

Beech Mennonite Church

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“Come Grow With Us”

WE GATHER TO STUDY.....9:30 am

Classes for Preschool thru Grade 6 - basement
Youth and Adult classes - main floor, south

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.....10:30am

Worship Leader.....Ann Leaman
Song leader.....Bryan Leaman
Pianist.....Jessica MacAdam

Prelude: “Just Over in Gloryland”by Emmett Dean

Welcome and Announcements*

Preparation for Worship: “This is My Father’s World”by F L Sheppard

Call to Worship (*Proverbs 2:1-15, 20-21*) and Prayer

Worship in Song: “O Worship the Lord”HWB #124
“Open my eyes, that I may see”HWB #517 (vs 1,2,4)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Joy in the Journey” by Michael Card/arr by Lee Evans

Praise Team

Children’s Time

(children ages 2-5 and Kindergarten dismissed for Jr Church)

Scripture reading: *1 Corinthians 2:6-16*

Message: “Growing in Discernment”Pastor Dan

Hymn of response: “Open my eyes”STS #65

Sharing Praises and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song: “Spirit of the Living God”HWB #349

Benediction

Postlude: “He Keeps Me Singing”by Luther Bridgers

*Prior to the service, take a form from the wooden box (next to Diana’s door).
Complete it for any announcement you would like made, and place it in the
other side of the box. The Worship Leader will make the announcement.

Happy Birthday: Jan 28 Jacob Arnold, Jan 30 Matthew Frederick

Dan’s office day this week: Tue, Wed, Fri, 8:30am-2pm

Diana’s: Mon, Thur, Fri, 8am-4pm

SUBS!!!! MYF will be selling sub sandwiches TODAY to be picked-up after church next Sun, Feb 5. Pre-order only (see order forms on counter). Choice of sub, bun /wrap, & toppings - \$5 ea. Sandwiches can be purchased in the foyer after church.

TODAY 6pm: Zion United Church of Christ, 415 S Main St, N Canton
The Children’s & Youth Choirs of A Chorus for a Cause presents
“Heartsongs,” inspired by the life of poet Mattie J T Stepanek. (One of his books on peace is in our library.) A free-will offering will be taken; consider bringing a toy for Aultman Hospital.

This week:

Jan 30 (Mon) 7pm: Ohio Conference Listening Project at Beech

Jan 31 (Tues) 6:15pm: Bible Study at Beech – (returning to Tuesday)

Feb 1 (Wed) all day: (weather permitting) Knotting & Quilting Devotions by Rachel Witmer. Bring items for Shepherd’s Gate and your sack lunch.

Feb 1 (Wed): ELF night (Eat, Learn, Fellowship)

Meal: 5:45, classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30

Please remember: no ‘church’ children are to be in the daycare halls on ELF night until AFTER 6:00 pm. This is a state law!

FYI: scheduling changes: Stephanie Miller will direct the ‘Parenting Class’ from Focus on the Family ‘The Amish, Mennonites, and Civil War’ class will be 4 weeks only. If you have a suggestion for a 4 week class, contact Patty.

Feb 2 (Thu) 9:30am: Lavera’s Bible Study

Looking Ahead:

Feb 9 (Thu) 7pm: Elders’ Meeting at Rod’s

Feb 12 (6 pm): For Maple Grove’s 90th anniversary, they will host Leroy Beachy, author of “Unser Leit” (Our People), who will speak on Amish history in a story-telling format

Feb 15 (Wed) 6-8pm - Open House Appreciation with Louisville Community Cupboard - 930 S Nickel Plate

Feb 16 (Thurs) 4:30-7pm: The Shepherd’s Gate Child Care Board is sponsoring a Chicken dinner. Tickets available in the lobby on Feb 5 & 12 or from the Child Care office. Adults \$8.00, Children 6-11 \$4.00, and 5 and under free. Donations of dessert or bake sale items will be appreciated.

Have you been considering baptism as a public statement of your faith in Jesus and your desire to follow him? Have you wondered what is involved in becoming a member at Beech? Both matters will be covered in **Pastor Dan's upcoming class entitled "Beech Basics". The 6-7 sessions, held during SS hour, will begin on Feb 19. Tentative date for baptism and receiving of new members is Apr 22.** Talk to Dan if you have questions or interest.

Feb 24-25: 2012 Celebrate MCC Gathering with MCC Great Lakes, Berlin Mennonite Church , 4718 US Rt 62 E, Berlin, OH. Theme: "Relief, development & peace in the name of Christ." Hear Doug Amstutz, MCC's Ethiopian rep, Fri, & Ron Byler, MCC US Interim Exe Dir, Sat. Workshops offered: meat canning, thrift shops, material resources, and relief sales. No registration fee/meals are by donation. Check poster on bbd & brochures with registration form on countertop. Call (574) 534-4133 for info. Can register online at greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering.

