

Belmont Mennonite Church

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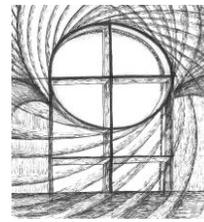
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OUR COMPELLING VISION STATEMENT

*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

Here, O Lord, your servants gather HWB 7
Call to Worship
Prayer

Praising God

O sing to the Lord SJ 12
I will call upon the Lord SJ 19
My soul is filled with joy SJ 13

Confession and Assurance

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our being.
We have done things which we ought not to have done,
and we have left undone things which we ought to have done.
We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,
and we have ignored the cries of those in need.
Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of
your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Offering

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-18
Sermon: *Fitted to the Task*

Responding to the Word

Communion
Congregational 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: Maynard Kurtz
Song Leaders: Julie Deaton, Rod Deaton
Pianist: Sue Paden
Offertory: Andrew Gingerich
Scripture Reader: Maynard Kurtz
Children's Time: Mandy Yoder
Sermon: Larry Rohrer
Encounters with God and Church in Action: Mandy Yoder
Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk
Sound Technicians: Phil Lehman, Philip Krabill

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Chris & Erin Hipsher and Kaylee Yoder.

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

Last Sunday:

Offering \$8,082
Attendance 131

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 10/9

Coffee Break 10 am

Wednesday 10/10

Elkhart Mennonite Ministers at Belmont 11:30 am

Thursday 10/11

Mothers' Club 9:30 am

Friday 10/12

AA Meeting 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **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
- **October 25** – MEDA Dinner & Program, 6:30 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 Brennehan, Rhonda Smucker, Julie Rheinheimer, and Lois Oyer

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

Journey Forward Bible Study

Who: All adults

Where: Gym

When: September 9 – December 2

What: This week we will be focusing on baptism in the Believer's Church tradition, and will be looking at these texts: Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:16-20; John 4:1-3; Acts 2:38-39; Romans 6:1-4; Galatians 3:27-29

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:

October 7, 2018

Please join **Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA)** for our October event -- "Addressing persistent poverty in Elkhart County," featuring Tom MacArthur from Church Community Services. The event will take place Thursday, October 25, 6:30 pm at Belmont Mennonite Church. Please RSVP by noon on Friday, October 19, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (now accepting credit cards!).

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. **Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** This program is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The deadline to apply for Winter 2019 is January 4. Save \$100 if you apply by December 14. For more information visit www.ambse.edu/journey or contact your pastor, or Dan Miller at dan@im.mennonite.net or at [574 534 4006](tel:5745344006).

Are you healthy and well-prepared in how you handle conflicts in church? Waterford Mennonite Church is hosting a valuable day-long Conflict Transformation Skills workshop on Saturday November 10, 2018. The workshop is open to all and will be led by experts from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. To view a brochure about the event visit: <https://goo.gl/Vg4LNt>. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/2Mp9RQ6>. Register by October 8 to take advantage of the early bird discount!

Church Community Services is hiring a full-time warehouse manager. If you are looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of those in Elkhart, while working with an amazing group of passionate people, apply on indeed.com or send your resume to Vonda at vhorst@churchcommunityservices.org.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is October 8, and MC USA will make worship materials available on this day with the theme "Lament in response to the Doctrine of Discovery" for Mennonite Heritage Sunday on October 28, 2018. Find them at mennoniteusa.org/heritage2018.

The **Center for Healing & Hope in Goshen is looking for volunteers** to join its mission to provide medical and advocacy services in our communities. All you need is a heart for working with people. We need not only nurses and doctors; we also need people to check in patients, interpret for Spanish-speaking patients, do filing and take payments, and handle office tasks. Contact the Center for Healing & Hope: info@CHHclinics.org or 574-534-4744 or visit <http://chhclinics.org/volunteer-join-us>

It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! **CCS' Soup of Success program** has a number of tasty and beautiful items that make wonderful gifts. Besides our popular food line that includes soup, cookies, and dip mixes, we also carry an upcycled textile line that includes mittens, trees, purses, coasters, wreaths, signs, and more! We offer local delivery and nationwide shipping. For more info or to buy gifts, visit www.soupofsuccess.com, attend an Open House Nov. 3 or Dec. 1 from 9 am – 2 pm, or stop by the office during business hours.

Repeat Announcements:

October 7, 2018

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.*

Early registration for the **Women Doing Theology conference** ends October 12. Join MC USA's Women in Leadership in "Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice, and the Work of Liberation" on November 8-18, 2018. Register now at mennoniteusa.org/wdt18.

You can support the Center for Healing & Hope while you eat and shop at Goshen restaurants and stores. Buy your EAT•SHOP•GIVE certificates and half of the value goes to the medical care and immigrant support programs of the Center for Healing & Hope while the other half goes to the business—you get the full \$20 value. Enjoy food from more than a dozen restaurants, shop at great stores and get your car or cell phone repaired—all with your EAT•SHOP•GIVE certificates. Buy them online at CHHclinics.org/blog/eat-shop-give or call 574-534-4744.