

Beech Mennonite Church

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January 14, 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: "Pavane" - Gabriel Faure

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Offering and Praise

Praise Team

Our Finances

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision" - Arr. by Edward Broughton

Joys and Concerns

Prayers

Hymn: HWB#226 - "You are salt for the earth"

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

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

Scripture: I Corinthians 9:16-23, Philippians 2:4

Message: "Being Missional Christians" - Pastor Matt Reed

Communion

Brotherhood Fund Offering

Hymn: HWB#402 - "Christian, let your burning light"

Blessing and Sending One Another

Postlude: "Christ Is the World's Redeemer" - Setting by John Eggert

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

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.

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".

If you would like place **flowers on the altar in January**, please see Sandy Simon.

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

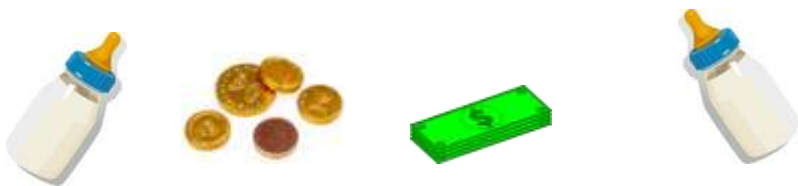
All you need to do is take a baby bottle from the table in the lobby and fill it with money, then return it to one of the committee members: Jama Conrad, Cliff Linder, Doreen Klan, or Charlie McNatt and they will see it gets to Hannah's House to be used for their daily expenses and updates.

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. 20th from 1-8 pm

Thurs., Mar. 22nd, 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. We will have the sign-up sheet starting next Sunday in the lobby.

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).

There are packets with information in your mailboxes.

SERMON NOTES

- I. What has changed in our culture that makes churches *as they are* no longer effective?
 - a. *From a Christian to a Post-Christian culture*; church is no longer at the center of society (sports and other activities common on Sundays, many more things are competing with people's time); more and more people do not identify themselves as Christian
 - i. Many young people are still seeking spiritual answers, but because (for many) the Church seems irrelevant, they are looking in other areas
 - b. *Communications Revolution*—Internet, Smartphones, Social media have revolutionized the way people communicate; this affects us all, but especially those who have never known a world without them; these things have greatly affected the way young people cognitively process information
 - II. What has not changed? Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Scriptures, is still the Savior of all humankind
 - a. We must communicate with new methods an unchanging message
 - b. The apostle Paul was compelled to preach the gospel; so should we
 - III. What does becoming a missional Christian (and a missional church) look like?
 - a. Recognizing we are no longer in Christian-dominated culture; we must begin to view ourselves as missionaries to our culture
 - i. Paul became all things to all men; meaning he adapted to meet the specific needs of the people
 - b. It means we seek to live in such a way that we become intentional about our lives and our relationships that we become open to opportunities to bring Christ to others
 - IV. How will this play out in our personal lives and in the life of our church?
 - a. It does NOT necessarily mean you need to become busier with church activities
 - b. It means becoming more intentional about friendships with those outside the church
 - c. It means looking for opportunities to minister to others where God already has you → work, school, neighborhoods, families, clubs and organizations
 - d. It means as a church we are willing to rethink how we do certain things in order to become better at reaching out to unchurched people and families to give them an opportunity to hear and experience the changing grace of Jesus Christ
 - e. It means having a willingness to adapt our church (programs, aspects of worship, etc.) to more effectively communicate to a younger generation
 - i. Our natural tendency is to come to church for ourselves—and therefore fight to attain what makes us comfortable (Philippians 2:4)
 - ii. Missional Christians are others-centered on Sunday morning, looking to serve rather than be served and therefore are willing to go beyond their comfort zones
- V. What about you?
 - a. Are you willing to get out of your comfort zone?
 - b. Don't let yourself get so busy with church activities that you don't have time to minister to others outside the church
 - c. Will you commit to learning to become more intentional about the way you live in your daily life?
 - d. Are we willing to help make this church go beyond the holy huddle? Are we willing to listen to the younger generation and adapt some of their ideas to help them reach their peers?
 - e. Think of one or two people (non-church goers) whom God has placed in your life? How can you more intentionally minister to them? Begin to pray for them to be receptive to the message of Jesus