

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.....Rachel Witmer

Song leader.....Grace Hartman

Pianist.....Sheila Hostetler

Prelude: “Sun of My Soul”.....arr by Garrett Parker

Welcome and Announcements*

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship (HWB #812) and Prayer

Worship in Song: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic"..... HWB #112

"All hail the power of Jesus' name"..... HWB #285

"God, who stretched".....HWB #414

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You".....arr by M Thallander

Children's Time

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

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Message: "Handling our Sexuality".....Pastor Dan

Hymn of response: "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord"....HWB #151

Sharing Praises and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song: "I will come to you in the silence"...STS #49 (vs 1 & 4)

Benediction

Postlude: "Prayer".....by Beethoven

*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.

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

Diana's: Mon, Thur, Fri, 8am-4pm

Happy Birthday: Feb 5 Joni Miller

Feb 7 Alma Agüero & Esther Miller

Feb 9 Maggie Estock Feb 11 Steve Schloneger

This week:

Feb 7 (Tues) 6:15pm: Bible Study at Beech.

We're finishing up Revelation and will begin Matthew soon.

Good time to start.

Feb 8 (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!

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

7pm: Elders' Meeting at Rod's

Looking Ahead:

Feb 12 (Sun) 6pm: Maple Grove's 90th anniversary celebration.

Hear Leroy Beachy, author of "Unser Leit" (Our People), speaking on Amish history in a story-telling format

Feb 13 (Mon) 7pm: Shepherd's Gate Board Meeting

Feb 15 (Wed) 6-8pm - Open House Appreciation with Louisville

Community Cupboard - 930 S Nickel Plate

Feb 15 (Wed) 5:45-7:30pm: ELF night

7:30pm: Church Council Meeting

Feb 16 (Thurs) 4:30-7pm: The Shepherd's Gate Child Care Board is sponsoring a Chicken dinner. Tickets available in the lobby or from the Child Care office.

Adults \$8.00, children 6-11 \$4.00, and 5 and under free.

Considering BAPTISM as a public statement of your faith in Jesus & 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 6-7sessions, held during SS hour, will begin Feb 19. Tentative date for baptism & receiving of new members is Apr 22. Talk to Dan if you have questions.

Feb 22 (Wed) 7pm: Ash Wednesday Service

For those who have requested: Arden & Anna Belle Schmucker
% Mennonite Ministries, 655 N Murphy Ave, Eldorado, AR 71730

Feb 24-25: 2012 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.” No registration
 fee/meals by donation. Ck poster on bbd/brochures on countertop.
 More info? Call (574) 534-4133. Register online at
greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering.

Mar 13 (Tue) 6pm (doors open) 6:30 (dinner): The Alliance
 Pregnancy Center’s Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction at
 The Chapel in Marlboro, 8700 Edison St, St Rt 619. Meal: \$10
Apr 13-15: Women in Conversation retreat. See bbd.

**Apr 13-15: Central Christian, Kidron, is expecting 16 Mennonite
 high school choirs from across the U.S./Canada to present the
 50th annual Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Choral Festival.
 Beech has agreed to house 25 students, 1 director, and 4
 chaperones from the United Mennonite Educational Institute
 (UMEI) of Leamington, Ontario, Canada. There is a sign-up
 sheet in the lobby – how many can you host?**

Check the bbd (by the front doors) for a list of Central Christian events.

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

Attendance Last Sunday (Jan 29)	121
General Fund Receipts	\$2,885.54
Designations	165.00
Total Offering	\$3,050.54

The “*Prayer Vine*” for February (cherry) is on the countertop.

