

## Belmont Mennonite Church

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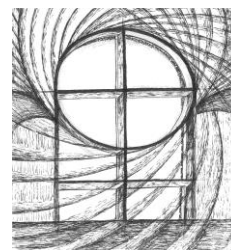
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### OUR COMPELLING VISION STATEMENT

*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 the worldwide spiritual and physical need.*



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### Gathering

*Come and see* HWB 20

Call to Worship

God calls out to all who would follow.

**God calls us in creation and within the human heart.**

God calls us in scripture and through the church.

**God calls us in history and human experience.**

God calls us to life and wholeness.

**God calls us to healing and hope.**

God calls us to follow in the way of Jesus.

**God calls out to all who would follow.**

Prayer

### Praising God

*We are people of God's peace* HWB 407

*He came down* SJ 31

*Beauty for brokenness* SS 115

### Confession and Words of Assurance

### Offering our Gifts

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture: John 13:31-35

Sermon: *The heart of discipleship*

### Responding to the Word

*Heart with loving heart united* HWB 420

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

### Sending

Church in Action

Benediction

**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.

**Worship Participants:**

**Worship Leader:** Marty Lehman  
**Song Leader:** Travis Kauffman  
**Pianist:** Sally Krabill  
**Prelude and Offertory:** Rhoda Mast, Mary, Anna, & Lydia Smucker  
**Scripture Reader:** Sally Krabill  
**Children's Time:** Marty Lehman  
**Sermon:** Larry Rohrer  
**Encounters with God and Church in Action:** Mandy Yoder  
**Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk  
**Sound Technicians:** Marlene Penner, Canyon Penner

**The Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Brandon & Katie Kurtz and Kate Dutkiewicz.

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

**Last Sunday:**  
Offering \$10,507  
Attendance 156

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday 10/1

**Worship Commission** 7 pm

Tuesday 10/2

**Coffee Break** 10 am

Wednesday 10/3

**Mennonite College & Service Night** 6 pm

Thursday 10/4

**Mothers' Club** 9:30 am

Friday 10/5

**AA Meeting** 7 pm

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- **October 7** – Potluck
- **October 7** – World Communion Sunday
- **October 14** – Mentor-Mentee Breakfast, 8 am
- **October 14** – MYF Activity, 12 pm
- **October 14** – JYF Activity, 5 pm
- **October 17** – Dialogue on Race & White Privilege, 7 – 8:30 pm

**Nurture Hour at Belmont**

- Children age 3 through grade 5 are dismissed at 10:45 am to the activity center.
- Youth in grades 6 through 12 remain in the sanctuary until the end of worship, and then go to their classroom.

**Nursery/Toddler Caregivers:** Sarah Steiner, Marisa Klopfenstein, Annie Mathew, Victoria Brenneman, Rhonda Smucker, Julie Rheinheimer, and Lois Oyer

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| Pre-K/Kindergarten  | Room 228           |
| Grades 1 – 3        | Room 229           |
| Grades 4 & 5        | Room 216           |
| JYF (Grades 6 – 8)  | Room 220           |
| MYF (Grades 9 – 12) | Room 144 (CR west) |
| Gathering Room      | Room 237           |

Superintendents: Rachel Smucker and Rhonda Smucker

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**Journey Forward Bible Study**

**Who:** All adults

**Where:** Gym

**When:** September 9 – December 2

**What:** This week we will be focusing on what Christian discipleship means in our context, and using these Scripture texts: Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 6:6b-9; Luke 14:25-33; John 8:31-32; John 13:12-16, 34-35

**Adult Sunday school classes will resume after December 2:**

***Shagbark Hickory Group***

*Facilitators: Andrea Opel, Brandon Kurtz, Katie Kurtz*

***Maple Tree Group***

*Facilitators: Jill Kio, Ben Smucker, Sarah Steiner, Jewel Yoder, Josh Yoder*

***Locust Tree Group***

*Care Leaders: Sharon Rohrer, Judy Keener*

***Cherry Tree Group***

*Coordinator: Wilbert Shenk; Discussion Leader: Willard Swartley*

## **Notes and Announcements:**

September 30, 2018

We want to thank all the children and adults at **Belmont Mennonite** for your generosity and enthusiasm in supporting My Coins Count this year at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (MMRS) with your contribution of **\$15,295.20**. Together, with matches from local businesses, MyCC raised over \$130,000, helping families gain access to life-giving water.

*When water is available, children are better fed and are healthier. Families can garden and generate income to pay education and/or medical expenses. Communities have less conflict over scarce resources. One mother gratefully shared that having enough food and water prevents her children from becoming thieves in order to survive.*

*The **Michiana Sale** total this year was over **\$477,000**. Thank you for your work and support of the sale, and for sharing your resources in the name of Christ, so other families can have their basic necessities met through Mennonite Central Committee and our partners around the world. – John Martens, MyCC Coordinator, MMRS*

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new **Voices Together hymnal** a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. Give at [VoicesTogetherHymnal.org](http://VoicesTogetherHymnal.org) or email Steve Carpenter at [SteveC@MennoMedia.org](mailto:SteveC@MennoMedia.org) for more information. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the giver to a tribute line in the hymnal.

The **UB Bruin Club** is an opportunity for students in grades 3-5 who are planning to attend Bethany Christian Schools or wanting to explore that option. Children can make friends with future classmates and begin to have their own fun experiences at Bethany. The next meeting is Friday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information or to register, see [bethanycs.net/UB Bruin Club](http://bethanycs.net/UB_Bruin_Club).

**Fall Concert:** Bethany Christian Middle School instrumental groups will present a fall concert on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Calling all **youth singers in grades 6-12**: Anyone who's interested in singing in a youth ensemble in worship on *Sunday, October 14th*, plan to meet in the community room on **October 7th at 8:20 a.m.** We will also meet on **October 14th at 9 a.m.** to review our two songs.

Anyone (of any age) who would enjoy **singing familiar hymns for the residents of the Greenhouse** (1510 Sandpiper Lane, Goshen), plan to leave Belmont at 1 pm (after the potluck) on **Sunday, October 7th**. We will wrap up by 2:30 pm. Kristin Kauffman will box up some hymnals after church and will bring a list of songs we can start with. We may take a few requests as well. No need to RSVP, just mark your calendars if you'd like to join!

**Conrad Grebel University College is coming to Goshen.** Grebel will be attending the Goshen College Fair on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Goshen High School from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. If you would like to learn about this best of both worlds experience but are not able to attend the fair, feel free to contact Rebekah [rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca) and set up a private appointment.

**Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** is happy to announce the first event in our 2018-19 season. Saulo Padilla, MCC US immigration education coordinator, will be our speaker on Monday, October 8 at 7 pm, at College Mennonite Church in the Koinonia Room (south end of the church).

*In 2017, Saulo helped organize a learning tour to Palestine/Israel for Latina(o)/People of Color Mennonite Church USA leaders that would bring attention to the parallels between the U.S./Mexico and Israel/Palestine walls and the communities affected. He will reflect on his experiences and learnings from that tour and how it continues to inform his work in the borderlands.*

The **Center for Community Justice** is looking for volunteer mediators. CCJ's Mediation and Facilitation department is looking for committed volunteers and we are holding a training for new volunteers October 11-12 from 8:30am-4:30pm. Volunteer applicants should be able to commit to a year of service, have good communication skills, and possess a commitment to the values of Restorative Justice. Contact Anne Lehman for more info on becoming a volunteer mediator: 574-295-6149 or [alehman@ccjelkhart.org](mailto:alehman@ccjelkhart.org).