

Summit Mennonite Church

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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

September 24, 2017

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 10.45 am

Gathering Music

William Troyer

Opening Song: HWB #16 God is here among us

Welcome & Call to Worship

Call To Worship

L: We gather together

P: in the name of the One who bids us come.

L: We gather together

P: to hear the words of the One who is Love.

L: We gather together

P: to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

All: O God, fill us with life anew.

The Creator has chosen to walk with us. Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

Song: HWB #371 Let there be light Lord God

Children's Time

William Troyer

A Peace Prayer by Jennifer Watts, The United Church of Canada

Scripture: Jonah; Matthew 5:44

Sermon: "Defenseless Christianity"

Jason Moyer

Response Song: HWB #407 We are people of God's peace

Offering and Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Guests

Closing Song: HWB #429 Go now in peace

Blessing

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Kyle Yoder

Pianist: William Troyer

Greeters: Deb Barry & Paula Gill

Nursery: Karen Steiner & Viv Jaberg

Worship Planners: Jason Moyer, Wanda & Lee Ressler

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 34

General Offering: \$1,703

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct 7, 3pm at Firestone Stadium: Family Promise Box City

Tuesday, Oct 10, 6:45: Church Council meets

Sunday, Oct 19: Birthday Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn will be away from Summit for sabbatical from Aug 21 to Nov 13, for a time of renewal, growth, and study. During this time, Caring Team will be available to support the congregation with care. Please contact Rachael Oyer or Stan King with concerns or needs. Mary Schwartz & Avery Zook will be providing some peripheral support for Caring Team during these months as needed. Please be respectful of Marilyn's time away and refrain from contacting her directly. We will be able to reach her for emergency needs if they arise. Thank you for supporting Marilyn in her time of sabbatical.

Family Promise of Summit County will hold their first **Box City** event at Firestone Stadium on Sat, Oct 7. This fun and meaningful event gives participants the opportunity to have fun together, while experiencing what it might be like to be homeless by spending the night in a cardboard box home. We're hoping to not only raise awareness of the issues faced by so many in our community by filling the stadium with more than 200 participants but also raise more than \$50,000 to continue serving these families. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti: Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response. Contributions can also be made by calling 1-888-563-4676 or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering: As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, at Millersburg Mennonite Church, 288 E Jackson St., in Millersburg. Special guest speaker will be Cesar Flores, current MCC Area Director for Central America and Haiti. Please RSVP at 574-312-0330 or to jsteiner@mcc.org.

Your local Everence office will provide information about **Medicare** and **Social Security** at free evening seminars on Oct 2nd & Nov 6th (Mondays) for the fall season. The seminars will be held at Everence Financial, 1221 W. Maple St., Hartville. The Medicare seminar will include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. The Social Security seminar will cover how benefits are calculated and the best time to start collecting them. There also will be time for questions from the audience. To reserve your spot, contact Jean Bontrager at (330) 877-6066 or email jean.bontrager@everence.com.

News from Central Christian School

Central Christian School's Prelude and Dessert Concert: Friday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend.

On October 20, over 250 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations, as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. Students will begin calling to secure sponsors for their service on October 2. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2017 or visit www.ccscomets.org/GiveToCentral to make a donation. Donations are due by November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our student service fundraiser.

BACM: Bring **Peanut Butter and Toilet Paper** for the month of October and drop into the box by our white giving tree.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.