

Summit Mennonite Church

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

Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

Worship: 10:30 am

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.

November 30, 2014

Advent 1 Oh, that you would reveal your **hope**

FOCUS STATEMENT: In a world of anxiety and fear we call on God to rend the heavens and come down in power.

GATHERING

Prelude Tim Larson and Susan Moyer

Welcome Suzie Yoder

Lighting of Advent Candle Paula and Johnny Gill

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

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

**People: Let your light shine, so that the nations would
see your glory.**

Leader: Speak to us, for your words do not pass away.

People: Walk with us, and the peoples tremble.

Leader: Restore us, that we might be saved.

People: Mold us, and we will bend to your will.

**All: Rend the heavens and come down, O Lord
of hope.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: STS #15 *Hope Is a Candle* Kyle Yoder

Theme Song: Insert *Reveal Your Mystery*

CONFESSION

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus not on our sins as is our habit, but instead on the sins done against us.

People: We have suffered rejection, hurt, and abuse. People have hurt us in our childhood, at school, at work, and even in church. These hurts continue to shape us in unhealthy ways.

Leader: We are crumbling clay that needs to be reformed and rebuilt by you, God, the Potter.

People: Heal our places of shame, Lord.

Leader: To "forgive those who trespass against us," we ask for strength to release our wounds to you, to stop holding onto them.

People: Heal us Lord.

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

Sing: *Come, restore us, O Lord, come restore us again,*
to the tune of *Come walk in the light* STS #10

ASSURANCE

Leader: God, the faithful Potter, longs to remake and restore his children.

All: God's power rekindles hope in us and gives us life, real life. Thanks be to God

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

Mona Rohrer

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 15:24-37, Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon: In the meantime...be ready!

RESPONDING

Hymn: #54 STJ *Longing for Light*

Sharing joys/ sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

SENDING

Hymn: #109 STJ *There is more hope somewhere*

Benediction: #760 HWB

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Food Donations for BACM for Dec: Cereal

Greeter: Deb Barry & Tom Wright

Worship Planners: Julia Beyeler and Suzie Yoder

Nursery: Deb Barry

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 52

Offering \$1,641

THIS WEEK

Thurs, Dec 4, 7pm: Advent prayer service

Sat, Dec 6, 10am: Women's Christmas Brunch at the church

Sun, Dec 7, 5:30 – 7:30: Search for the Christ Child @ Oak Grove

## COMING EVENTS

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

Sun, 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

This Saturday, all women plan to come to the 10:00am brunch at the Church. That's in FIVE days! Crafts provided and plenty of food and fun.

Special **Advent prayer services** will take place on Thursdays from 7-8pm on Dec. 4, 11, & 18. There will be a short Bible study 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:** Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.