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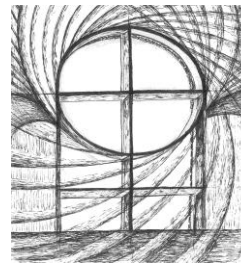
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OUR COMPELLING VISION STATEMENT

*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

<i>For the beauty of the earth</i>	HWB 89
Call to worship	
Prayer	

Praising God

<i>God of the Bible</i>	SJ 27
<i>For the healing of the nations</i>	HWB 367
<i>Slowly turning, ever turning</i>	SJ 23

Confession and Assurance

Offering

Hearing God's Word

Children's time
Luke 10:25-37
Sermon: *Envisioning the Other*

Responding

<i>For we are strangers no more</i>	HWB 322
Encounters with God	
Congregational prayer	

Sending

Church in action	
<i>Go, my friends, in grace</i>	SS 57

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 Leader: Jason Yoder Rupp

Pianist: Larry Rohrer

Scripture Reader: Maynard Kurtz

Children's Time: Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine

Sermon: Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine

Encounters with God and Church in Action: Larry Rohrer

Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk

Sound Technicians: Tony Krabill, Canyon Penner

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Lora Rusel, Lauren Kauffman, Joe or Angie Shoemaker

Last Sunday:

Offering \$6,025

Attendance 100

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

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 10/30

Coffee Break 10 am

Thursday 11/1

Mothers' Club 9:30 am

Friday 11/2

AA Meeting 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **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
- **November 14** – Dialogue on Race & White Privilege, 7 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

Journey Forward Bible Study

Who: All adults

Where: Gym

When: September 9 – December 2, 2018

This week will focus on receiving the gift of God's peace.

Bible Passages: Read aloud in succession: Genesis 1:2, 2:7, John 20:21-22, Romans 5:6-11, Ephesians 2:14-17.

Read aloud Ezekiel 34:25-31 or Isaiah 11:1-9.

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 28, 2018

MCC Great Lakes is hosting an Engagement Day on Saturday, December 8th at Belmont Mennonite Church. Throughout the day, MCC will showcase interactive learning tools around mass incarceration, Doctrine of Discovery and viewpoints of guns in America. The day will culminate with a keynote address by Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano on Immigration. You are welcome to participate in one workshop or the whole day. This would be a great opportunity for small groups, youth groups or Sunday school classes to participate together. You can find more information at mcc.org/gl-engagement-day and on the community notes bulletin board. Please direct any questions to Brooke Strayer at brookestrayer@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Mary Beck Ministry: Clothing drive for students will run Sunday, November 4 –18. The following items are needed: (gently used or new) boots, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, sweats, sweatshirts, long-sleeved shirts and underwear (size 5 – adult medium). Place your donations in the bins provided in the library. Thanks!

Repeat Announcements:

Please find a sheet in your mailboxes inviting all who aren't currently in one to **join a small group**. You may return completed surveys to the office mailbox or email your answers to mandy@belmontmc.org.

Bethany Christian Schools will host a **drop-in open house** from 12 – 2:30 pm Sunday, November 4, for anyone considering attending Bethany. Bring your family for a visit in a casual and friendly atmosphere. A simple lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by registering online (www.bethanycs.net) or contact the admissions office (534-2657 or admissions@bethanycs.net) so we can plan for the meal.

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. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. Practice is on Saturday 3/2 and concert performance is on Sunday 3/3 at 2 pm. Cost per child is \$35 if registered by November 15 and \$45 after November 15. For more information and to register, visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com; email: mychoirfest@gmail.com

The annual banquet and meeting of the **Indiana/Lower Michigan Unit of MDS** will be held November 5 at East Goshen Mennonite Church (17861 State Road 4, Goshen). Contact Dayton Frey at 574-534-1386 or dgreif@frontier.com if you are planning to attend.

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The **MennoCon19 Delegate Assembly planning team** is seeking nominations from congregations and agency programs within our conferences/groups to share stories about our collective Journey Forward during delegate sessions in Kansas City. They are seeking stories that reflect any of the three Renewed Commitments listed below. There are nomination forms available at the picture kiosk.

1. Follow Jesus - As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost.
2. Witness to God's peace - 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.
3. Experience transformation - The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel.

Guest MCC Speakers:

Rebecca Burkholder is co-Area Director for Central Southern and Northeast Asia for MCC. In that role she supports MCC Reps in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, China and North and South Korea. Rebecca grew up in Goshen, Indiana, attended Goshen College and holds a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Previously she served with MCC in Bangladesh with her husband Blaine. Within the USA she has worked in health policy, law and advocacy in Washington, DC. Currently Rebecca and Blaine are based in MCC's Asia Regional Office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They have two young adult children, and before moving to Thailand in 2016 lived in Lancaster, PA.

Blaine Derstine is co-Area Director for Central Southern and Northeast Asia for MCC. In that role he supports MCC Reps in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, China and North and South Korea. Blaine grew up in Harleysville, Pennsylvania and holds a masters degree in international economics from Catholic University. Previously he headed up the Job Creation Program for MCC Bangladesh. Within the USA Blaine worked at Ten Thousand Villages as a merchandise manager and analyst, and as an economist with the US Department of Labor. Currently Rebecca and Blaine are based in MCC's Asia Regional Office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They have two young adult children, and before moving to Thailand in 2016 lived in Lancaster, PA.