

Summit Mennonite Church

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

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am

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

November 27, 2016

Focus Statement: God's peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

L: In the nighttime of despair, we are filled with doubt.

**P: We are overwhelmed with busyness and the compulsion to do.
We have lost our way.**

L: The night is almost over. We are emerging from our doubt.

P: O God, show us the way of your heart.

All: The dawn is nigh. Show us the way.

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs: HWB #172 O come, O come Immanuel
StJ # 27 God of the Bible

Candle lighting while singing StS #3 Come, light of the world (sing twice)

PRAISING

Advent Reading

Song: StJ #31 He came down

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession:

L: God of peace,

**P: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path of
turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness
of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and
confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ. Amen**

Words of Assurance:

L: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love.

Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's compassion
is your strength, God's love is your redemption.

All: Come; let us walk in the way of God's heart!

Song: StS #17 Alleluia!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time: Following God's Path"

Mona Rohrer

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44, Romans 13:11-14

Sermon:

Anita Amstutz

RESPONDING

Song of Response: HWB 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Sharing sermon responses, joys and prayer requests

Announcements and Introduction of guests

Prayers of the people

Offering

SENDING

Blessing

THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Pam Zook

Worship Leader: Avery Zook

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: Paula Gill & Deb Barry

Nursery: Jason & Stephanie Moyer

Worship Planners: Wanda & Lee Ressler & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 47

General Offering: \$1,238

\$1,750 needed weekly to meet spending plan

Year to date \$3,100 short for meeting spending plan

THIS WEEK

- Sat, Dec 3, 10am: Women's Christmas Brunch here at the church
- Sun, Dec 4, 5:50 – 7:30pm: "Search for the Christ Child" at Oak Grove

COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Dec 18, 9:30: Christmas Brunch followed by worship
- Christmas Eve, 7pm- Combined Candlelight Service HERE at Summit with First Mennonite
- Christmas Day, 10:30: Worship Service – No Sunday school

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Monday, the 28th, noon to four and Thursday, the 1st from 10-1. Call/email/text Marilyn for time with her, keeping in mind that Tuesday is her day off.

Please help us improve communication by keeping us up to date on prayer requests and pertinent information. Email or call Marilyn or Wanda by Thursday evening. Thank you.

Christmas Day-- We will have a special worship service at 10:30, with no Sunday School. "Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King..."

Next Saturday is the women's Christmas brunch, a time of deepening friendships and relationships and also helping Penny by bringing a small token of love. Also remember to bring a wrapped used ornament. This is always such a fun time! **Deb needs to have a final count by tomorrow, so please let her know today if you are planning on being there.**

The poinsettias on the tree may be purchased, and will be available to take home on Christmas Day. See Lee or Wanda Ressler if you would like one.

RECYCLING BIN~ Remember to bring all your paper and cardboard to recycle in the container in our church parking lot. Please remember, however, not to include personal information. Rip up envelopes with addresses and/or phone numbers or other contact information or do not include them to protect yourself from identity fraud. Thank you for caring for the environment by living simply and sustainably. Recycling is essential for earth care!

Hank will be traveling to Liberia Dec. 5-10 to assess the Girls' School started in 2007 by Pastor Marilyn. He will be buying school supplies and providing money for a Christmas Party for the girls. Checks payable to Bridge of Hope (tax deductible) may be given **today**. Thank you on behalf of Bridge of Hope girls—changing girls' identity one life at a time.

Central Christian School Announcements:

- Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Alumni Night, December 23: Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 - 7pm by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls basketball at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.
- **More info on all events: www.ccscomets.org or 330.857.7311**

BACM: Bring **Canned soup and ramen noodles and household cleaner** for the month of December 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: Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons are sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.