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Epiphany Sunday Living in the Light

Gathering

The first Noel, the angel did say HWB 199
Call to Worship (insert)
Prayer

Praising

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem SS 32
Brightest and best SS 29
Hail the bless'd morn HWB 221

Confession and Assurance

Offering

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-11
Sermon: "A Prayer for 2019"

Responding to the Word

Communion (gluten free available upon request)

Sending

Church in Action
Put peace into each other's hands SJ 87
Benediction



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.*

January 6, 2019

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: Bekah York

Song Leader: Jason Yoder Rupp

Pianist: Larry Rohrer and Sue Paden

Children's Time: Ben Rheinheimer

Scripture Reader: John David Thacker

Sermon: Larry Rohrer

Church in Action: Mandy Yoder

Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk

Sound Technicians: Steve Brenneman and Canyon Penner

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Tom and Jill Stahly and Angie Short.

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

Last Sunday

Offering: \$4,710

Attendance: 108

This Week:

Monday, Jan 7

Worship Commission, 6:30 pm
Call all Girls, 7 pm

Tuesday, Jan 8

Coffee Break, 10 am

Wednesday, Jan 9

Mennonite Pastors at Belmont,
11:30 am

Thursday, Jan 10

Mother's Club, 9:30 am
FOH & Belmont Dialogue, 7 pm

Friday, Jan 11

AA Meeting, 7 pm

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Jan 14

MVT, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Jan 27

Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, Feb 3

Potluck, followed by Annual
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Feb 10

Mennonite Education Assistance
applications for 2019/2020 school
year are due

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 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, Room 116

Facilitators: Andrea Opel, Brandon Kurtz, Katie Kurtz

Maple Tree, Room 145

Facilitator: Jill Kio

Locust Tree, Room 118

Care Leaders: Sharon Rohrer, Judy Keener; Discussion: Class-led
Book Study: "Four Gifts: Seeking Self-Care for Heart, Mind, Soul, and
Strength" by April Yamasaki

Cherry Tree, Room 117

Coordinator: Wilbert Shenk

Repeat Announcement:

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Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates for our first dinner program event of 2019: "**Goshen College Study Service Term: 50 years of Transformational Global Citizenship.**" Thurs, Jan 17 at 6:30 pm in the College Mennonite Church Koinonia Room. A Jamaican-inspired meal will be catered by the CMC kitchen staff. Please RSVP by noon on Fri, Jan 11 to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for MMEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (credit card, cash, or check).

Announcements:

January 6, 2019

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement that were shown to Carl and me during his illness and death. I feel blessed to be part of a very caring congregation. – Darlene Dintaman

AMBS Pastors and Leaders 2019: “Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times”: Feb 25-28. How do we respond to hate, intolerance, and systemic racism in productive, transformative ways? We’ll explore the biblical and theological grounding of our call to get involved and become equipped to lead – here and now. Early registration deadline: Jan 10. ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders.

MCC’s Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) location in West Virginia is in the process of moving from Elkhorn to Kimball. Help is needed to make the final renovations possible so staff can move in time for the upcoming season. **Volunteers are needed over the next three months, particularly people with specific skills such as electric, HVAC, plumbing, and carpentry.** If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, contact AppalachiaElkhornLC@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan 19 for the first annual **Michiana Regional Seed Swap** from 9 am – 1 pm at Goshen High School. Join fellow gardeners, growers, and plant enthusiasts to exchange seeds, compare and discuss varieties, and more. This event is hosted by Goshen College’s Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center and is free and open to the public. Participants are not required to bring seeds to the event, but if you save seeds, please bring them along! Seeds will be available through sales, swaps, and for free thanks to donations.

Repeat Announcements:

Calling all Girls! A reminder that on Jan 7, 7 – 8:30 pm, we are meeting at Rachel Smucker’s. We hope you can join us to discuss “Images of women in the Bible and in the media”. Please RSVP to Rachel at 574-596-3085 or rachel@smucker1.com

You are invited to participate in an InterPlay Workshop sponsored by Assembly Mennonite Church on Jan 12, 2019 1:30-4:30 lead by Masankho Banda, MA. InterPlay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body. Masankho is an educator, African Percussionist, Storyteller, Dancer, and Certified InterPlay leader. He will lead us in an afternoon of play which enables human sustainability and connection in the midst of these stressful times. The cost is donation based: \$0-\$30. **Please reserve your spot in the workshop** by contacting Rianna Isaak-Krauss (reisaak@ambs.edu) or Linda Schlabach Miller (574) 538-8324.

Call to Worship

- Leader: The Magi waited and watched, believing that the revelations of old would come into existence.
- People: **We waited for the birth of Jesus; we believe that something wondrous is still taking root in our lives and our world.**
- Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.
- People: **The darkness that surrounds us and our world is dissipating!**
- Leader: We celebrate the consistent shining of God's love in our lives.
- People: **We believe and bring light of God's love to others.**

Words of Assurance

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.**