

Beech Mennonite Church

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"Make level paths for your feet" Hebrew 12:13a

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.....Ann Leaman
Song leader.....Grace Hartman
Pianist.....Jessica MacAdam

Prelude: *"Compassionata"*.....by David Lanz

Welcome and Announcements*

Preparation for Worship: *"O For A Closer Walk With God"*...by J B Dykes

Lighting Advent candles

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

Worship in Song: *"Bless'd be the God of Israel"*.....HWB #174

"O come, O come, Immanuel".....HWB #172

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *"How Firm a Foundation"*.....arr by Carol Tornquist

Praise Team - Theme song: *"My soul cries out"*.....STS #124

Children's Time.....Ann Leaman

Choir: *"A Thrill of Hope"*.....by Joel Raney

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

Scripture readings: *Isaiah 40:1-11*.....Andrew Parrish & Dave Sommers

Mark 1:1-8

Message: *"Changing the Landscape"*.....Pastor Dan

Hymn of response: *"Arise, your light is come"*.....STS #30

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Postlude: *"Rock of Ages"*.....by Thomas Hastings

*Prior to the service, give the Worship leader a written note of items you want highlighted.

Dan's office days this week: Tue, Wed,Thur; 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"

The Advent Choir will rehearse today,
Sun (Dec 4), at 3:30pm and Wed, Dec 7, at 7:00pm.

*Next Sunday: Welcome "The Brass Society" -- a brass quintet
that will play during our morning service.*

Children's Bell Choir: School age children will rehearse today
during Children's Church for a special performance on Dec 18.

December 17, 5-7 pm: CHRISTMAS CAROLING! The
sign-up list is on the bbd next to the front doors.

This week:

Dec 5 (Mon) 7pm: Kidron Mennonite. Nard Puggyao will be
speaking to the Wycliffe Chapter of Wayne County

Dec 6 (Tues): No Bible Study tonight

9am-9pm: Malone University Campus Ministries' Gift Market will
host a creative gift giving event focused on national/international
charities. Fair-trade products available. Child-friendly display –
the Stewart Room in the "Barn". Questions? See Tanya

Dec 7 (Wed) all day: Knotting & Quilting

**Bring mittens, caps, scarves for the "Mitten Tree." Bring a salad,
dessert, or casserole to share for lunch. Patty will have devotions.**

7pm: Choir Practice

Dec 8 (Thu) 10 am: Lavera's Bible Study

A Christmas devotional and lunch

Looking Ahead:

Dec 13 (Tue) 7pm: Elder's Meeting at the church

Hear the Messiah this year:

Dec 11 (Sun) 3pm: Washington High School, Massillon - \$9

Dec 18 (Sun) 2:30pm: Oak Grove Mennonite , Smithville - offering

TODAY -- 5pm: CHRISTMAS DINNER/THEATRE BY MYF

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

*We would like to thank our wonderful Beech family for helping us this
Thanksgiving season. We have been so blessed in finding this church, the
caring and kindness of our brothers and sisters here, and the love of our
precious Lord. Thank you and God Bless each and every one of you.
Al & Mickie Rankin*

*Greeters: Today: Arden, Tim Dec 11: Dale, Pat
Nursery: Today: Alma Dec 11: Anna Belle
Ushers: Today: Corey W, Cliff, Jarrod, Cory B
 Dec 11: Jarrod, Cory B, David M Jr, Duane*

Next Sunday's Worship Service:

*Worship Leader: Matt Song Leader: Bryan Organist: Marilyn
Sound: Larry E Theme: "Transforming Our Sorrow"*

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK...

...those among us with health needs: John Miller Sr, Bernice Stutzman,
Hilda Schmucker, Jean Burdett, Mercie Lehman, Marlene
Hostetler, Randy Murray's wife Amy, Duane Sommers' sister Sherri,
Terry Hershberger, Lynn Schrock, Paul Gingerich, and
Freddy Miller (Cliff's friend)
...Doreen Klan's family with the recent death of her sister-in-law
...Sandy Roth's brothers, sisters, and father
...Jarrod Mottice's step Mom and family at the passing of her father
...Edith & Larry in the Phillipines who were recently robbed
...our sister church in Ohio Conference: Dayspring Christian
Fellowship, Massillon, Ohio, Pastor Jim and Pam Bartholomew
...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 all involved in the Bluffton University Choral
Society's presentation of Handel's Messiah today.
...MMN: Pray for new Christians in Mozambique, who have committed
their lives to Jesus through Bible studies led by Brazilian Mennonites
...MCC: Pray for Kits (Hygiene & School) - Recent shipments have
drained MCC's warehouses. They need 10,000 of each.

Thank you for the contributions to the Mitten Tree. We have delivered
18 scarves, 17 pair gloves/mittens, 28 hats, and 1 set of all 3. The items
will warm Stark County children and adults. Deadline for donations is
next Sunday, Dec 11.

Feb 3-5 (Fri-Sun): Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati. See bbd
for details. Flyers are on the countertop.

Poinsettias, Red or White, can be ordered for \$8.50. See Sandy Simon

Attendance Last Sunday (Nov 27)	130
General Fund Receipts	\$ 3,312.00
Designations	90.00
Total Offerings	\$ 3,402.00

*The Sharing With Appalachian People trip will be June 25-30, 2012. This is a
week long, MCC service project in Harlan, KY, where we will be assisting
local residents with home repairs. Children, youth and adults are welcome to
join us for a valuable week of work, fun and growth in Christ. The cost per
participant is \$325 which covers lodging, food during the week and building
supplies. Financial help is available for those who would like to go but may
not be able to afford the whole cost. Tanya Hershberger is coordinating the
trip and can be contacted at 330-588-8828. Commitments and a \$50 deposit
are due 1/22/12.*

December Prayer Vine (gold) on the countertop. Help yourself

SERMON NOTES

**Key thought: There is plenty of work for everyone
on God's road crew to prepare for the coming of Jesus.**

1. F _____ (*Mal. 4:5,6*)

2. E _____ (*Luke 3:10-14*)

3. W _____ (*Isa. 40:1,2*)

For Prayers for next Sun (12/11)

...pray for Joan Krabill, having surgery tomorrow at Cleveland Clinic