

## Belmont Mennonite Church

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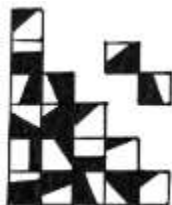
### Vision Statement

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.



### Inclusion Statement

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image and that people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status are welcome as full participants in the life of our congregation.



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### GATHERING

Call to Worship  
Prayer  
VT #420 "God of the Bible"

### CONFESSING

Lament/Reconciliation

### ENGAGING

Children's Time  
Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4  
Sermon: "Seeds of Peace"

### RESPONDING

Litany of Commitment  
Song of Response  
Communion  
Congregational Prayer

### SENDING

Church in Action  
VT #719 "Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace"  
Benediction

**WELCOME** to worship at Camp Friedenswald.

**Worship Participants:**

**Worship Leader:** Tony Hartman

**Song Leader:** Troy Kauffman

**Guitar:** Tyler Sawatzky

**Children's Time:** Tony Hartman

**Scripture Reader:** Tony Hartman

**Sermon:** Phil Schmidt

**Congregational Prayer & Church in Action:** Mandy Yoder

**Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk

**Sound & Livestream:** Andrew Gingerich, Phil Lehman, Tony Krabill

**Last Sunday:**

Offering: \$6,737

Attendance: 105

**This Week:**

Monday, October 4

Praying the Scriptures, 11 am

Tuesday, October 5

Coffee Break, 10 am

Friday, October 8

AA Meeting, 7 pm

**Looking Ahead:**

Tuesday, October 12

MVT, 6:30 pm

Wed, October 27

CFC Meeting

Sunday, October 31

All Saints Sunday

**Announcements:**

A reminder that Mennonite College night is tonight at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. This event is hosted by Christian Formation Commission and all Belmont youth and parents are welcome. This is a night for youth to hear from and interact with reps from our Mennonite Colleges.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board thanks you for your support of this year's sale. Total proceeds of the sale were over \$492,000, including \$160,000 from the quilt auction - the highest ever - and \$113,000 from My Coins Count! Your support helps Mennonite Central Committee's global work to ease the lives of the oppressed. Thank you!

In the spring of 2020, an exploratory committee was formed to consider establishing an MCC thrift shop in Elkhart. The committee consists of a diverse group of individuals from the Goshen and Elkhart areas, representing different denominations, along with three MCC staff members. The committee has been meeting monthly to complete the research necessary to determine the potential success and viability of establishing this thrift shop. This spring the Great Lakes Mennonite Thrift Board was formed, and an Advisory Committee was named. Both groups have been planning and taking steps to open a new Thrift shop. South central Elkhart has been determined to be the desired location, in part to provide quality and affordable used items to local neighborhoods that are under-sourced. The location of the shop will be at Woodland Crossing (the former Pierre Moran Mall), and it will be named "Thrift at Woodland Crossing." The goal is to open the store in 2022. Contact us through [Elkhartthrift@gmail.com](mailto:Elkhartthrift@gmail.com) for thoughts or questions.

## LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Let us pray for courage to be faithful witnesses for peace.

### **Where there is division, we will defend the hope that is in us.**

As people reconciled with God through the love of Christ, Christ calls us to the ministry of reconciliation across the divisions of this world. We mourn seven decades of division and war on the Korean peninsula.

We seek to extend compassion for the widow, the orphan, the imprisoned, and the sick by supporting humanitarian aid and standing for human dignity on the Korean peninsula.

The prophetic call of the church is to speak truth to power. We call for an end to the Korean War, a conflict that escalates hostilities between people who share language, traditional culture, and ancient history.

We believe that God is faithful, and that the arc of the universe in God's victory in Christ bends toward justice, reconciliation, and beloved community. We pray that someday all Korean people will be able to return to the birthplaces of their ancestors, to meet face-to-face across the peninsula, and to recognize each other as sisters, brothers, and image-bearers of God.

—Longing for Reconciliation: statement from Korean American Christians

### **Where there is violence, we will defend the hope that is in us.**

[In a South Sudan experiencing] displacement, sexual and gender-based violence, unnecessary roadblocks for extorting money and inflicting pain on travellers and humanitarian workers, alongside an economy that falters:

We echo the people's call for an end to violent conflict and insecurity, displacement of civilians, and insensitive creation of more orphans and widows. We seize this moment to jointly call for what the people desperately need – peace, security, stability to end bloodshed and human suffering in South Sudan.

—South Sudan Council of Churches, South Sudan Civil Society Forum, and South Sudan Women's Coalition for Peace joint statement on the anniversary of Unity Government

### **Where there is inequality, we will defend the hope that is in us.**

[We] repent of theological positions that support unjust political options with regard to the Palestinian people. [We] stand alongside the oppressed and preserve the word of God as good news for all.

We condemn all forms of racism, whether religious or ethnic, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia ... [We] take a position of truth with regard to Israel's occupation of Palestinian land.

[We answer our Palestinian brothers' and sisters' call] to see the face of God in each one of God's creatures. [With them, we work toward] a common vision, built on equality and sharing, not on superiority, negation of the other, or aggression, using the pretext of fear and security. We say that love is possible and mutual trust is possible. Thus, peace is possible.

In the absence of all hope, we cry out [their] cry of hope.

—Kairos Palestine document, 6.1, 6.3, 9.1, 10

### **Where there is war, we will defend the hope that is in us.**

As followers of Jesus, son of God, who we recognize as sovereign God, we affirm our biblical and historical conviction to the way of peace as active nonviolence and love for neighbor, especially for the weak, marginalized, the poor, and the enemy.

We call the international community to halt their contributions through finances, weapons, or advisory support for the war in Colombia.

[With our brothers and sisters in Colombia,] we believe that peace is an issue that belongs to everyone and so we will continue to seek peace with justice for and with everyone.

—Bread and Peace Declaration

## A PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*