

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

Christmas Sunday - Yes! Let it be new

December 31, 2017

Focus Statement: We marvel at the vastness of God's plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! We will give thanks and rejoice!

All: We will praise the Lord from the heavens, from the heights, and with the angels!

Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon! We praise the creator of the shining stars!

All: Fire and hail! Snow and frost! Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!

Leader: Young men and women alike! Children and the aged ones too! Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Yes! Let all things be new

Lighting of Advent Candles

Song HWB 210 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Opening Prayer

Children's Time Woodworker

Jack & Mona Rohrer

Scripture Luke 2: 22-40

Sermon Yes! Let it be new

Marilyn Rossiter

Song HWB 204 Gloria

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Introduction of Guests; Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Drama Wisdom and Wonder

Song HWB 213 Let All Together Praise Our God

Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Hank Rossiter

Song Leader: Viv Jaberg

Pianist: Susan Moyer

Greeters: Mar Schwartz & Roberta Wright

Nursery: Wanda & Lee Ressler

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 33 General Offering: \$2,026
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

COMING EVENTS

Sun, Jan 21: Fellowship & Hospitality planning meeting

Sun, Jan 28: Communion

Sun, Jan 28: Annual Congregational Meeting

Sun, Feb. 18: Bryon Moyer Suderman from Toronto: Guest concert/service for all ages here. First Mennonite, Wadsworth will join us for worship. Bring friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's hours in the church office this week will be Wednesday, Jan 3rd, 4 - 7 pm and Friday, Jan 5th, 4 - 7 pm. She is available other times by text/phone or email.

Tell me a story--You have probably noticed that sermon illustrations often take the form of a story. Sometimes they are the scripture stories themselves; sometimes they are from Marilyn's life, or the life of someone with whom we are familiar. The most effective stories, however,--ones that hold the power to transform--come from *our life stories*. I am asking if you would prayerfully consider sending (or telling) me a story from your life that has shaped you or encouraged you in Kingdom ways, Or, it could be a story that discouraged you. I would consider it a great gift to the entire Body at Summit. Please, please do this....!! I will make sure it will be anonymous, if that is your wish, and that the details are accurate. Let's make 2018 a year of discipline *AND transparency!* **Tell me a story!**

Feb. 2-4, 2018 Mennonite Arts Weekend at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. "Seeds of Compassion: How can Art cultivate Cultures of kindness?" Marilyn is planning to attend. See her for a ride! www.mennoniteartsweekend.org

Would you have interest in helping to fund a **Ted & Co.** play for the first weekend in March? Location is still up in the air. The subject of the play is the Doctrine of Discovery. This is an important subject and provides a great background while at the same time being highly entertaining. If you would like to give towards this above-budget item, write "Ted & Co." on your check.

Please mark off your name from the lists in the kitchen if you do NOT want to be scheduled as a greeter or a nursery aid in the next year.

BACM: Bring Cereal/Pancake Mix/Oatmeal and Household Cleaner for the month of December and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year. .