

Beech Mennonite Church

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Dec 18, 2011, 4th Sunday of Advent
"Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect"

WE GATHER TO STUDY.....9:30 am
Nursery -- main floor, north
Classes for Preschool thru Grade 6 -- basement
Teens -- main floor, south
Adult Classes: **See below

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.....10:30am
Worship Leader.....Nancy Schneider
Song leader.....Barry Hershberger
Organist Marilyn Herris

Prelude: "Once In Royal David's City".....arr by A Whitworth
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory".....arr by H DeCou

Welcome and Announcements*
Preparation for Worship: "While Shepherds Watched".....by A Bichsel
Lighting Advent candles
Call to Worship (back of bulletin) and Prayer
Worship in Song: "To us a Child of hope is born".....HWB #189
"Lo, How a Rose e're blooming".....HWB #211

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"....arr by J. Walther/G. Young
Praise Team - Theme song: "My soul cries out".....STS #124
Children's Time:

Children's Bell Choir (Go tell it on the mountain)....Stephanie Miller
Advent Choir: "A Gift of Love".....by Joel Raney
(children ages 2-5 and Kindergarten dismissed for Jr Church)

Scripture readings: Isaiah 42:1-9.....Andrew Parrish/Dave Sommers
Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Message: "Reordering our World".....Pastor Dan
Hymn of response: "My soul proclaims with wonder".....HWB #181
Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer
Closing song: "Peace before us" (v 1,4,5).....STS #16
BenedictionSTS #132
Postlude: "The Birthday of a King".....by R Douglas

Hear "The Messiah" today, 2:30pm, Oak Grove Mennonite, Smithville

*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: Mon, Thur, Fri

**Adult SS classes for fall quarter:

College age: Pastor's Conference Room, Tanya H
Young Adult: Rm 3, Stephanie Miller, DVD series by Max Lucado
"God's Story, Your Story"
Older Adults: Elective Class: Library, Roger Slater,
"With God on the Hiking Trail"
Friendship Circle: Rm 4, Lavera, "God establishes a faithful people"
Christian Fellowship Women's class: Rm 5, Grace Hostetler,
"God establishes a faithful people"

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSAL TODAY (SUN) 4PM

This week:

Dec 21 (Wed) 6:15pm: Bible Study
(Wed night until ELF night resumes)

Dec 24 (Sat) 6:30pm: Christmas Eve Service – Choir Cantata and Candlelight Carols

Dec 25 (Sun) 9:30-10:15: Christmas Day! Join us for a continental breakfast, sponsored by Congregational Life Commission. No Sunday School; Worship Service at the usual 10:30.

Jan 7 (Sat) 8 am: All men are invited to attend the Beech Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans restaurant on Lesh St (off 62 by WalMart). We will be planning projects for the coming year.
Jan 27-28: Mother/Daughter Retreat at Camp Luz. www.campluz.com
Feb 3-5: Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati. See bbd for details.
Feb 24-25: MCC Great Lakes gathering, Berlin Mennonite Church.
More info coming soon.

To my friends and family at Beech! Thank you all so much for all you've done for us this past year! I appreciate you all more than you will ever know. Love, Melanie Black

Thanks to Shari's planning (along with a couple co-conspirators here!) and my SS class, sewing group & other friends who helped me celebrate my birthday with a luncheon Sunday. What good memories I will have! Thanks again! Lois Leidig

Today is the last day to order Poinsettias, Red or White, \$8.50. See/Call Sandy Simon.

Happy Birthday:

Dec 19 Heather Willett Dec 21 Gladys Vernier Dec 23 Earl Schmucker

Consider this paper-saving idea: 1 Christmas Card for all of Beech...on bbd next to front doors.

Greeters: Today: Don, Gladys Dec 25: Pat, TBA
Nursery: Today: Melanie B/Kayla W Dec 25: Lois Leidig/Diana
Ushers: Today: David Jr, Duane, Andrew W, Ken Willet
Dec 25: Ken and Andrew Willet, Corey W, Cliff L

Next Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Leader: Rachel *Song Leader:* Grace *Organist:* Sheila
Sound: Larry E *Theme:* "Celebrating Our Savior"

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK...

...those among us with health needs: Joan Krabill, Hilda Schmucker, Jean Burdett, Mercie Lehman, Marlene Hostetler, , Randy Murray's wife Amy, Duane Sommers' sister Sherri, Terry Hershberger, ...the Stutzman and Miller families following the deaths of Bernice and John

... Larry Herris who will have surgery Mon, Dec19
...our sister church in Ohio Conference: Fairpoint Mennonite Church, Fairpoint, Ohio, Pastor Darrel and Ruth Ann McVay
...Jason/Heather Rissler, pastor couple, for the Strasburg church plant.
...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 the healing of Bill Detra, a teacher at Sarasota Christian School, who was badly injured in a bicycle accident.
...MMN: Pray for the Sawatzky family who is saying goodbye to loved ones in the US and returning to life in South Africa
...MCC: Pray for the needs of MCC's summer SWAP program.

Join us on Sunday morning at 9 in the room next to Dan's office for a time of prayer for our congregation, worship service, SS teachers, and Pastor Dan.

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe needs volunteers to work a few hours a week. Interested? Call Sarah Troyer @ 330-877-2315

Attendance Last Sunday (Dec 11)	160
General Fund Receipts	\$2,102.72
Designations	-0-
Total Offering	\$2,102.72

Please give or e-mail (schlonaa@gmail.com) your items for the January newsletter to Alma Schloneger by December 25.

The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) is holding a 12-wk workshop- Louisville Church of Christ, 1520 California Ave, Jan 3, 6:30 pm. This is an educational program designed to foster learning, healing, and empowerment among families of persons with emotional, mental, and neurobiological disorders. Call 330-455-6264

Basketball fans: talk to Matt about the possibility of a group outing to a *Charge* basketball game.

GIFTS FOR JESUS: *At our Christmas Eve service, Missions & Service Commission would like you to consider giving to our "Gifts for Jesus" offering. Started by Paul & Grace Brunner, former pastors at Beech, this gift offering is your way of giving a "gift to Jesus". It will be divided and sent to different ministries and missions projects nearby, as well as around the world. Thank you for your generosity.*

Marilyn Schell's new email address is: schellmj@hotmail.com

SERMON NOTES

Mary's Song –

"...weaving together j_____ and m_____ into a seamless garment."

Jesus – *"full of g_____ and t_____"* (John 1:14)

"Like _____ like son"

Our model: Jesus and the woman.....

"_____ is the child birthed by the union of justice and mercy."