

**Beech Mennonite Church**

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Jan 1, 2012, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Happy New Year!**

**“Come Grow With Us”**

“WE GATHER TO STUDY.....9:30 am

Classes for Preschool thru High School in the basement.

Adult classes on main floor - south

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

Worship Leader.....Dave Frederick

Song leader.....Barry Hershberger

Organist .....Sheila Hostetler

Prelude: “Carols of the Star” .....arr by Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements\*

Preparation for Worship: “In dir ist Freude” .....arr by Marcel Dupre

Lighting Advent Candles

Call to Worship (*back of bulletin*) and Prayer

Worship in Song:

“Come, we that love the Lord” .....HWB #14

“Great God, we sing” .....HWB #639

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” .....HWB #582 (vs 1 & 2)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “We Three Kings” .....arr by Wilbur Held

Children’s Time

Hymn: “Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem” .....STS #32

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

Scripture readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Matthew 2:1-11

Message: “The Journey of a Thousand Miles” .....Pastor Dan

Hymn of response: “As with gladness men of old” ...HWB #218 (v.1-4)

Sharing Praises and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song: “Guide my feet” .....HWB #546 (v.1-3)

Benediction

Postlude: “Adoro Devote” .....arr by Richard Warner

**Thank you Cliff and Rich Linder and Glenn Hostetler for continuing the tradition here at Beech by offering oranges to the congregation.**

\*Prior to the service, please take one of the forms from the wooden box (next to Diana’s door). Complete it for any announcement you would like made to the congregation, and place it back in the box on the other side. The Worship Leader will make sure to have these requests and present them from the pulpit.

Dan’s office days this week: Tue, Wed, Fri; Diana’s: Thur, Fri. Diana’s new hours will be 8-4 on Mon (tomorrow is a holiday), 8-4 on Thurs and Fri.

**This week:**

**Jan 4 (Wed) All Day:** *MWS Quilting & Knotting. January’s & February’s project will be items for the Child Care Center (see “Branching Out”). Anna Belle will have a devotional. Bring lunch!*

**Also on Jan 4, 6:15pm: Bible Study at Beech**

**Jan 7 (Sat) 8 am: All men are invited to attend the Beech Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans restaurant, Lesh St (off 62 by WalMart). We will discuss attending a Canton Charge basketball game. Go to <http://www.nba.com/dleague/canton/schedule/>. Bring some dates of interest to the meeting.**

**Looking Ahead:**

**Jan 9 (Mon) 7pm: Shepherd’s Gate Board Meeting**

**Jan 12 (Thu) 7pm: Elders’ Meeting at Bryan’s**

**Jan 18 (Wed) 7-9pm: Worship Workshop. More info later.**

**Jan 19 (Thu) 7pm: Council Meeting**

**Jan 19-25 (Thu-Wed): Dan & Jeanette out of town**

**Jan 20 (Fri) 8pm: Ohio Vortex Soccer Team-Church Night @ Canton Civic Cntr. \$10; group rate( 20+) \$7. Benefit: Hammer & Nails & others (see bbd). Group rate deadline: Jan 12 . Jodi: 330.327.7167 [jodi.wayble@hammerandnails.org](mailto:jodi.wayble@hammerandnails.org)**

**Jan 30 (Mon) 7pm: Ohio Conference “Listening Project”**

**Jan 27-28: Mother/Daughter Retreat at Camp Luz. [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com)**

**Feb 3-5: Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati. See bbd**

**Feb 24-25: MCC Great Lakes gathering, Berlin Mennonite Church.**

**Happy Birthday:**

*Jan 1 David Miller Jan 3 Cory Burdett Jan 6 Brenna & Kevin Roth*

A big THANK YOU to Heather Willett, Natalie Sommers, and Kristina Owen for baking Jesus’ birthday cakes that were passed out to the children on Christmas day!

*Please notice the REVISED copy of January 2012 calendar in your mailbox. It is more complete. You can return the first copy and put it in the receptacle on my front door. I will print on the other side. Thank you. Diana*

*Thank You Hearts & Hands Serving from all who received the thoughtful Christmas gifts, including Doreen Klan and Diana.*

*Thank You to all who donated food, helped serve, and helped in the clean-up last Sunday. Congregational Life Commission*

*Thank You Beech Church Congregation for all the cards, visits, and prayers for our Mom. Your support means so much to all of us.  
Judy Stutzman and Family*

*The Millers would like to express their thanks to Beech Mennonite Church for all the cards, visits and prayers during our Dad's illness and his passing. God Bless You All*

Attendance Last Sunday (Dec 25)	152
Gifts for Jesus	\$2,231.61
General Fund Receipts	\$3,955.10
Designations	250.00
Total Offering	\$4,205.10

#### PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK...

...Praise God for new faces during our Christmas worship services  
...continued recovery from surgeries: Larry H, Joan K, Jean B,  
...those among us with continuing health needs: Hilda Schmucker,  
Mercie Lehman, Marlene Hostetler, Duane Sommers' sister Sherri,  
and Terry Hershberger (Barry's brother)  
...our sister church in Ohio Conference: First Mennonite Church,  
Canton, OH, Pastor Dan and Julia Hooley  
...Jason/Heather Rissler, pastor couple for the Strasburg church plant.  
...pray for the E Ohio Church Plant Resource Team as they seek God's  
guidance to initiate church planting in other locales in eastern OH.  
...pray for Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, which suffered a devastating storm Dec 19. See bbd for letter from Nard and info for sending donations.  
...our governmental leaders - local, state, national  
...our Mission Partners:  
    Juan & Shannon Aguero family – Paraguay  
    Galen and Bonnie Stutzman – Wycliffe/JARRS – NC  
    Inostroza family in Bariloche, Argentina  
...MEA: Pray for Goshen College students who leave Thurs for Study-Service Term in Peru.  
...MMN: Pray the seeds planted by MMN personnel and partners would thrive in 2012 as we, the global church, work together as Christ's body.  
...MCC: Pray for HELP in responding to the emergency needs in Lligan City in the Philippines. MCC has joined with Peace Builders Community INC. as partners in the distribution of food and non-food items to about 7,500 people. Cash donations are requested. See bbd.

*Please note: The mailboxes have been adjusted to make room for new names (yeah). Some names are out of order per a request or because of height restraints. Please make sure you are in the right mailbox.*

**You can help Wycliffe Bible Translators' Philippine missionary Rudy Barlaan in his work with language translation by supporting James Miller's planned March 2012 trip to work on building repairs in the dibagat village. Approximate cost is \$2,500; contributions can be made to the church's "Philippine Fund".**

*Greeters: Today: Arden, Tim                      Jan 8: Dale, Brandon  
Nursery: Today: Julie Linder                    Jan 8: Gladys Vernier  
Ushers: Today: Corey W, Cliff L, Jarrod M, Cory B  
            Jan 8: Jarrod M, Cory B, Duane S, David M Jr  
Next Sunday's Worship Service:  
Worship Leader: Jeanette                      Song Leader: Grace  
Pianist: Jessica M                                Sound: TBA  
Theme: "First Steps"*

**9am-next to Dan's office. Come and pray for the day!**

#### SERMON NOTES