

Bethany Mennonite Church

December 2, 2018

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Our Mission: To exalt Jesus Christ by following Him in obedience, and to disciple and equip each believer to reach the lost with His love.

Welcome to Bethany!

If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us! We hope you feel at home. If you do not have a church home, please consider making Bethany Mennonite Church your spiritual home. Do stay awhile after worship so that we may meet you, and we invite you to come back and worship with us.

10:30 AM Welcome & Prayer Dave Miller

Praise Mitch Stanila

Message Sam Coblentz

Endurance Inspired By Hope

Romans 5:1-10

Song Mitch Stanila

Nursery Attendants

Today - Melissa Schrock/Gwen Schrock/Vivian Coblentz

December 9, 2018 - Nuray Slabaugh/Alanna Miller/Illiana Gonzalez

Library

Today - Sharon Schrock

December 9, 2018 - Brenda Troyer

Looking Ahead:

- Men's fellowship and breakfast December 8
- Youth Soup and Salad December 9
- Christmas Tea Dress Rehearsal December 15
- Christmas Tea December 16
- Dave & Esther's Retirement Party February 3

Attendance 11/25/18

Sunday School ~ 146 Worship Service ~ 182

2018 General Operating Budget	\$288,000.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,540.00
Giving week 47:	\$4,447.00
YTD Received through week 47:	\$222,664.00
YTD General Operating Budget week 47:	\$260,380.00

Happy Birthday:

12/2 Reed Bontrager

12/4 Scarlett Troyer

12/6 Allison Schloneger

12/7 Anna McMullen

12/7 Weston Beachy

12/2/18

Opening: Bob Miller

Praise: Sam Coblentz

Message: Matt Zook

Pray for our people & Community

Health: Nettie Coblentz, Richard & Esther Smith, Lucille Schlabach, Amanda Schlabach.

Missions: Victoria Troyer, Anna McMullen, Justin Denlinger, Brad & Kami Miller & family, A.J. Zook and Hannah Coblentz.

Students in College: Morgan Coblentz, Nicole Coblentz, Rachel Maino

Announcements

Membership: We will be receiving Chad & Kris McCully and Brittany Troyer as members on December 9.

Men's Breakfast and time of fellowship is planned for Saturday, December 8, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Please come and enjoy a time of connecting with other men and looking at the word of God. Invite your family and friends. Please remember to bring your Bibles. If you have any questions contact Geoff Miller.

The Leadership Team is planning for a time of Appreciation for Dave & Esther Slabaugh Sunday, February 3, 2019. We are looking for any photo's or video's that could be shared that day. If you have any suggestions for this day of appreciation please talk to Debbie Yoder or Matt Zook. We are accepting financial gifts that will be passed along to them as well as a token of appreciation. You can earmark your giving envelopes for Dave & Esther.

LOVE OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS is an opportunity for UNDER employed families to purchase gifts at a fraction of the cost. Gift Tags can be picked up from the ledge in the foyer - unwrapped gifts are due back by December 9th. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Please go to www.loveourcommunity.net for more information on this event and to find the volunteer link.

Children's Mission Project: During the Christmas season the children through young adult classes are collecting money to help families around the world. We are working through the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to help change families forever. So far we have helped a family bring water to their house, buy chickens, and provide meals for children at school. Stop by and look at the bulletin board by the coffeehouse with our offering totals and more information on specific needs. Our final offering is December 16 during the Sunday School hour with the announcement of what we have purchased at the Christmas Tea. May our Christmastime focus on Jesus and helping others and not on ourselves. If you have any questions contact Brenda Troyer.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap>

Christmas Tea Meal: There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for food items needed for the Christmas tea. All families also asked to bring one plate of cookies or candy.

Children's Choir Christmas Tea Practices: will begin Sunday, November 11 through Sunday, December 16 at 10 a.m. for ages 3 through 5th grade. These practices will be held in the 3-5th grade Sunday school classroom on the 2nd floor.

Jr. High Youth and Youth Group Christmas Tea Practices: will begin Wednesday, November 14 through Wednesday, December 12. These practices are for whomever would like to participate and will be held during the last half of the youth meetings.

Christmas Tea Dress Rehearsal: will be Saturday, December 15 for the full cast and choir. The time will be announced at a later date.

Christmas prelude music: any child through young adult who would like to sing a special song, play an instrument, or recite a Christmas poem or scripture can sign up for the prelude time. This can be an individual, duet, trio, or quartet. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you can talk to Brenda Troyer. Deadline for signing up is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th.



Romans 15:12-13

And again, Isaiah says,
“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.