

# Belmont Mennonite Church

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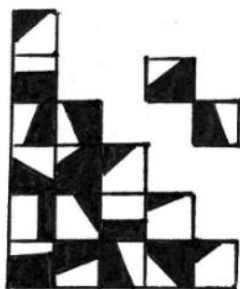
## Vision Statement

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

Welcome  
VT 52 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"  
Call to Worship  
Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Prayer

## PRAISING

VT 716 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
SS 28 "Holy Child within the manger"

## CONFESSING

## LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

## OFFERING

(Offering baskets are available at the entrance of the sanctuary for your monetary gifts.)

## ENGAGING

Children's Time  
Scripture: Joel 2:12-13 and 28-29  
Sermon: "Open Your Hearts"

## RESPONDING

Ritual  
Encounters with God  
Congregational Prayer

## SENDING

Church in Action  
VT 239 "He Came Down"  
Benediction

**WELCOME** to worship at Belmont, and a special welcome to our guests.  
Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a time  
of coffee, Advent breads, and fellowship.

### Nurture Hour for Adults

11:00 am

#### Worship Participants:

**Worship Leaders:** John Martens & Marty Suter

**Song Leader:** Jason Yoder Rupp

**Accompanist:** Sally Krabill

**Children's Time:** Colin Rusel

**Advent Candle Lighters:** Elijah Kio & Anna Kio

**Scripture Reader:** Rod Deaton

**Sermon:** Phil Schmidt

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

**Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk

**Sound & Livestream:** Jon Schrock & Phil Lehman

#### Last Sunday:

In-Person Attendance: *no data* Online Attendance: 68 Offering: \$8,539

**Thank you** to all for your faithful and regular financial gifts to Belmont over the course of 2024. With four Sundays remaining in the year, an average of \$16,820 is needed each Sunday to meet our 2024 Giving Plan.

Today and next week, adults are invited to choose from these two classes:

- Sermon Response Discussion led by Phil Schmidt in the Prayer Room.
- Informal class around tables to share together on a variety of topics; led by John Martens in the Community Room.
  - How have you experienced God this week?
  - Is there some special way we can pray for you this coming week?
  - Did you experience a special blessing this week?
  - We often use the phrase may God's will be done – are we truly willing to accept that?
  - We are called to love our enemies – do we really want to, and if so, how do we show that love?
  - What does it truly mean to be generous?
  - What does it mean to you when you hear the phrase “Sunday is the day of rest”? Is it still relevant today?

#### Church Calendar This Week:

Tuesday, December 10

CFC, 6:30pm

Thursday, December 12

Mission Commission, 6:30pm

Friday, December 13

AA Meeting, 7pm

#### Looking Ahead:

Sunday, December 15

Mentor-Mentee Breakfast, 8:30am  
Kid's Club White Elephant, 2pm

Sunday, December 22

Food on the Fourth  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Nurture Hour for Children and Youth

11:00 am

Children (age 3-grade 6)  
(Gathering Room) Joe Shoemaker, Angie Shoemaker,  
Pete Gingerich, Kris Gingerich,  
Heidi Sawatzky, Tyler Sawatzky,  
Jill Kio, Bess Daly

Youth (grades 7-12)  
(Room 219) Jason Yoder Rupp, Jacob Shetler,  
Steve Brenneman, Abby Shetler

SS Superintendent Marlene Penner

Nursery/Toddler Caregivers Brandon Kurtz, Katie Kurtz,  
Rhonda Martin, Mary Hunsberger,  
Marty Suter, Bess Daly, Emme Daly,  
Angie Shoemaker, Lydia Shoemaker

#### Announcements

**Belmont Cancellation Procedure:** In the event that a service needs to be canceled due to inclement weather or another unforeseen circumstance, a notice will be sent to the WNDU (NBC) television station and an email will be sent.

The Monday and Friday weekly emails contain information about church life and community events. If you would like to receive these emails from the church office, please contact Uryna: [office@belmontmc.org](mailto:office@belmontmc.org)