

# Belmont Mennonite Church

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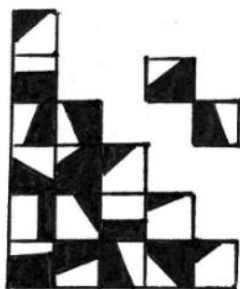
## Vision Statement

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.



## GATHERING

Welcome  
VT 241 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Call to Worship  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Prayer

## CONFESSING

Lighting of the Peace Candle

## OFFERING

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

## TELLING AND SINGING THE STORY

Children's Story  
VT 222 "My Soul Proclaims with Wonder"  
Luke 2:1-7  
VT 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
Meditation  
VT 259 "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"  
Luke 2:8-20  
VT 253 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
Meditation  
VT 252 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
Congregational Selections

## RESPONDING

Encounters with God  
Congregational Prayer

## SENDING

Church in Action  
VT 244 "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
VT 240 "Joy to the World"

**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 Leader:** Maynard Kurtz

**Song Leader:** Kristin Kauffman

**Accompanists:** Sasha Dyck, Ted Dyck, Sally Krabill

**Candle Lighter:** Lawson Kauffman

**Children's Time:** Mary Schmidt

**Scripture Reader:** Rod Deaton

**Meditation:** Phil Schmidt

**Encounters, Congregational Prayer, Church in Action:** Mandy Yoder

**Worship Visuals:** Kris Shenk

**Sound & Livestream:** Brent Kaser & Jon Schrock

**Last Sunday:**

In-Person Attendance: 102    Online Attendance: 45    Offering: \$16,298

Thank you to all for your faithful and regular financial gifts to Belmont over the course of 2024. Approximately \$25,000 is needed in order to meet our 2024 Giving Plan.

**Church Calendar This Week:**

Monday, December 30

*Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, December 31

*Church Office Closed*

New Year's Eve Party hosted by BNF, 7pm

Wednesday, January 1

*Church Office Closed*

Friday, January 3

Mary Beck Snack Prep

AA Meeting, 7pm

MYF Depart for Snow Camp

Saturday, January 4

Memorial Service for Ray Bair, 4pm

**Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany

MYF Return from Snow Camp

Tuesday, January 7

Mary Beck Committee, 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 8

Ad Council, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 14

Christian Formation Commission, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 21

Anabaptism at 500 Worship

Service at College Mennonite, 7pm

**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](mailto:office@belmontmc.org)

Nurture Hour for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 5. Everyone is invited to stay after the service today 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.

Memorial Service: The service for Ray Bair will be at Belmont on Saturday, January 4 at 4pm. You are invited to help with the refreshments following the service; if you are willing to provide cookies or brownies, please either sign-up in the foyer or let Glenn Leinbach know how many you will be providing. They would need to be at the church by 3:30pm.

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**

The church office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Phil and Uryna will be back in the office on Thursday. Mandy will be back on Monday, January 6. There will be no weekly email on Monday.