

## Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

*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**

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2018

**Focus Statement:** God's mystery is indeed too wondrous and complex for us to understand, yet we take refuge in the knowledge that God understands us, and loves us still! The mysterious God who calls to us does not abandon us, even when we falter while trying to follow.

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

**People: Here I am!**

Leader: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

**People: Here I am!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

**People: Here I am!**

### Opening Prayer

**Song** HWB 19 Open now thy gates of beauty

### Children's Time

William Troyer

**Scripture** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20)

**Sermon** Gifts for Another Way

Marilyn Rossiter

**Song** HWB 395 Here I am Lord

### Offering

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer

### Introduction of guests; Announcements

**Song** HWB 46 I sing the mighty power of God

### Benediction

### TODAY:

Worship Leader: Lee Ressler

Song Leader: Hank Rossiter

Piano: Dora Short

Nursery: Mona Rohrer & Cindy Larson

Greeters: Judy & Stan King

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 38      General Offering: \$1,230  
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

### THIS WEEK

Monday, 6:30: Church Council meets

Sun, Jan 21: Fellowship & Hospitality planning meeting; bring sack lunch

### COMING EVENTS

Sun, Jan 28: Communion

Sun, Jan 28; Annual Congregational Meeting during Sunday school time, followed by fellowship Potluck meal; soup will be provided, bring side dishes to share

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

Marilyn's office hours next week will be Wednesday, the 17th in the afternoon (2-5), and Friday, the 19th in the morning (9-11). Please call her cellphone to set up times and locations for meetings.

As we move from task-oriented leadership to gift-based discipleship, personal identity and reflection is important. 1. What do you love to do for the encouragement of the Body at Summit and 2. What do you include as a calling outside of Summit? This is an important conversation in our journey together. A third question, then, would be: What is the mission of our church (individually and collectively)?

Please save Jan 28 on your calendar. This is the Sunday where we will take communion during worship, then dine together and discuss our way forward as a congregation. All parts of the Body need to be present!

Young mothers and fathers: Those wishing to corral their babies or toddlers during SS hour, Marilyn's office is available. There is also folding panel available for nursing mothers wanting privacy. Check it out!

Are you interested in knowing more about how you can assist the homeless families of Summit County? Family Promise will be holding a training session for all current or new volunteers on Thursday, January 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you have not been to a training workshop yet this is a good time to learn about homelessness and how you can help. It's also a very good refresher for all current volunteers. For more information see Stan & Judy.

**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!*

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.

The Nationwide Vigil to #EndGunViiolence will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, Norton on January 23 at 7 p.m. The service will be indoors and last under an hour. This is the church we partner with in our involvement with Family Promise. Hope to see many of you there.

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](http://www.mennoniteartsweekend.org)

**BACM: Bring Canned Meat (chicken or tuna) and Bags of Love** for the month of **January** 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. For Bags of Love: Fill a decorated brown grocery bag with the following items: toilet paper (4 rolls), laundry detergent (up to 64oz.), dish soap, hand soap, deodorant, soap/ body wash, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, and all-purpose cleaner. Drop off filled bags at BACM before the end of February.