

Bethany Mennonite Church

December 9, 2018

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***Deacons:** Geoff Slabaugh, Dave Miller, Geoff Miller & Bob Miller*

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 Bob Miller

Praise Sam Coblentz

Message Matt Zook

Jesus Gives Us Peace

John 14 25-31

Song Sam Coblentz

Join for food and fellowship after the service at the Youth Haystack Meal.

Nursery Attendants

Today -Nuray Slabaugh/Alanna Miller/Illiana Gonzalez
December 16, 2018 - Alexandra Miller/Eliz Slabaugh/Emma Miller

Library

Today - Brenda Troyer
December 16, 2018 - Kim Bezek

Looking Ahead:

- Christmas Tea Dress Rehearsal December 15
- Christmas Tea December 16
- Installation Service for Matt Zook December 30
- Prayer Night January 2
- Dave & Esther’s Retirement Party February 3

Attendance 12/2/18

Sunday School ~ 132 Worship Service ~ 209

2018 General Operating Budget	\$288,000.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,540.00
Giving week 48:	\$5733.00
YTD Received through week 48:	\$228,379.00
YTD General Operating Budget week 48:	\$265,920.00

Happy Birthday:

- 12/9 Paula Eby
- 12/11 Don Wagler
- 12/11 Brooke Hershberger
- 12/12 Ben Troyer
- 12/15 Marvin Troyer
- 12/15 Memphis Gingerich

12/16/18

- Opening: Geoff Miller
- Praise: Cameron Beachy
- Message: Marcus Sharp

Happy Anniversary

Geoff & Nuray Slabaugh (18)

Pray for our people & Community

Health: Nettie Coblentz, Richard & Esther Smith, 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 and Allison Schloneger

Announcements

Membership: Today we will be receiving Chad & Kris McCully and Brittany Troyer as members.

Corriann Cunningham (Lapp), was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She is scheduled for a double mastectomy surgery on December 17. This unexpected and shocking news is devastating to her and her family. At 36 years old, Corriann and her husband Lee, have been married for a little over 4 years. They have 2 young daughters, ages 3 and 1. If you would like to contribute to help them with their expense you may do so by ear-marking your giving for them.

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 TODAY. 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.

Attention Prayer Partners for Our Pastors: We will begin a new year to pray for our pastoral team. You may renew, dropout or choose another pastor. New partners are invited to sign up. Please include your contact information, with your phone number and preference to call, text or email, in case your pastoral partner needs to contact you. Be sure and sign up before December 23. Questions see Leon Hostetler.

Adult Choir practice for the Christmas Tea will be tonight, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

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.

Isaiah 40:3-5:

A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'"

