

Summit Mennonite Church

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We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need
Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor
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If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope that you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God. We invite you to sign our Guest book in the foyer.

Childcare during worship is available for infants and toddlers (generally ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and toys are available at the sanctuary entrance.

March 8, 2015

Focus Statement: We know what laws are for: to help us be good. Yet God turns our knowledge inside out, showing us that you can color inside all the lines and still miss the mark. What if God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom?

GATHERING

Prelude Susan Moyer
Candlelighting Lee Ressler
Welcome & Opening Prayer
Call to Grace (from Psalm 19)
God's judgments are completely right. They're better than gold--
-even tons of pure gold! They're sweeter than honey---even
dripping off the honeycomb.

Hymn: HWB #102 To God be the glory Hank Rossiter
Children's Time Mona Rohrer
Hymn: STS #124 My soul cries out (Hank only on verses)

HEARING GOD

Readers theater
Scripture: John 2:13-22
Message: Jesus for All People Lydia Aldridge

RESPONDING

Call to Authenticity
Leader: We have some doubts about your wisdom, God.
The way you do things seems like nonsense.
**Congregation: You make laws that are hard to follow---
And even if we keep them perfectly we may
still miss the boat.**
Leader: Like the people of Israel, we wonder:
How are we to get this right?

Congregation We want smoothness, not stumbling blocks.

Silence

Leader: Train us in your weakness, which is stronger than
our strength.

**Congregation: help us trust your foolishness, which is wiser
than our wisdom.**

Hymn: HWB #543 I long for your commandments

Announcements

Sharing joys and concerns

Prayer

Offering

SENDING

Hymn: HWB #439 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,
growing us to maturity through the message
of the cross

**Congregation: God, even when we struggle to make sense of it,
we will rely on your foolishness
and depend on your weakness.**

Blessing

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March food Donations for BACM: potatoes, rice noodles or box dinners

Greeter: Julia & Bob Beyeler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer

Nursery: Hannah Horner & William Troyer

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 23

Offering: \$800

Needed to meet spending plan: \$1,400

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun, March 22: Talent Show

Sun, March 29: Family Promise Get Back on Your Feet walk

Sun, April 5, 9:30: Easter Breakfast, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 Easter Worship Service

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office days this week will be Tuesday 1-5 and  
Thursday 9-12. She is also available by phone or email at other times.

A big **Thank You** to Jack and Cliff for moving the church chairs and tables  
and for reorganizing the furnace room.

Two more weeks before the talent show. Get your acts together and sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen and prepare to have a good time Sun, March 22 after the worship service.

Central Christian's Mary Poppins: Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14 at 7 pm. Individual ticket price is \$10.00, or \$8.00 for families of five or more. You may purchase tickets from senior students, or at the door.

Central Christian School's Spring Chicken BBQ: Friday, April 17, 4:30 -7:00 pm at CCS. Dine in and Carry-out services are available. Tickets may be purchased from junior students or at the door.

Central Christian's Elementary School Spring Concert, April 17, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center, following the Chicken BBQ.

Details on all events at [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**Investing in education, youth and employment opportunities.** Learn about how Everence is supporting Caribbean and Latin American programs focused on education, youth and employment through a new bond purchase. You can support this kind of investing too. (Visit [everence.com/everence-news](http://everence.com/everence-news))

If your name is on the **Greeter / Nursery schedule** and you are unable to be here on the Sunday you are scheduled please ask someone else to take your place. Thank you to all of you who are helping with this important ministry.

Please plan on joining us for the Family Promise of Summit County **2015 GET BACK ON YOUR FEET** walk on March 29 from 3:00 - 5:00. See Stan for details.

Kids, get ready for the **Big Easter Egg Hunt!** Join us Sunday, April, 5 for our Easter Breakfast, and participate in this fun event!

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided **\$2,198.96** in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Stan King serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support for allowing me to continue my mission trips to Honduras. This is my 20th year and 28th trip to Honduras. We have seen significant improvements in the care and outcomes of patients at the hospital in Santa Rosa since my first trip. Tim Larson

**BACM:** Bring potatoes, rice noodles or box diners for the month of March and drop into the box by our white giving tree. You may bring other food or grocery supplies also. It would be helpful to get into the habit of buying a few extra items when you do your grocery shopping.

**MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network are using Alpha courses in Bolivia to strengthen existing Mennonite congregations and to lay the groundwork for new ones. Pray that God will water the seeds they are planting and that people will receive Jesus' healing and hope in their lives..

Please be in prayer in the next week for the Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly, March 13-14 at Martins Creek Mennonite Church.

Please pray:

- For the planners and organizers as they work at the final preparations and last-minute details.
- That the needed table leaders will come forward so that each table group will have a facilitator.
- For leaders and presenters as they prepare for worship, business sessions, workshops, poster sessions, and times of fellowship -- for all participants, that this year's ACA will be filled with the creating/re-creating presence of God; the loving, peaceable presence of Jesus Christ; and the mighty and sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit.

In addition, please pray:

- For the cluster meetings that have taken place and will continue to prepare delegates for ACA. Pray for those who attended cluster meetings as they find helpful ways to share what they learned with their other congregational delegates.
- For the Leadership Team as they meet to prepare a resolution for delegate consideration.
- For the six congregational pastors from our conference who are preparing brief sermons on our conference theme.
- With gratitude for those persons who will be completing their service to the Conference on various committees.
- For wisdom and guidance for those persons who will be assuming or continuing in Conference assignments during this new Conference year.
- For all the delegates as they deliberate on the work of Ohio Conference during this past year and plot a Holy Spirit-led direction for this coming year.