February altar flowers: See Jean Burdett

*Don’t forget! Esther will be 90 on Feb 7. Mail your birthday card
 today (if you haven’t already) to: Esther Miller - Walnut Hills
 Retirement Home – PO Box 129 - Walnut Creek, OH 44687*

James Miller’s planned March 2012 trip to work on building repairs in
 the Dibagat Village is approaching quickly. Approximate cost is
 \$2,500; contributions can be made to the church’s “Philippine Fund”.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

...those among us with continuing health needs: Angela Cole,
 Andrew Parrish, Hilda Schmucker, Mercie Lehman,
 Marlene Hostetler, Terry Hershberger & family (Barry’s brother),
 Penny (Tim McKnight’s sister), Vicki & Ann (Gayle McKnight’s
 sisters), Penny (Dave Frederick’s mom), and Galen Stutzman
 ...for George Weibush who is nearing the end of his life
 ...for George Scott Bundy’s family and friends following his death
 ...for non-wavering strength/commitment for Christian athletes
 ...for the second "Rock the Park" concert planned for Metzger Park
 ...for those affected by the extreme cold in Europe
 ...our sister church in Ohio Conference: Grace Community, Bryan,
 Ohio, Pastors Mike/Donna, Sam/Kay, and David/Wendy
 ...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 all connected with the Lancaster Mennonite School &
 the abuse by a staff member. Pray for the students who were involved.
 ...MMN: Pray for Laura Schlabach who has ministered in Mongolia for
 20 yrs as she discerns whether God is calling her to a new location.
 ...MCC: Pray for a good response to the Feb 24-25 Gathering with
 MCC Great Lakes.

*George Weibush’s (Ken’s brother) address is:
 George Weibush, 480 Arnold Drive, Allanhurst, GA 31301.
 Please continue to keep him and the family in prayer.*

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

Today:	Next Sunday:
Greeters: Tim McKnight, Don Krabill	- Pat Scholneger, Brandon Mottice
Nursery: Adrianna Miller	- Jama Conrad
Ushers: Jarrod Miller, Cory Burdett	- David Miller, Jr, TBA
David Miller, Duane Sommers	- Andrew & Ken Willett
Sound: Blake Hershberger	- Larry Emery
Next Sunday Worship Service:	
Worship Leader: Nancy Schneider	Song Leader: Bryan Leaman
Pianist: Jessica MacAdam	Theme: “Just Jesus and Me?”

SERMON NOTES – “Handling Our Sexuality”

from NIV Study Bible -

Virginity –

Marriage –

Celibacy –

Homosexuality –

Suggestions: *Minimize sexually stimulating media;*
Stay busy with wholesome activities (sports, music, art);
Find support among those with similar values;
Ignore the lie that “everybody’s doing it.”

Recommended Reading:

www.gaychristian.net/conference/openletter.php

(Dan’s library)

Passages of Marriage – Minirth, Newman, Hemfelt
The Five Love Languages – Chapman
How Can I Be Sure? (Questions to ask before you get married) – Phillips
His Needs, Her Needs (Building an affair-proof marriage) – Harley
Homosexuality – Swartley
Soul Survivor – Yancey (Chapt. on Henri Nouwen)
20 Hot Potatoes.... – Campolo (Chapt. 1,5,9,13,17)

(Beech library)

The Marriage Builder – Crabb
Love for a Lifetime – Dobson
Recovery of Hope – Lederach

A. Sexual sins condemned in the Bible

- Adultery.....Exe 20:14
Pro 5:1-23
- Incest.....Lev 20:19-21
- Sex with animals.....Lev 20:15-16
- Loss of virginity before marriage.....Deut 22:20-21
- Prostitution.....Deut 23:17-18
Pro 7:10-27
- Homosexuality.....Rom 1:26-27
1 Cor 6:9
- Obscenity.....Eph 5:4
- Lust.....Mt 5:27-28
1 Thes 4:5

B. God’s will regarding sexual standards

1. In negative terms

- LAWS against illicit sexual behavior.....Exe 20:14
Lev 20:10-21
Deut 23:17-18
- The command to flee immorality.....1 Cor 6:18
Eph 5:3
Col 3:5
1 Thes 4:3
- Sexual sin excludes one from the kingdom.... 1 Cor 6:9-10
Gal 5:19-21
Eph 5:3-5
Rev 22:15

2. In positive terms

- Strive for purity.....1 Thes 4:4-7
1 Pet 3:2
- Be faithful in marriage.....1 Cor 7:2-4
- Exercise self-control.....1 Cor 7:8-9
Gal 5:23
1 Thes 4:4

