

Summit Mennonite Church

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We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need
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If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope that you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God. We invite you to sign our Guest book in the foyer.

Childcare during worship is available for infants and toddlers (generally ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and toys are available at the sanctuary entrance.

December 7, 2014

Advent 2 Oh that you would reveal your **peace**

FOCUS STATEMENT: In a disturbed and noisy world we hear God say, "Comfort, comfort my people."

GATHERING:

Prelude Pam Zook
Welcome William Troyer
Lighting of Advent Candles Hazel Boyle and Coby Kamp
Announcements
Call to worship

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Redeeming God, work in our hearts so that we your people, would share in your peace.

All: Oh, that you would reveal your peace to us, O Lord.

Leader: The paths of our world are not straight: the ditches are lettered with our friends.

People: Still, we listen for the voice in the wilderness,

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

Leader: Behold, our God is coming.

People: God speaks peace into our noisy world.

All: "Comfort, comfort, my people," says our God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: STJ #16 Praise with Joy the World's Creator Kyle Yoder

Theme Song: *Reveal Your Mystery* in pocket at back of Hymnal

CONFESSION:

Leader: Today, in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We look inward at wrongs we have done against others in our family our neighborhood, our workplaces, and our churches. Sometimes we were paying

back, sometimes just being mean, and sometimes we didn't realize the wrong we were doing.

People: We desire John's baptism of repentance confessing our sins.

Leader: We ask you, Lord, to take our sin, including our inward secrets, and make us new.

People: Forgive us our trespasses.

All: Restore our peace, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

ASSURANCE:

Leader: God speaks peace to us, his people. In peace, we proclaim God's comfort to each other; reassuring one another of God's forgiveness.

All: God is patient with us; God walks with us, helps us deal with the sin that bogs us down, and gives us the gift of peace.

Sing: STJ #54 Refrain only: Longing for light

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time Mona Rohrer
Scripture: Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8
Sermon: Disturbing peace Marilyn Rossiter

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB# 176 *Comfort, Comfort, O my people*
Sharing joys and sorrows
Pastoral Prayer
Offering

SENDING

Hymn: STJ #109 *There is more love somewhere (verse 2, more hope, verse 3, more peace)*
Responsive Reading: STJ #126

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Food Donations for BACM for Dec: Cereal  
Greeter: Bob Beyeler  
Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler and Suzie Yoder  
Nursery: Wanda Ressler

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 35 Offering \$836

THIS WEEK

Thurs, Dec 11, 7pm: Advent prayer service  
Fri, Dec 12, 7-9pm: Messiah practice at Oak Grove  
Sat, Dec 13, 7-9pm: Messiah practice at Oak Grove

## COMING EVENTS

Thurs, Dec 18, 7pm: Advent prayer service

Sun, Dec 21: Christmas Brunch & service

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office hours this week will be Monday and Thursday afternoons.

**What are ways you can support the things you care about** - like your congregation or church missions? For many, planned giving - like bequests, gift annuities, gifts of assets and more - offer many advantages. Learn more from your faith-based Everence financial advisor or at "Charitable giving" at [everence.com](http://everence.com).

Special **Advent prayer services** will take place on Thursdays at 7pm on Dec 11, & 18. There will be a short meditation followed by a Taize-style prayer service. Please pass the word. Holiday season is stressful and we want to shine our light as a house of prayer during this time.

**BACM:** Bring cereal 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.

**MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, requests us to pray "that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year."