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A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS CHRISTMAS IS... COMING AND SEEING

GATHERING

Gathering Song: *To us a child of hope is born*

HWB 189

Call to Worship

Prayer

PRAISING

Good Christian friends, rejoice

HWB 210

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

HWB 202

The first noel, the angel did say

HWB 199

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

OFFERING

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Introduction to Lectio Divina

Congregation Activity: Lectio Divina –

Christmas is Coming and Seeing God Made Flesh

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SS 26 *Helpless and hungry* with HWB 215 *What child is this*

Encounters with God

SENDING

Church in Action

The church's one foundation

HWB 311

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.*

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: Troy Kauffman

Pianist: Ted Dyck

Scripture Reader: John David Thacker

Children's Time: Ben Rheinheimer

Congregation Activity: Bekah York and John David Thacker

Encounters with God and Church in Action: Mandy Yoder

Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk

Sound Technicians: Tony Krabill and Phil Lehman

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers is staffed today by Chris and Erin Hipsher and Joe or Angie Shoemaker

Last Sunday

Offering: \$9,158.10

Attendance: 198

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

Church Calendar

This Week:

Tuesday, Jan 1

Church Office Closed
No Coffee Break

Thursday, Jan 3

No Mother's Club

Friday, Jan 4

AA Meeting, 7 pm

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Jan 7

Worship Commission, 6:30 pm
Calling all Girls, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 10

Fellowship of Hope & Belmont Dialogue

Sunday, Jan 27

Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, Feb 3

Potluck followed by Annual
Congregational Meeting

Saturday, March 16

Save the Date for a meal
and Trivia Night youth fundraiser

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

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

Words of Assurance

Our souls magnify, you, Lord;
our spirits exult in you, our Savior.
You, Lord, have noticed the humiliation of your servants;
From now on all generations will count us blessed.
Mighty One, you have done great things for us,
and holy is your name.
Your mercy is on all who fear you
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm,
and dispersed the haughty
in the scheming of their minds.
You have unseated tyrants from their thrones
and lifted high the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things
and send the rich ones away empty.
You have come to the aid of Israel your servant;
you have remembered your mercy,
just as you promised our ancestors,
Abraham and Sarah and all their descendants forever.
Amen.

Repeat Announcements

December 30, 2018

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.”** The event will take place Thursday, Jan 17 at 6:30 pm in the College Mennonite Church Koinonia Room. Professors Jan Bender Shetler and Duane Stoltzfus will share the history of the SST program, the goals and outcomes, and ideas about the future of SST. You’ll also hear from former SST participants Jose Ortiz (current student) and Joe Christophel (a member of the very first SST group) about their SST experiences and how it has impacted them. A Jamaican-inspired meal will be catered by the College Mennonite kitchen staff. Please RSVP by noon on Friday, 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).

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). For more info, visit our webpage at www.mds.mennonite.net/howe-are/employment.

As we enter the new year, **MC USA encourages you to make plans to attend MennoCon19**, our biennial convention that will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-6, 2019. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org.

The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament, and Transformation: June 3-13, 2019. Participants in this nine-day pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military’s 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This AMBS course can be taken for credit, audit, or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. www.ambs.edu/trailofdeath.

A **College Scholarship** for you or your children is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. For the 2019-2020 academic year, eligible students can be chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from their local Everence office. Applications are accepted January 1 - February 28. <https://www.everence.com/scholarships>.