

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: 10:00 am

Sunday School 11:15 am

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

March 26, 2017

Focus Statement: We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Gathering Music

William Troyer

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs HWB 6 Here in this place

HWB 545 Be Thou My Vision

Children's Time I See

Mona Rohrer

Offering

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.
(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

All: *restore us.*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Song STS 99 The Lord's my Shepherd

Scripture Psalm 23

Sermon New Sight, New Soul

Response Song HWB 517 Open my Eyes That I May See

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Introduction of Guests; Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction and Postlude



THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader: Kyle Yoder

Greeters: Mona & Jack Rohrer

Nursery: Judy & Stan King

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 29

General Offering: \$1,185

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 4, 6:45: Church Council meets
- Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday meal and Service
- Sunday, April 16: Easter Brunch
- Saturday, July 15: Evening at Blossom
- Sunday, July 30, Service and potluck picnic at Silver Creek Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be in the office on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 29th from 2-4 and Saturday, April 1st from 3-6. She may also be reached by phone at other times.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of April, remember to bring your **BACM items** to bring to the front during the offering.

Please look in the kitchen to for the signup sheet for the **Easter brunch**.

Retiring Soon? Eric Schroll, our Everence Financial Adviser, at the Hartville office, will be holding a seminar on Monday April 3 at 5:30 PM presenting important information about Medicare and Social Security for anyone thinking about retirement. For more information see Stan King. To RSVP call 330-877-6066 or email jean.bontrager@everence.com

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

Men, Camp Luz has two upcoming retreats just for the guys. The **Men's Retreat** is March 31-April 2, with pastors David and Chet Eshleman. The **Father Son Retreat** is April 28-29, with father son duo Kent and Sean Miller. More information and registration for both retreats is available at www.campluz.com

BACM: Bring **Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, and carrots) and Deodorant** for the month of April 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: Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

MJ Sharp, a United Nations worker and friend of Jonathan Moyer was abducted in the Congo