#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome Congregational Songs Pastoral Prayer Offering/Offertory Congregational Songs Sermon Song of Response Benediction

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

<u>Today</u> Song Leader: Steve Yoder

Message By: Sam Smucker

Next Sunday Song Leader: Worship Team

Message By: Pastor Todd Martin

# IN OUR PRAYERS

# Bryce, Kathy, Emma & David Lehman and Harold & Mellanie Oswald

If you have concerns you would like in the bulletin, please call or email the church office.

Attendance for 12/24/23 Worship: 112 Livestream: 9

#### STATISTICS

Offering last Sunday: Budget: \$7,456.00 Cap. Imp., Fund: \$400.00 Compassion Fund: \$100.00 Pregnancy Care Ctr.: \$1,000

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# WELCOME

# Smithville Mennonite Church December 31, 2023

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our church invites you to live a SAVED life.

# **GUEST INFORMATION**

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope you feel welcomed and connected. Please see a greeter or stop at the welcome center for a special gift and information about our church.

# **ABOUT US**

SMC is an evangelical, anabaptist church that is a part of the Evana Network.



# Great (Unmet) Expectations

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi - Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Reality:

Herod - Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Reality:

Jewish Leaders - Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Reality:

Consider: When has God not done what you expected in your life? What was your reaction? What is the reality?

The Bottom Line: Don't miss out on God if he doesn't do \_\_\_\_\_ you expect, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ you expect it to be done.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sun., Dec. 31

6:00 p.m. Youth Wing Reserved

7:00 p.m. Young Adults at the Immel's

Wed., Jan. 3 6:00 p.m. Bowling Night at Wayne Lanes

Fri., Jan. 5 Church Reserved

Sat., Jan 6 Church Reserved

# COMING UP

Sun., Jan 7 Signing Interpreter

12:00 p.m. Social Room Reserved

2:30 p.m. Bible Quizzing at Fairlawn Mennonite

7:00 p.m. Campfire Worship

Tues., Jan. 9 10:00 a.m. Mennonite Women

Wed., Jan. 10 7:00 p.m. Mentors

Thurs., Jan. 11 6:00 p.m. Elders

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Smucker our missionary to PNG will be preaching today as I'll be with my family celebrating my folks 60th anniversary and my 54th birthday over at my original home church, Martin's Mennonite-see you next week!

-Todd Martin

Stop by the welcome table to update your contact information for the 2024 address and phone directory. Please include your address, phone number, email address and birthdate (month, day and year) for our directory. If you are currently not in our directory and would like to be, add your information to the roster or contact the church office.

Today is the last day to bring in socks and undies (along with other specified items to give) and put them over by the tree in the west hall. Thanks to all who gave these needed items-this is a wonderful loving witness!

Family Bowling Night on Wednesday, January 3 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Wayne Lanes 1983 Lincoln Way E., Wooster. Cost is \$4 per person per game, plus free shoes. Come early as there is food (marvelous chili cheese fries) to eat on location, since there is no meal at SMC.

**Campfire Worship** will light up again starting on Sunday, Jan. 7 in the wing. Snacks and singing start around 7pm, sermon is after that, then we pray for each other. It's a very casual, come as you are time to connect with God and each other. Kids (and often adults) are running around. It gets pretty noisy. Jesus is smiling the whole time. If you don't like to get up Sunday mornings you should give this a try and bring a friend!