

Summit Mennonite Church

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We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need
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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 Oguest 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 1, 2015

Focus Statement: When we hear a promise, we expect it to result in what we have in mind. Yet God's imagination is bigger than ours. How can we open ourselves to unbelievable actions that turn our world inside out?

GATHERING

Prelude Pam Zook
Candlelighting Avery Zook
Welcome & Opening Prayer
Call to Grace (from Psalm 22)
The Lord doesn't despise or detest suffering, nor hide God's face from us. No; God listens when we cry out for help,
Hymn: STS #124 My Soul Cries Out Julia Beyeler
Children's Time Mona Rohrer
Hymn: HWB #566 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

HEARING GOD

Readers theater
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38
Message: "Cross-Cultured" Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Call to Authenticity

Leader: Jesus, you are hard to follow.
Congregation: Be reasonable!
Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.
Leader: Like Peter, when we said we would follow you, we had something better in mind.
Congregation We're just trying to keep you, and us, safe.
Silence

Leader: Keep us close by your side.
Congregation: and give us the imagination to see what you see and the courage to follow you into it.

Hymn: HWB #517 Open my eyes, that I may see
Announcements
Sharing joys and concerns
Prayer
Offering

SENDING

Hymn: HWB #545 Be Thou My Vision
Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by letting us in on the big picture
Congregation: God, even when following is hard, we will stick with you and wait expectantly to see what else you have in mind.

Blessing

March food Donations for BACM: potatoes, rice noodles or box dinners
Greeter: Michael & Andressa Bouyer
Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Jason Moyer
Nursery: Hazel Boyle & Leah Kamp

Attendance: 33
LAST WEEK
Offering: \$2,326 (Feb 15 & Feb 22)
Needed to meet spending plan: \$1,400

NEXT WEEK
Sat, March 7, 7am breakfast, 9am auction at Central Christian School
Sun, March 8: Environmental Stewardship meeting/Garden planning

COMING EVENTS

Sun, March 22: Talent Show
Sun, April 5, 9:30: Easter Breakfast, followed by Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 Easter Worship Service
July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50th Anniversary celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office days this week will be Monday 4-9 and Wednesday 2-6. She is also available by phone or email at other times.

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for the talent show. Any kind of talent is welcome – singing, dancing, piano playing, organ playing, skits, comedian acts, etc. Start practicing now and be ready on March 22 to show off your talent no matter how good or bad. We just want to make this a fun and memorable afternoon.

MCC Peace Gathering in Chicago: You are invited to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes for an informative day of workshops, worship and dialogue on Saturday, March 28. In the morning, pastors are invited to a conversation with MCC staff and board. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., MCC U.S. staff will lead public workshops on immigration, military enlistment, gun violence and anti-oppression. Following the seminars, there will be a short worship service before the opportunity to engage in additional conversation over a light supper. The Peace Gathering will take place at Living Water Community Church (6808 N. Ashland Blvd.) in Chicago. More details, including a full schedule and workshop descriptions, can be found at mcc.org/gl-peace. Please RSVP to Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: We welcome you to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 20-24 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/borderlands-tour.

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: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel in Paris, France – Janie and Neal Blough, Linda Oyer, and Brad and Brenna Steury Graber – as they help youth and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the recent violence. May they help provide a Jesus-centered perspective to the outrage and anger.