

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

Epiphany – Yes! Let it be declared

January 7, 2018

Focus Statement: Drawn by the light, we, like the magi, are sent forth in new directions. We are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world. Arise, shine, for the mystery of Christ has been Revealed!

Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within us.

All: *It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.*

Leader: It is as long as the moon, through all generations.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake. You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.

All: *May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you. May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where you are found.*

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Lighting of Advent Candles

Song: Insert We three Kings
HWB #401 This Little Light of Mine

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Jack & Mona Rohrer

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Yes! Let it be declared

Marilyn Rossiter

Song STJ #95 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of Guests; Announcements

Wisdom & Wonder

Song: HWB #226 You Are Salt for the Earth
Benediction

TODAY:

Worship Leader: William Troyer

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Piano: Pam Zook

Nursery: Lee and Wanda Ressler

Greeters: Julia Beyeler and Deb Barry

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 29 General Offering: \$9,318
\$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

Marilyn's office hours next week will be Tuesday, the 9th from 9-1 and Thursday, the 11th, 9-1. 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!

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 #EndGunViolence 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

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.

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.