

# Summit Mennonite Church

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Worship: 9:30 am

Stan King and Rachael Oyer, Caring Team

Sunday School 10:30 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**

January 1, 2017

**Focus Question:** Is your focus on the past and what might have been, on the future and what could be, or on the present and what is good, beautiful, and possible right now?

## Gathering Music

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

**People: In all seasons we will trust in God.**

Leader: God is an on-time God!

**People: In doubt and wonder, we will trust in God!**

Leader: He may not come when you want him.

**People: In waiting and in hoping, we will still trust!**

Leader: Our God is always on time!

**People: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.**

Leader: Come now; let us praise the living God!

## Opening Prayer

**Hymns** HWB 156 All things bright and beautiful

HWB 14 Come, we that love the Lord

## Children's time

Mona Rohrer

**Offering** Bring offerings forward singing Away in the Manger

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46e

**Sermon:** Opening the Present

Marilyn Rossiter

## Communion

**Song of Response** HWB 307 Will you let me be your servant

**Sharing of joys and concerns; Introduction of guests; Announcements**

## Pastoral Prayer

**Closing Song** HWB 112 O lord, our Lord, how majestic

## Blessing

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## THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Susan Moyer

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Greeters: Deb Barry & Kayla Nelson

Nursery: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

## LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32 Christmas Eve (Family Promise): \$221

General Offering: \$1,806

Jubilee: \$50

\$1,750 needed weekly to meet spending plan

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

## THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, Jan 3, 7pm: Church Council meets

## COMING EVENTS

- Sun, Jan 15, after Sunday school: Fellowship & Hospitality planning meeting
- Sun, Jan 29, 10:30 (replacing Sunday school): Annual Business Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Wednesday, Jan 4th from noon to 4 and Thursday, Jan 5th noon to 4. Call/email/text Marilyn for time with her, keeping in mind that Tuesday is her day off.

There will be an **evaluation** of the **order of worship and Sunday School** on January 8th. Please note this and be ready to voice your preference.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Commission will be meeting soon to plan meals and events for the coming year. We are always open to suggestions of activities in which we can participate together. Our goal is to involve young and old in fun and enjoyable activities, as well as plenty of fellowship meals. If you have a suggestion of something you would like us to try, please see Mona.

If you would like a sign ("No Matter Where You Are From, We're Glad You're Our Neighbor"- in Spanish, English, and Arabic) for \$10.00 for your yard or business, please see Marilyn. There are two available.

Thanks to all who remembered us with Christmas cards and notes of affirmation and love. We are truly blessed. ~Marilyn & Hank

In addition, Hank and I **thank** all who generously shared offerings for the Bridge of Hope Girls' School in Liberia. Hank was able to buy several sets of books for girls who cannot afford to buy them. The books were placed in the new library and can be checked out by any girl, so there will be no favoritism because of economic status. The library was made possible through a grant from Mennonite Missions Network. Hank and Jacqueline Weah, a young American-Liberian who has a great interest and influence with the girls, bought alarm clocks as incentive gifts for the Presidential scholars. These girls have grades of 90% or above in all twelve subjects. Despite having early morning home tasks, they have kept their grades high. Your contribution is making a difference in the lives of Liberian girls.

Please consider attending an Ohio missional conference at Kidron Mennonite March 23-24, 2017 with Deb and Alan Hirsch. These two progressive Christ-followers from Australia are fantastic clinicians and prophetic leaders. You are sure to be inspired. We are so blessed to have them in this area! ATTENDEES 30 and under: ½ PRICE! The costs include dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday, snacks and resources: \$40 for Ohio Conference members attending ACA, \$55 for Ohio Conference members, \$85 for non-Ohio Conference attendees.

BACM will once again be collecting **Bags of Love** to be distributed in the spring. Many of the clients are on food stamps and can't use them to buy personal care or household items. Fill a paper bag (feel free to decorate it!) with the following items: 1 package toilet paper (4 rolls), laundry detergent (up to 64 oz), dish soap, hand soap, deodorant, soap/body wash, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, all-purpose cleaner. Bring filled bags in before the end of February.

**MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST:** Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.