

## Belmont Mennonite Church

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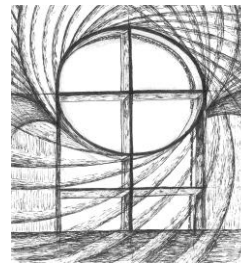
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### OUR COMPELLING VISION STATEMENT

*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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### *JOURNEY FORWARD: WITNESS TO GOD'S PEACE*

#### **Gathering**

*Christ is our cornerstone* HWB 43

Call to Worship

*We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming  
Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through  
Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers  
reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by  
rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and  
in all places.*

Prayer

#### **Praising God**

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

*Jesus, help us live in peace* SJ 52

*Great is thy faithfulness* HWB 327

#### **Confession and Assurance**

#### **Offering**

#### **Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon: *He Came Preaching Peace*

#### **Responding**

*Go, my friends, in grace* SS 57

Encounters with God

Congregational Prayer

#### **Sending**

Church in Action

*The peace of the earth be with you* SJ 77

**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:** Andrea Opel
- Song Leader:** Troy Kauffman
- Pianist:** Sally Krabill
- Scripture Reader:** Harley Yoder
- Children's Time:** Marty Lehman
- Sermon:** Larry Rohrer
- Encounters with God and Church in Action:** Larry Rohrer
- Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk
- Sound Technicians:** Marlene Penner and Canyon Penner

**The Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Brandon and Katie Kurtz and Ann Fink

**Last Sunday:**

Offering \$9,443  
Attendance 139

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

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 10/23

**Coffee Break** 10 am

Thursday 10/25

**No Mothers' Club**

**MEDA Dinner & Program**

6:30 pm

Friday 10/26

**AA Meeting** 7 pm

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- **October 28** – Guest MCC speakers Rebecca Burkholder & Blaine Derstine
- **October 28** – JYF Activity
- **October 28** – MYF Activity
- **November 5** – CFC Meeting, 6:45 pm
- **November 7** – Mary Beck Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- **November 12** – Journey Forward Planning, 6:30 pm
- **November 13** – Safe Church Committee, 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 Brenneman, 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

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**Journey Forward Bible Study**

**Who:** All adults

**Where:** Gym

**When:** September 9 – December 2, 2018

**What:** This week we will begin a new theme, and reflect on living as witnesses to God's peace.

Bible Passages: Isaiah 9:2-7; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 5:38-48; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 4:32

**Adult Sunday school classes will resume after December 2, 2018:**

***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 21, 2018

**Small Groups at Belmont:** Anyone not currently part of a small group will find a Small Group Interest Survey in your mailbox. If you would like to be part of a BMC small group, please return a completed survey to the "OFFICE" box (lower right-hand side of mailbox unit), or email your answers to [mandy@belmontmc.org](mailto:mandy@belmontmc.org) by Sunday, November 18.

## **Children's Choir Opportunity! Mennonite Youth Choir Festival**

would like to invite children in grades 3–9 to join in a weekend of singing, **March 2-3, 2019**, in Goshen. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue it is up to parents and the faith community around them to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate.

- **2019 Festival Dates:**
  - Practice on Saturday, 3/2/19
  - Concert performance on Sunday 3/3/19 at 2 pm (free and open to the public)
- **Who:** Children in grades 3–9 from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and beyond who love to sing
- **Cost per Child:** \$35 if registered by November 15; cost is \$45 after November 15. *Music will be sent in the mail.*
- **Location:** Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall
- **2019 Guest Director:** Tim Shue

For more information and to register, please visit:

[www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com](http://www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com); email: [mychoirfest@gmail.com](mailto:mychoirfest@gmail.com)

Nick Bouwman is looking to put an **Adult Men's Basketball team** together to play in the league on put by the City of Goshen Parks and Recreation. Games are played at Goshen High School between 6 and 10 pm on Wednesdays, November 7 – February 24, not counting holidays. (9 season games plus tournament). Cost is about \$60 or \$70 a person, depending on how many are on the team. Please contact Nick ASAP, 630-639-6562, [nick.hans.bouwman@gmail.com](mailto:nick.hans.bouwman@gmail.com) if you'd like to be a part of the team or have any questions.

## **Repeat Announcements:**

October 21, 2018

**Today is the last day** to sign-up for Belmont's group order of the yard sign: "No matter where you're from, we're glad you're our neighbor." The order will be placed on Monday.

**The Center for Healing & Hope's fall fundraiser, Eat-Shop-Give, lasts only one more week.** Buy \$20 certificates to local restaurants and businesses and half of the cost comes to the Center while half goes to the business. Support your favorite restaurants and shops while you also support the medical and immigrant advocacy programs of the Center. You also can make a donation in addition to or instead of buying certificates. Learn more at [CHHclinics.org](http://CHHclinics.org) or call 534-4744.

**Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Friday, Nov. 2! Come between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children in grades 1-6. Kindergarten and younger eat free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only and opens at 4:00.

**Join us for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on November 9 and 10 for the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 CR 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/comforter-bash) or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

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.ambs.edu/journey](http://www.ambs.edu/journey) or contact your pastor, or Dan Miller at [dan@im.mennonite.net](mailto:dan@im.mennonite.net) or at [574 534 4006](tel:5745344006).