

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

January 8, 2017

First Sunday of Epiphany

Words of Reflection

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home.

When the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins;

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

~Howard Thurman

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, Child of Bethlehem,
make your presence known to us.

All: We come, like the Magi,
looking to the star of divine promise to guide us.

One: And though we may not bear gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh,

All: We offer ourselves--
our hopes, our fears, our dreams.
We seek the light of your grace and guidance,
and share this light with others.

One: With awe and wonder,
Let us lift our voices to our Maker,
the Holy One who redeems and keeps all of us,
shepherds and magi, the meek and the mighty—
all who seek to follow in the light of God.

(Adapted from "Flames of the Spirit," Ruth C. Duck)

Prayer

Hymn: HWB 215 What child is this?
HWB 191 O little town of Bethlehem

Scripture Matthew 2:1-11

Children's time

William Troyer

Offering

Scripture: Psalm 121

Sermon: "Lift Your Eyes"

Cynthia Mason

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Sharing of joys and concerns; Introduction of guests; Announcements

Prayer

Closing Song HWB 419 Lead on, O cloud of Presence

Blessing & Postlude



THIS MORNING

Gathering Music: Pam Zook

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Greeters: LaVerne Yousey & Phil Moyer

Nursery: Judy King & Viv Jaberg

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 32 General Offering: \$840

THIS WEEK

- Sun, Jan 15, after Sunday school: Fellowship & Hospitality planning meeting

COMING EVENTS

- Sun, Jan 29, 10:30 (replacing Sunday school): Annual Business Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Wed, January 11th, noon to four and Thurs, January 12th 11-1. Call/email/text Marilyn for time with her, keeping in mind that Tuesday is her day off.

Marilyn is attending Laurelville Retreat Center "Worship and Music Weekend Retreat" this weekend. She is still available by phone.

We warmly welcome Cynthia Mason this morning. Thank you for leading us in worship.

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.

“Unite Our Hearts” Akron Community Event at the House of the Lord, 1650 Diaogonal Rd. this Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Carpooling from Summit at 6:15 p.m. Prayer focus will be on the issues of our day—politics, race, and religion. It will be led in the tradition of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is our chance to connect with black judges, pastors, and lay people who want to cultivate healthy diversity.

There will be a performance of “The Bold and the Sanctified” at Akron Civic Theatre Sun., Jan.15th at 6 p.m. The play engages the themes of prejudice and race in the Christian church today. This play takes a raw, ho-holds-barred look behind the scenes of what happens when a small balck church and small white church are financially obligated to combine congregations.

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.

KIDS! SUMMIER CAMP!

It’s not too early to start thinking about Camp Luz and that cool pool next summer!

Mark your calendars:

June 18-22- Girls camp (ages 9-11) Gr.3-5

June 25-27 Mini-Camp (ages 7-8) Gr. 1-2

June 29-30 Grown up and me (ages 4-6)

July 9-13 Boys Camp (ages 9-11) Gr.3-5

July 16-20 Jr. High (ages 12-14- Fe. 6-8)

July 23-26 Fledgling (ages 8-10) Gr. 2-4

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: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.