

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

Lent 3- Me & You & Working It Through

March 4, 2018

Focus Statement: We are in relationship with a God whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We need relational guidelines to guide the *between*, although rigidly adhering to rules has the potential to come in between. How might we seek God each day and tend to the space between (for example, between relationship), rather than focus solely on the rules?

Gathering Music

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

Call to worship

Leader: Come rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

People: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't. We come by different roads, yet we are here together. We want to know God, and to be known by God. We are here to worship the Lord.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is here. We join our hearts in worship.

Songs WHB# 163 Obey my Voice

STS #71 Gentle God, When We Are Driven

Confession

God, we call you ruler of all, but sometimes we make excuses.
We try to avoid applying your rules to our actions and interests.
At other times, we hold so tightly to rules that we break relationships.
It is easier to imagine that you are like us than it is for us to be like you.
We judge ourselves by success; you judge us by how we treat others.
Help us to face our truth.
Forgive us when we fail.
Give us the courage to keep trying to live as you love.

Words of Assurance

Children's feature

Mona Rohrer

Responding through song: "For Me, For You"

God's promises are for me, for you, in all that we go through.

God's love is for me, for you, in all that we go through.

Scripture: John 2: 13-22

Sermon Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

Pastor Marilyn Rossiter

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Congregational Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Introduction of guests; Announcements

Song HWB# 145 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction



TODAY:

Worship Leader: William Troyer

Song Leader: Julia Beyeler

Piano: Susan Moyer

Nursery: Lisa & Mark Miller

Greeters: Cindy & Tim Larson

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 41

General Offering: \$2,191

\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

NEXT WEEK

Today, 4:00: Ted & Company "Discovery: A Comic Lament" a free play at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Rd, Smithville. Summit is one of the sponsoring churches. Arrive early for a good seat!
March 8-10 Missional Conference Event and Ohio conference ACA- at Bluffton University

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 13, 6:45 Church Council meets

March 16 & 17, 7 pm: The Little Mermaid at Central Christian School

Sunday, March 18, Fellowship Potluck Meal

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday service

Sunday, April 1 Easter

Saturday, April 14, 10am – 4pm "Who is My Neighbor?" Anti-Racism One-day seminar at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's office hours next week will be Tuesday, March 6 from 9-noon or when your schedule allows. Thursday-Saturday, she will be at Gathered and Sent, the Ohio conference at Bluffton College, but available through text or phone.

Hannah Troyer is the co-organizer of a grassroots movement and free conference on April 14th, called "The Neighborhood: Who is my neighbor?" The Neighborhood exists to bring together people with diverse experiences, to listen to and learn from each other, with the purpose of building meaningful community. You'll have to opportunity to hear stories told by people of color, about their experiences living in a majority white Christian culture. The event will be held at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg from 10am-4pm. Please see Hannah for further details on attending, volunteering, or donating."

BACM will be distributing "**Bags of Love**" the month of March. It is not too late to donate items to fill the bags. Brown paper bags are by the bulletin board in the auditorium. Please pick up a bag, decorate it, and bring the filled bag (list of items is included with the bag) and place it under the *Giving Tree* no later than March 11.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event: Join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building, 3987 Kidron Road, in Kidron. Special guest speakers will be Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

BACM: Bring **Cold Breakfast items (cereal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts) and Bags of Love** for the month of **February** 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.