

Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

Worship: 10:30 am

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

***Childcare** during worship is available for infants and toddlers (ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary*

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

February 21st, 2016

Focus Statement: There are many dark things we face and confront in our lives that cause fear. As Christ followers we are invited to face these darkest pages and chapters in our lives without fear, knowing that Christ's light will shine in the dark.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Susan Moyer

Welcome

Lee Ressler

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

**All: *The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?***

Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;

**All: *We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of
our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to
inquire in the Lord's temple.***

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Singing: HWB #336 When peace like a river

Pam Zook

HWB #36 God of our strength

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession and Reconciling

**All: *Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and
answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you
who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not
forsake us, O God of our Salvation!***
(Pause for silent confession)

All: *Teach us your ways, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.*

Leader: God invites us to believe that you shall see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Words of Assurance

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35, Psalm 27

Children's Time

Paula Gill

Skit on Luke 13

by Ted Swartz, Ted & Co

Hymn: HWB 377 Healer of our every ill

Message: Finding Light in the Dark Text

Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn: StJ #54 Longing for light

Sermon Responses: Stories of Hope

Sharing joys and prayer requests

Prayers for the People

Offering

SENDING

Hymn: HWB #398 I love to tell the story

Blessing



THIS MORNING

Greeters: Brenda & Cliff Lowe

Nursery: Julia Beyeler and Viv Jaberg

Skit: Avery Zook, William Troyer, Janine McDowell, Marilyn Rossiter

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 35

General Offering: \$1,815

THIS WEEK

Today, 12:30pm–2pm: World Relief Volunteer Training at Highland Square
Christ Community Chapel

Sun, Feb 28: Dariush and Emily Meraj

COMING EVENTS

Fri, March 4 & Mon, March 21: Visitation Days at Central Christian School

Sat, March 5, 7am: Breakfast; 9am: Auction at Central Christian School

Fri & Sat, March 18 & 19, 7pm: Drama at Central Christian School

Thurs, March 24: Maundy Thursday meal and service

Sun, March 27: Easter Brunch and service (no Sunday school)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week Pastor Marilyn will be in the office on Tues, Feb 23 from 9-1 and Thurs, Feb 25 from 1-8. She is also available by phone, except on Wednesday, her Sabbath.

Please sign up for small groups by the end of February if you are interested in joining one. See Stan King or Rachael Oyer with questions

According to World Relief of Akron, there will be 120 refugee arrivals in the next year in this area. There is a great need for the following items: brooms/dustpans, alarm clocks, bed pillows, light bulbs, trash cans, toilet brushes, and sharp kitchen knives. You may go to their website to order from Amazon or send donations.

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, under the direction of Russell Adrian, will be in concert at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Rd., Kidron, on Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. This 2015-16 season marks the 32nd season for Bel Canto Singers, a 23-voice mixed chamber choir. This concert is part of their spring tour using the theme, "Transform Our Lives," inspired by the paradox of our faith journey, and will feature works by Stephen Paulus, Moses Hogan, Vijay Singh, Jake Runestad and Alice Parker, among others. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert for the choir. Everyone is welcome.

BACM: Bring **canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots)** for the month of **February** 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.

MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST: Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.