

Belmont Mennonite Church

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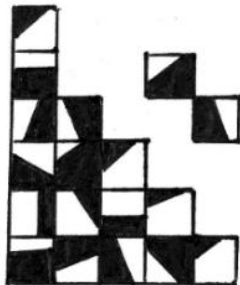
Vision Statement

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 210 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"
Call to Worship
Lighting of the Advent Candles
Prayer

PRAISING

VT 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
VT 221 "The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed"

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: Luke 1:26-49
Sermon: "Companions for the Journey"

RESPONDING

Ritual
Encounters with God
"When have you experienced mutual support in which you recognized the presence of God through others?"
Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Church in Action
VT 244 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Benediction

December 22, 2024

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.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leaders: John Martens & Marty Suter

Song Leader: Troy Kauffman

Accompanist: Tyler Sawatzky

Children's Time: Mary Schmidt

Advent Candle Lighter: Maynard Kurtz

Scripture Reader: Rodney Deaton

Sermon: Phil Schmidt

Encounters, Congregational Prayer, Church in Action: Phil Schmidt

Worship Visuals: Kris Shenk

Sound & Livestream: Andrew Gingerich & Phil Lehman

Last Sunday:

In-Person Attendance: 112 Online Attendance: 47 Offering: \$8,827

Thank you to all for your faithful and regular financial gifts to Belmont over the course of 2024. With two Sundays remaining in the year, an average of **\$20,665** is needed each Sunday to meet our 2024 Giving Plan.

Church Calendar This Week:

Today
Food on the Fourth
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 24
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25
Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 26
Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27
AA Meeting, 7pm

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, December 29
Christmas Hymn Sing
YA Soup & Games

Tuesday, December 31
BNF New Year's Eve Party, 7pm
(all are welcome)

Friday, January 3
Mary Beck Snack Prep
MYF Snow Camp begins

Saturday, January 4
Memorial Service for Ray Bair,
4pm

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany

Announcements

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

Nurture Hour for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 5. Everyone is invited to stay after the service today and next Sunday to enjoy Advent Breads and Fellowship Time.

Faith Promise: You are invited to complete a 2025 Faith Promise Form, to indicate how you plan to offer your financial support, prayer support, and/or time and talents in the coming year. Specifying a dollar amount of financial support helps Ad Council prepare the 2025 Spending Plan. Forms are available in your church mailbox, on the table in the foyer, or at the link in the weekly emails.

Save the Date: The annual BMC, Inc. Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, February 2 at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual business meeting. As in past years, there will be a potluck meal at noon. If you are willing to help in the kitchen for the potluck, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Belmont Cancellation Procedure: In the event that a service at Belmont 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.



Holiday Office Hours

Mandy is on PTO this weekend and all next week.

Phil will be in the office on Monday and out the remainder of the week.

Uryna will be in the office on Monday and Friday, and out on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The following week, the church office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There will be no weekly newsletter on Monday, December 30.