn, have been significant to us here at Summit Mennonite Church. Thank you, Patrick for your sermons, for scriptures that we've read and understood in new ways because of your words. Thank you for your guidance and leadership, your care for us, your interest in our lives. Thank you, Christine, for your heart for worship and for leading our worship times. Thank you for helping us to pray and plan. And for sharing your beautiful piano music.

People: Christine and Patrick, thank you both for your guiding presence in our community as we discerned together these past few months.

Leader: Aidan and Kaitlyn, thank you, for the joy you've brought us as you helped Lee with Zoom, passed the offering baskets, and gathered our coins for MCC. We will miss you and think of you often.

People: There's a time to arrive, and a time to go. And now, we say goodbye after your ministry with us. In the busy days of transition ahead, may God allow you to reflect on what this time of ministry has meant in your lives.

Leader: May you find fresh ways to live your faith and new places to use your gifts. God has blessed your coming here. God is blessing this goodbye. And God will bless you as you go from here.