

**Beech Mennonite Church**  
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**February 4, 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: *"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"* – arr. by Mark Thallander
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer

**Offering and Praise**

- Praise Team
- Our Finances  
Offertory: *"Jesus Loves Me"* – arr. by Carol Tornquist
- Joys and Concerns
- Prayers
- Hymns: HWB#17 – *"We Gather Together"*  
HWB#371 – *"Let there be light, Lord God"*

**Hearing God's Word**

- Children's Time  
Following Children's Time...the children are dismissed for Jr. Church.
- Scripture: *Proverbs 22:6, Psalms 127:3, Mark 10:13-16*
- Message: *"Making Children Priority#1"* – Pastor Matt Reed
- Hymn: HWB#621 – *"Jesus, friend so kind and gentle"*
- Blessing and Sending One Another
- Postlude: *"Allegro Vivace"* – G.F. Handel

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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

- TODAY, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** Youth "Souper" Bowl Fundraiser –order pickup  
after Worship Service,  
**TODAY, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** **NO VERSES** vs this month.  
**Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** **Beech Women Serving**, 9 am – 12 noon  
"weather permitting"  
**Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** **Worship Comm. Mtg.** 8 pm  
**Thu., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** **Women's Bible Study** @ Lavera Helmuth's, 9:30 am  
**Thu, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** **Elders' Mtg.**, 6:30 pm  
**Sat., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** **Soup & Game Night** @ Beech, 5 pm

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 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. 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-Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** **E.L.F. Nights**, 5:45 meal, 6:30 classes  
**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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**Reminder: Please check the "Lost & Found" section in the copier room as any items remaining unclaimed after February 15<sup>th</sup> will be donated to missions.**

**"Thank you to everyone who purchased subs and soup from us during our Fundraising event. Your generosity & support is always appreciated! Don't forget to stop and pick up your order today after Worship." ~ The Youth**

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

*... Lucille Maurer, Tootie Justice, Judy Woods, Peg Romesburg, Helen Sanders, Jean Block, Ruth Kubicek, Glenn Hostetler (St. Joseph's – Room 610), Jean Emery, Cliff Linder, Earl & Dorothy Schmucker, June Reese, Don Krabill, a friend of the Juskiw's who is seriously ill*

*...Amy Hathaway & Family, with the passing of her Aunt, Mary Street*

*...Blake Hershberger (discernment as he applies to serve 1 yr with SALT after graduation)*

*...the Perry community*

*...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).**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Margaret "Peg" Romesburg will be 100 years young this Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>!**

*We would like to shower her with "100" birthday wishes.*

*If you would like to send her a card, please mail to:*

*Peg Romesburg, c/o Judy Woods  
13675 Cleveland Ave., Lot 26  
Uniontown, Ohio 44685*

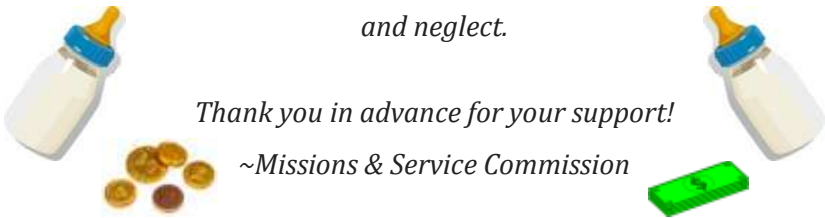


**Missions & Service Commission invites you to a Baby Shower during the month of February to benefit Hannah's House.**

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

**New in 2018....**

**Beech Picture Directory**

**Would you like to be included in the new Beech Picture Directory?** We would love to provide all our members, attendees, and staff with an updated photo directory; so they can associate a name and face, plus the directory will also provide them with your current contact information.

**All families who are photographed will receive a directory and a free 8 x 10 photo.**

**Dates to be photographed are:**

**Tues., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-8 pm**

**Thurs., Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1-8 pm**

We will have designated time slots available during these times, please sign up for a time that is convenient for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can contact Judy to reserve a time.

**If you are unable to be photographed on these dates, please see Judy for information on scheduling an alternate time at a nearby location (This includes anyone who is residing out of the area on these dates, as they photograph nationwide).**

**Today (Feb. 4)**

Worship Leader: Ann Leaman  
 Song Leader: Barry Hershberger  
 Organist: Sheila Hostetler  
 Greeters: Eunice S. & Pat M.  
 Nursery: Kay R. & Valeria M.  
 Jr. Church: Jen Hartzler  
 Head Usher: Dennis Kapper  
 Sound: Jarrod Mottice

**Next Sunday (Feb. 11)**

Matt Hartzler  
 Bryan Leaman  
 Sheila Hostetler  
 Don K. & Pat M.  
 Jama C. & Nathan M.  
 Adriana Miller  
 Dennis Kapper  
 Melissa Rearick

**Sun (Jan. 28)**

**Attendance – 100**

**Jan. 28, 2018:**

**General Fund Receipts: \$4,056.00**  
**Designations: \$ 50.00**  
**Total Offering Received: \$4,106.00**

## SERMON NOTES

- I. Why should Children be Priority #1?
  - a. It is biblical—Mark 10:13-16
    - i. What Jesus did was somewhat shocking—not that parents didn't love children but in a social setting kids were second rate (be seen and not heard); Jesus is in essence saying, "No they are NOT!"
  - b. Children are impressionable and most open to the gospel — Proverbs 22:6
    - i. Statistics show most people come to faith at a young age
    - ii. Children make decisions now that will affect their lives; they will usually be turned on or off of the gospel—we need to make sure we are doing whatever it takes to turn them onto the gospel!
  - c. Emphasis on children's ministry can bring in young families to the church
    - i. Young families are less likely to be established and more likely to be searching for a church (the older one gets the more established generally)
    - ii. Young families **WILL judge** a church by its children's ministry
    - iii. Reaching children can reach non-Christian parents
  - d. Children's Ministry can unify and involve people of all ages
    - i. People can use a variety of spiritual gifts with children's ministry
- II. Prioritizing Children does not have to be at the expense of older people
  - a. Some of the children will grow to serve in the church (they may be the ones to help you)
  - b. Good children's ministry is integrated with the church (they can help older people even now)
  - c. Children bring an energy to the church that all people enjoy and benefit from
  - d. Investing in a young person can bring a new purpose in the life of an older person

- III. What does this look like practically?
  - a. To be children priority #1, churches have to be willing to get messy
  - b. To be children priority #1, we need to put our money where our mouth is
    - i. A top priority will be reflected in the budget
  - c. With the changing post-modern culture, being missional with children means **WE MUST RETHINK HOW WE DO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
    - i. Churches with strong kids ministries rarely do the things that were common in churches 30-50 years ago
  - d. We need to think beyond our own children to those in the community and realize their unique needs
  - e. We need to meet kids where they're at; not simply to expect them to act as we think they should act (especially with kids whose families are new to church)
    - i. Find a balance between fun and learning; we don't have to replicate Disney, but we must seek to make it something the kids are enjoying
  - f. Children's ministry must be relationship-centered and bathed in love!

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### **Next Sunday:**

*"Walk In Wisdom toward those that are Without" – Pastor Matt Reed  
Colossians 4:2-6*

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