

## BELMONT MENNONITE CHURCH

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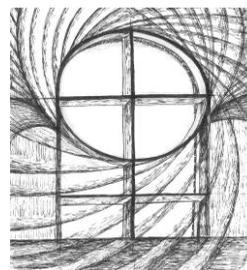
### **OUR COMPELLING VISION STATEMENT**

*We seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Jesus Christ.*

*We commit ourselves to be channels of God's grace and salvation,  
wisdom and power, love and peace,*

*through challenging worship, nurturing fellowship, discipleship and  
intentional ministry to those we regularly relate to,*

*to the surrounding Belmont neighborhood,  
and to worldwide spiritual and physical need.*



**Belmont  
Mennonite  
Church**

### **GATHERING**

Call to Worship

HWB 16 *God is here among us*

Prayer

### **PRAISING GOD**

HWB 511 *God, who touches earth*

HWB 389 *Take my life*

HWB 545 *Be thou my vision*

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

*See responsive reading on insert*

### **OFFERING**

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 6:10-20*

Sermon: *Pray in the Spirit*

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Prayers for Healing

### **SENDING**

Church in Action

Benediction

## TODAY

**Worship Leader:** John David Thacker

**Song Leader:** Kristin Kauffman

**Pianist:** Sue Paden

**Children's Time:** John David Thacker

**Scripture Reader:** Marty Suter

**Sermon:** Larry Rohrer

**Church in Action:** Mandy Yoder

**Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk

**Sound Technicians:** Tony Krabill and

Jon Schrock

*If a hearing device would help you to participate more fully in worship, please contact an usher.*

## **THE NURSERY/TODDLER ROOM**

for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Chris and Erin Hipsher, and Lora Rusel

## Last Sunday

Attendance 118

Offering \$ 5,850.50

The **children** will be dismissed after children's time today for a **Mary Beck activity** led Marlene Penner.

Please see the **yellow flyers in the foyer** for details about volunteer and other opportunities to participate in the 2018 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.

**WELCOME** to worship at Belmont, and a special welcome to our guests. Everyone is invited to the activity center after worship for coffee and fellowship.

## THIS WEEK (August 13-18)

### Monday

No meetings scheduled

### Tuesday

Coffee break 10 am

### Wednesday

Rapid Response Training 6 pm

### Thursday

ENCORE picnic lunch 12 pm

### Friday

AA Mtg 7 pm

### Saturday

MCUSA Exec Director Installation 2 pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **August 19** – Baptism & Communion
- **August 19** – CPP training, 11 am
- **August 19** – “Screenagers” showing at CMC, 2 – 4 pm
- **August 23** – Orientation for new Sunday School leaders, 7 pm
- **August 26** – Mary Beck orientation, 11 am
- **September 2** – New SS year begins
- **September 9 – December 2** – Intergenerational adult Bible study through *Journey Forward*
- **September 21-22** – MCC Relief Sale, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds

## NURTURE AT BELMONT

## **AUGUST**

Activities for the children's nurture hour for the remainder of the month:

8/19: Assemble school kits

8/26: Comforter knotting

## **SEPTEMBER 2**

New Sunday School year begins

## **SEPTEMBER 9 – DECEMBER 2**

Intergenerational adult Bible study through *Journey Forward*

*Adults are invited to choose a class based on study topics.*

### **Shagbark Hickory Group**

Room 116

Discussion topic: Sharing, prayers, discussion

Class facilitator: Andrea Opel, Brandon Kurtz, Katie Kurtz

### **Maple Tree Group**

(CR east) Room 145

Class facilitators: Jill Kio, Ben Smucker, Sarah Steiner, Jewel Yoder, Josh Yoder

Discussion topic:

Discussion leader:

### **Locust Tree Group**

Room 118

Care leaders: Sharon Rohrer, Judy Keener

Discussion topic: “Sacred Pauses” by April Yamasaki

Discussion leader(s): Shared by class members

### **Cherry Tree Group**

Room 117

Coordinator: Wilbert Shenk

Discussion topic: Justice in the New Testament

Discussion leader(s): Willard Swartley

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 12, 2018

### *Repeat Announcements:*

#### **Donations of items for MCC School Kits**

will be accepted through August 19; the children will then assemble the kits during nurture hour on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please place items in the designated box in the library.

#### **Fill the wagon!** Donations to MDC

Goldenrod (not CCS) will be taken during the **month of August**, and can be placed in the red wagon by the front door. Contact Dave Shenk with questions. **NOTE:** donations for CCS will resume in September.

**Keep those coins coming** for *My Coins Count!* All coin and bills are welcome, and benefit MCC.

The installation for Glen Guyton as the **incoming Executive Director of MC USA** will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2 – 4 pm, at College Mennonite Church. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at [collegemennonite.org/watch-online/](http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/)

**Mandatory Orientation** for all children and youth Sunday school teachers, storytellers, large group leaders, music leaders etc. on Thursday, August 23 from 7-8:30 pm. If you can't attend, please contact Rachel Smucker.

## **Child Protection Plan to Reduce the Risk of Child Abuse Belmont Mennonite Church August 2018**

### **POLICY STATEMENT FOR BELMONT MENNONITE CHURCH SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

The spiritual nature of young people is a top priority for Belmont Mennonite Church (BMC). Providing a safe and healthy environment is critical to this task, and protecting all children who enter our doors from possible abuse is both our moral and legal responsibility.

In order to provide a safe and secure environment for the children and youth of our congregation, and in compliance with our insurance regulator, BMC has implemented a policy and procedural steps to discourage/prevent child abuse. Child abuse can be in the form of physical, emotional, sexual, or ritual abuse, and also include neglect. While the primary focus of this policy is sexual abuse, our congregation wants to be an advocate for children in any instance of abuse when the health and well-being of a child is at stake.

Ensuring a safe, healthy environment in which to nurture children is not a simple task in our world today. On behalf of the Belmont staff and the Christian Formation Commission, thank you for the extra time and energy it will take to help ensure we are doing all we can to make Belmont a place of safety and spiritual growth.

**If you have gone through the training** and have been approved to work with children and youth, **please sign the sheet** in the foyer today indicating that nothing has changed for you in the past year and you would like to remain approved to work with children and/or youth at Belmont.

**If you have not gone through the training, are 14 years or older, have attended Belmont for at least 6 months, and wish to work with children and/or youth in the future,** please indicate that on the third page of the sign-up sheet, and plan to attend the training session on August 19 at 11 am.

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

*From Psalm 34*

*Leader:* Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?  
Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

**People: Evil brings death to the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

*Leader:* The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

*Leader:* When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

*(Moment of Silent Confession)*

*Leader:* The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

*Leader:* Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

*Leader:* The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.