

**Beech Mennonite Church**  
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**February 11, 2018**  
**"Becoming Missional Christians"**

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

**Children classes** are located:

Preschool (main floor - Library)

Gr. K-2 (downstairs - classroom on the left)

Gr. 3-5 (downstairs - classroom on the right)

**Youth class**, Gr. 6-12 - (main floor, south wing, last door on the right)

**Adult classes:**

Friendship Class (across from the Library - main floor, south wing)

Elective/Discipleship Class - (downstairs, Fellowship Hall)

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

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Meditation on "Showalter"* -arr. by Ben Logan

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**Offering and Praise**

Praise Team

Our Finances

Offertory: *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers

Hymns: HWB#124 - *"O worship the Lord"*

HWB#418 - *"Move in our midst"*

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time

Following Children's Time...the children are dismissed for Jr. Church.

Scripture: *Colossians 4:2-6*

Message: *"Walk in Wisdom toward those that are Without"*

- Pastor Matt Reed

Hymn: HWB#363 - *"Renew your church"*

Blessing and Sending One Another

Postlude: *"Little Toccata"* - Colin Curtis

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Secretary (Judy):** Mon. - Thurs., from 8 am - 2 pm

**If you have a pastoral need**, please contact **Pastor Matt Reed** at the

Church office: 330-875-1133 or [beechchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:beechchurchpastor@gmail.com)

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**VISITORS:**

**Welcome!** We pray that you will be blessed in worshipping with us.

Please fill out the green cards in the pew pockets with your contact information and place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

**ALL:**

If you have a prayer need or praise in seeing God at work, please fill out the back side of the green cards in the pew pockets and place in the offering plate.

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If you would like to hear **Pastor Matt's Sermons**, they are **available online**, <http://www.beechmennonitechurch.org/publications/sermons> or go to the website and click *"Publications/Audio"* then click *"Sermons"*.

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If you would like place **flowers on the altar** in February, please see Jean Burdett.

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**Reminder:** When there is **inclement weather**, please check your phone and email messages for **cancellations**.

**UPCOMING BEECH EVENTS**

- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**      **Shepherd's Gate Bd. Mtg.**, 7 pm
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**      **Guys' Night Out**, 7:30 pm, TBD
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Beech Lunch Bunch**, Louisville Eagles, 12 noon
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**      **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7pm** – Note: Service only, meals will start with the first E.L. F. Night
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Women's Bible Study @ Lavera's**, 9:30 am
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Church Council Mtg.**, 7 pm
- Feb. 16-18<sup>th</sup>**    **Jr. High Retreat @ Camp Luz** (rescheduled from Jan.)
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Youth @ Hartville Thrift Shoppe**, 12:30-2:20 pm, then Skymax, 3-4 pm
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Pictures taken for new Beech Directory**, 1-8 pm
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**      **Beech Women Serving**, 9 am – 12 noon  
"weather permitting"
- Feb. 21-Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** **E.L.F. Nights**, 5:45 meal, 6:30 classes
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Women's Bible Study @ Lavera's**, 9:30 am

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Mar. 8-10<sup>th</sup>**    **ACA Missional Conference**, register by Feb. 16th
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Banquet**, 6 pm,  
Kidron Community Center
- Apr. 6-8<sup>th</sup>**      **Men's Retreat @ Camp Luz**
- April 13-14<sup>th</sup>**    **Mother/Daughter Retreat** – Camp Luz (rescheduled from March)
- Apr. 27-28<sup>th</sup>**    **Father/Son Retreat @ Camp Luz**

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**Address and Phone Number Changes/Info**

**Jean Block**

Altercare of Louisville, Room 106  
7187 St. Francis St.  
Louisville, Ohio 44641  
Phone: 330-871-2934

**Rod & Melanie Miller, Cadence, Keilana**

11452 Peach Glen Ave., N.W.  
Uniontown, Ohio 44685  
Melanie: 614-570-4254

*Please remember to keep the following in your prayers...*

*... Lucille Maurer, Tootie Justice, Judy Woods, Peg Romesburg, Helen Sanders, Jean Block (Altercare -Room 106), Ruth Kubicek, Cliff Linder, June Reese, Don Krabill, Glenn Hostetler (St. Joseph's – Room 610), Jean Emery, Earl & Dorothy Schmucker*

*...those affected with the flu*

*...Ohio Conference Leaders & Congregation*

*...governmental leaders – local, state, national*

*...our Mission Partners*

*...Galen & Bonnie Stutzman*

*... Shepherd's Gate Childcare Center*

**\*\*If you have a prayer request or praise, please contact the church office, at 330-875-1133 or [beechchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:beechchurchsecretary@gmail.com).**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**February 14th**

**7 pm**

*Service only; there will be no meal as they will start with E.L.F. nights.*

**E.L.F. Nights**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Meal, 5:45 pm - Classes for all ages, 6:30 pm**

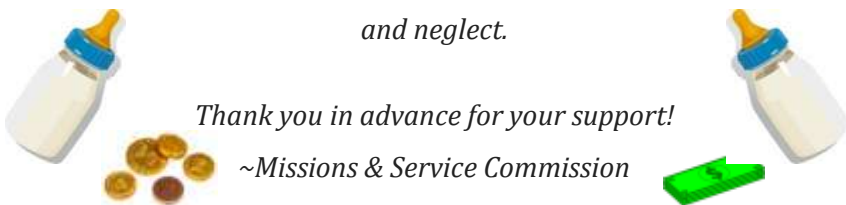
*Please join us for food, learning and fellowship.  
Come as you are; everyone welcome!*

**Missions & Service Commission invites you to a Baby Shower during the month of February to benefit Hannah's House.**

All you need to do is take a baby bottle from the table in the lobby and fill it with money, then return it to one of the committee members: Jama Conrad, Cliff Linder, Doreen Klan, or Charlie McNatt and they will see it gets to Hannah's House to be used for their daily expenses and updates.

