

**Beech Mennonite Church**  
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*January 7, 2018*

**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: *Prelude on "Boylston"* – Gordon Young

- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer

**Offering and Praise**

- Praise Team
- Our Finances
  - Offertory: "*God of Grace and God of Glory*" – Janet Linker
- Joys and Concerns
- Prayers
- Hymns: HWB#46 – "*I sing the mighty power of God*"  
HWB#548 – "*Teach me thy truth*"

**Hearing God's Word**

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

Scripture: *Matthew 25:14-30*  
Message: "*Seeing Life From God's View*" – Patrick Helmuth

Hymn: STS#65 – "*Open my eyes – (Abre mis ojos)*"

Blessing and Sending One Another  
Postlude: "*In Thee is Gladness*" – Setting by John Eggert

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Secretary (Judith):** 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 January**, please see Sandy Simon.

**We would like to thank Patrick Helmuth for sharing his message with us today.**

"The Congregational Life Commission would like to **thank everyone** who brought food for the Christmas Brunch." ~ Congregational Life Comm.

**Congratulations** to Karl Helmuth, at being ranked in the GCAA (swimming) top 10 in multiple events in the county. He is also ranked in the top 20 in the northeast district in several events.

"**Thank you** to everyone who donated hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! With your help we were able to donate 135 gloves, hats and scarves to the Total Living Center – (Harrison & 9th Sts.) and the Louisville Food Bank."

~ Missions & Service Commission

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### UPCOMING BEECH EVENTS

**TODAY, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**      **VERSES vs @ Helmuth's**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, snacks provided, Friendship Mennonite Youth will be joining us. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

**Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Guys' Night Out**, 7:30 pm, Melt – North Canton

**Wed. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Beech Lunch Bunch**, Louisville Eagles, 12 noon

**Thu., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**      **"NQ" Women's Bible Study**

**Fri., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**      **YOUTH Retreat @ Camp Luz**  
to register go to:  
<http://www.campluz.com/jr-high-retreat.html>

**Sun., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Communion – Brotherhood Offering**

**Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Shepherd's Gate Board Mtg.**, 7 pm

**Wed., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Beech Women Serving**, 9 am – 12 noon  
"Weather permitting"

**Thu., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Women's Bible Study** at Lavera's, 9:30 am

**Thu., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Church Council Mtg.**, 7 pm

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Youth "Souper" Bowl Fundraiser**

**March 16-17<sup>th</sup>**      **Mother/Daughter Retreat – Camp Luz**

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

**... Lucille Maurer, Tootie Justice, Judy Woods, Peg Romesburg, Helen Sanders, Jean Block, Ruth Kubicek, Ralph Pugh, Glenn Hostetler (St. Joseph's – Room 610), Jean Emery**

**... Conrad and Ulrich families, in the loss of Jerry's sister, Naomi Conrad Ulrich**

**... 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 [beechurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:beechurchsecretary@gmail.com).

	<b>Today (Jan. 7)</b>	<b>Next Sunday (Jan. 14)</b>
Worship Leader:	Dave Frederick	Rachel Witmer
Song Leader:	Bryan Leaman	Megan Frederick
Organist:	Sheila Hostetler	Sheila Hostetler
Greeters:	Don K. & Pat M.	Luella Y. & Tim McK.
Nursery:	Nancy S. & Anya W.	Sandy K. & Andrew F.
Jr. Church:	Jen Hartzler	Consuelo Byder
Head Usher:	Dennis Kapper	Dennis Kapper
Sound:	Jarrold Mottice	Melissa Rearick

**Sun (Dec. 31)**

**Attendance – 101**

**Please note: Offering amounts will be posted in the bulletin at a later date.**

## SERMON NOTES

### The World/Culture's View of Life

Life is a \_\_\_\_\_, Party, Battle, Roller Coaster, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Minefield, Journey, Game of Cards, symphony.

Your life metaphor influences your life more than you realize.

It determines your \_\_\_\_\_, your expectations, your values,  
your relationships, your \_\_\_\_\_.

### God's View of Life

---1) Life is a \_\_\_\_\_

---God is continually testing your \_\_\_\_\_, faith,  
obedience, love, integrity, loyalty.

---You will be tested by major \_\_\_\_\_, delayed promises,  
impossible \_\_\_\_\_, unanswered prayers,  
undeserved criticism, even senseless tragedies.

---Every day is a \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to deepen your  
character, to demonstrate love, or to depend on God.

---Some bible characters that God tested are Adam & Eve,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Jacob, David, \_\_\_\_\_, Ruth,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Daniel.

*God blesses those who patiently \_\_\_\_\_ testing and  
temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life  
that God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12*

---2) Life is a \_\_\_\_\_

---Our time on earth and our energy, intelligence,  
opportunities, relationships, and resources are all  
\_\_\_\_\_ from God that he has entrusted to our care and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

---At the end of your life on earth you will be \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ according to how well you  
handled what God entrusted to you.

---See the parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30

---3) Life is a \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment

---The bible is full of metaphors that teach about the brief,  
temporary, transient nature of life on earth. Life is  
described as a \_\_\_\_\_, a fast runner, a breath,  
and a wisp of smoke.

---Repeatedly the bible compares life on earth to  
temporarily living in a \_\_\_\_\_ country. The  
bible uses terms like alien, pilgrim, foreigner,  
stranger, visitor, and traveler to describe our brief  
stay on earth.

---God says all his children need to think differently about  
life from the way unbelievers do. Your identity is in  
eternity, and your homeland is \_\_\_\_\_.  
When you grasp this truth, you will stop worrying  
about "having it all" on earth.

--- *This world is not your \_\_\_\_\_, so don't make yourselves  
cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your  
soul. 1 Peter 2:11 (Msg)*

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### **Next Sunday:**

*"Being Missional Christians" – Pastor Matt Reed*

*I Corinthians 9:16-23*

*Philippians 2:4*