Mar 19-25: The American Cancer Society is selling Daffodils as a fundraiser. If you would like to be a sales coordinator, see Diana.

Apr 13-15: Women in Conversation retreat entitled: "Into the Wilderness: The Journey of God's Beloved," speaker Meghan Good, Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt Pleasant, PA. See bbd. (Anyone who would like to receive info from Mennonite Women USA, request the monthly email -"A Postcard and a Prayer." Send your name, address, and e-mail to Berni - bernik@mennonitewomenusa.org.)

Sunday mornings – 9am – *PRAYER TIME FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE AND THE CONGREGATION.* Room next to Dan's office. See you there.

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| Attendance Last Sunday (Jan 22) | 119 |
| General Fund Receipts | \$1,727.31 |
| Designations | 25.00 |
| Total Offering | \$1,752.31 |

The "Prayer Vine" for February is on the counter. It is published monthly by Mennonite Mission Network and is a tool to help keep you connected with the prayer concerns/requests throughout the world-wide Mennonite Church. Consider taking a copy home and praying for a request each day.

Please give or e-mail (schlonaa@gmail.com) your items for the February newsletter to Alma Schloneger by TODAY.

Philodendron starts on the counter. Help yourself.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

...continued recovery from surgery for Galen Stutzman and Penny Frederick
 ...those among us with continuing health needs: Angela Cole, Hilda Schmucker, Mercie Lehman, Marlene Hostetler, Terry Hershberger & family (Barry's brother), Melvin (Betty Schmucker's nephew), Penny (Tim McKnight's sister), and George (Ken Weibush's brother)
 ...for all our Beech people in Florida
 ...traveling mercies for Sandy Simon, leaving for Hawaii tomorrow
 ...for the second "Rock the Park" concert planned for Metzger Park
 ...our sister church in Ohio Conference: Good Shepherd Mennonite Church, Archbold, OH, Pastors Israel Aguilar & Hector Velez
 ...our Mission Partners:
 Jason & Heather Rissler - church planting in Strasburg
 Juan & Shannon Aguero family – Paraguay
 Galen and Bonnie Stutzman – Wycliffe/JARRS – NC
 Inostroza family in Bariloche, Argentina
 ...MEA: Pray for those involved in the Mennonite Educators Conference, Feb 2-4, in Md.
 ...MMN: Pray that God will provide for the Congo followers as they prepare to celebrate 100 yrs of Mennonite witness in their nation.

*Happy birthday, Mennonite Church USA! Feb 1 our denomination turns 10. Join us in celebrating. God bless us and give us the strength to live out our vision as followers of Jesus Christ; by the power of the Holy Spirit, full of His joy and peace, to be witnesses of His hope.—
 Mennonite Church USA*

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| Today: | Next Sunday: |
| Greeters: Pat Schloneger, Doreen Klan | - Tim McKnight, Don Krabill |
| Nursery: Jeanette King | - Adrianna Miller |
| Ushers: Corey Wilson, Cliff Linder, | - Jarrod Mottice, Cory Burdett, |
| Jarrod Mottice, Cory Burdett | - David Miller Jr |
| Sound: Ryan Hathaway | - Blake Hershberger |
| Next Sunday Worship Service: | |
| Worship Leader: Rachel Witmer | Song Leader: TBA |

I would like to thank Dan & Jeanette and the Beech family for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and food following my surgery. It was very much appreciated. God Bless You, Joan Krabill

February altar flowers: See Jean Burdett

Esther Miller will be 90 on Feb 7th. Please consider participating in a "card shower" to help her celebrate the day. Her address is:

Esther Miller - Walnut Hills Retirement Home

PO Box 129 - Walnut Creek, OH 44687

Esther's daughter comments: "The best medicine for mom these days is hearing from people "back home," as she would say."

Have you stepped inside the Conference Room lately to see the work the Historical Committee has been doing? Check out the new displays of our church's history!

Please remember to double check the doors when you leave the church. The front door did not latch one day last week and the church was open all night. Thank you.

There are two more Chronological Bibles available to borrow if you want to join Dan, elders, and others in this interesting way of reading through the Bible in a year. First come – first served. See Diana

Dan & Jeanette will leave this afternoon to attend his uncle's funeral. They will return tomorrow eve. Pray for safe travels and for the family.

If you are attending tomorrow evening's "Listening Project" and would be willing to provide a snack, see Diana.

SERMON NOTES