Hannah's House is a place which gives young people the opportunity to rise above their circumstances and enhance the quality of their life, helping them to make the right choices through guidance and training.

Their vision is that all young women have the support and resources necessary to grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually into healthy adults, breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect.



Thank you in advance for your support!

~Missions & Service Commission

If you are planning on attending the **ACA Missional Conference, March 8-10**, please register no later than **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, fee \$45.**

To register go to: [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org)

**After Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> the fee is \$60.**

**Note: There is an additional fee for meals.**

**Deadline: Calendar**

Please turn in all items for the March calendar to Judy no later than **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**If you have not been contacted to be photographed for our 2018 Beech Pictorial Directory**, please call the church office @330-875-1133. M- TH 8 am – 2 pm. Everyone who is already scheduled should have a reminder notice in their mailboxes with the check-in time. Note: Times are approximately 15-20 minutes prior to appointment time to allow time for paperwork, etc so we can keep on schedule.

*"Thank you to everyone who provided soup for our "Soup & Game" Night and everyone who joined us for a wonderful evening of fun and Fellowship"*  
~ Congregational Life Commission

**Ladies: You are invited to join the Women's Bible Study** at Lavera Helmuth's home, 1731 Edmar St., Louisville, at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please see Lavera.

**You are invited to join the Beech Women Serving** on Wednesday mornings here at Beech. Please watch the bulletin for times and dates as they vary during the winter months. Currently they are meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9 am – 12 noon, "Weather Permitting". Join them for knotting, quilting and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions or to find out more information, please see Patty Yoder.

Sun (Feb. 4)	Attendance – 85
<b>Feb. 4, 2018:</b>	
General Fund Receipts:	\$2,890.00
Designations:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Offering Received:</b>	<b>\$2,890.00</b>

	<b><u>Today (Feb. 11)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday (Feb. 18)</u></b>
Worship Leader:	Matt Hartzler	Nancy Schneider
Song Leader:	Bryan Leaman	Megan Frederick
Organist:	Sheila Hostetler	Sheila Hostetler
Greeters:	Tim McK. & Pat M.	Luella Y. & Tim McK.
Nursery:	Jama C. & Nathan M.	Marilyn M. & Matthew F.
Jr. Church:	Adriana Miller	Krista Helmuth
Head Usher:	Dennis Kapper	Dennis Kapper
Sound:	Melissa Rearick	Andrew Leaman

## SERMON NOTES

### Colossians 4:2-6 (page 1167 in the pew bible)

#### I. Pray for Opportunities (Wisdom in Prayer)

- a. “Prayer is a wartime walkie talkie, not a domestic intercom” (John Piper); we too often think of prayer as a domestic intercom in which we call on the butler to please bring another pillow to the den; prayer was designed for the battlefield
- b. Pray for what? For God to open a door with people (not just to meet personal needs)
- c. To do what? To declare the mystery of Christ
- d. Prayer must be persistent – devote yourselves
  - i. It is God who will create divine opportunities

#### II. Look for and take hold of opportunities (Wisdom in Opportunities)

- a. V. 4—that I might make it (the message) clear
- b. V. 6—that you may know how to answer...
- c. Are your eyes open to opportunities or do you live life with tunnel vision?

#### III. Use Wisdom in How You Relate

- a. Do we even give thought to how we relate to non-Christians?
  - i. Do we take a moment to think what they are going through on a daily basis?
  - ii. Do we think about how they would feel if they came through this church?
  - iii. Our we mindful of how we present the message of Jesus and how they would interpret it?
- b. Making the most use of your time

- c. Let your speech be gracious—non-Christians need to know they are loved, not condemned
  - i. *Seasoned with salt*—to ancient Greeks salt designated ‘the wit that gives zest and liveliness to conversation’ (Curtis Vaughan)—It’s a sin to bore people with the gospel
- d. Be mindful about how you would answer—conversation must be appropriate for each person we speak to

#### IV. What about you? What about us at Beech?

- a. Are you (we) devoted to praying for opportunities to share Christ with people we know, or with those in the community?
- b. Are you (we) on the lookout for opportunities that God give us to share our faith with others?
- c. Are you (we) mindful of the way in which you (we) present the gospel to non-Christian people? We can be bold without being obnoxious; we can be engaging and make it interesting without trying too hard to be entertaining or compromising; we can be truthful yet gracious and not condemning
- d. Take the time to think about how you would present your faith to those around you. If you would like some wisdom or help, don’t hesitate to contact pastor Matt, he would be glad to offer any advice

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#### Next Sunday:

*"Our Commission: Make Disciples" – Pastor Matt Reed  
Matthew 28:18-20*

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