

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.*



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CHRISTMAS IS REJOICING:

It is the coming of the Messiah into the world for all people. We rejoice!

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine; for you light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth,

People: and thick darkness the peoples.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture in Song

PRAISING

On this day earth shall ring

HWB 192

Come! Walk in the Light

SS 10

Hark! the herald angels sing

HWB 201

Children's Time

Children & Youth Choir: *Go tell it on the Mountain*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-19

Monologue

Adult & Youth Ensemble: *Shines the Light*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

OFFERING

Bring monetary gifts as well as gifts for Mary Beck children

O come, all ye faithful

HWB 212

Angels we have heard on high

HWB 197

Lo, how a Rose e're blooming

HWB 211

HEARING THE WORD

Meditation

Adult & Youth Ensemble: *Jesus, Jesus, Oh what a wonderful child*

RESPONDING

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Church in Action

Benediction

Sending Songs: *Hymn to the Eternal Flame, Silent Night,
Joy to the World*

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.

Please note that there is no Sunday School today. Everyone is invited to a time of food and fellowship in the gym following the worship service.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Sandra Rolon Miller
Song Leader/Ensemble Director: Kristin Kauffman
Pianist: Sue Paden
Baritone Soloist: Troy Kauffman
Scripture Reader: Nancy Swartzendruber
Children's Time: Colin Rusel
Monologue: Emma Gingerich
Meditation: Larry Rohrer
Congregational Prayer and Church in Action: Mandy Yoder
Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk
Sound Technicians: Jon Schrock and Marlene Penner

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Sasha Dyck and Chris and Carl Weaver.

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

Last Sunday

Offering: \$16,967

With two Sundays remaining in the year, an average of \$12,500 is needed each Sunday in order to meet out 2018 Giving Plan.

Church Calendar

This Week:

Today, after Worship
Food & Fellowship

Monday, Dec 24
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Friday, Dec 28
AA Meeting, 7 pm

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, Jan 1
Church Office Closed

Monday, Jan 7
Worship Commission, 6:30 pm
Calling all Girls, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 10
Fellowship of Hope & Belmont Dialogue

Sunday, Feb 3
Potluck followed by Annual
Congregational Meeting

Nurture Hour at Belmont

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

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

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

Superintendents: Rachel Smucker and Rhonda Smucker

Adults are invited to choose from the following classes:

Shagbark Hickory Group Room 116
Facilitators: Andrea Opel,
Brandon Kurtz, Katie Kurtz

Maple Tree Group Room 145
Facilitator: Jill Kio

Locust Tree Group Room 118
Care Leaders: Sharon Rohrer, Judy Keener
Book Study: "Four Gifts: Seeking Self-Care
for Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength" by April Yamaski.
Discussion: Class-led

Cherry Tree Group Room 117
Coordinator: Wilbert Shenk