

Bethany Mennonite Church

December 16, 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 Geoff Miller

Praise Cameron Beachy

Message Marcus Sharp

Song Cameron Beachy

6:00 p.m. Tonight is the Christmas Tea Program
followed by food and fellowship.

Nursery Attendants

Today - Alexandra Miller/Eliz Slabaugh/Emma Miller

December 23, 2018 - Holly Yoder/Louise Stanila/Emma Bezek

Library

Today - Kim Bezek

December 23, 2018 - Sharon Schrock

Looking Ahead:

- Christmas Day December 25
- Installation Service for Matt Zook December 30
- Prayer Night January 2
- New Year's Day January 1
- Soup and Salad January 27
- Dave & Esther's Retirement Party February 3

Attendance 12/9/18

Sunday School ~ 146 Worship Service ~ 231

2018 General Operating Budget	\$288,000.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,540.00
Giving week 49:	\$14,643.00
YTD Received through week 49:	\$243,022.00
YTD General Operating Budget week 49:	\$271,460.00

Happy Birthday:

12/16 Brian Troyer

12/23/18

Opening: Geoff Slabaugh

Praise: Quinten Coblentz

Message: Matt Zook

Happy Anniversary

Curtis & Marylee Kramer (40)

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

Thank you for the prayers and the flowers during our loss of our mom. The Sylvia Troyer Family

Christmas Tea arrival time: Those with a speaking part and those who would like to practice their prelude music be at the church at 4:30 pm. All other children be at the church at 5 pm.

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.

Brianna Miller Mission Trip: “For those of you who don’t know, I will be leaving for Nepal in January for 6 months to work with a freedom business. Torrent (the business I will be working with), helps and teaches human trafficking victims valuable skills to eventually become employed. I appreciate all the prayers and support!” If you would like to support Brianna financially you can do so by earmarking your giving for her.

The work group going to Jamaica January 7 - 14 is looking for 1 or 2 people to take the group and luggage to Cleveland Airport and picking them back up. If anyone is available or interested in helping us; please talk to Wayne Troyer. Thanks!

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 2019 church calendars have been put in your mailboxes. If you attend Bethany and you do not have a mailbox and would like a calendar please see Debbie Yoder.

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.

Food for Installation Service: Sunday, December 30 Matt Zook will be installed as Senior Pastor. Following the service there is a fellowship meal. We are asking each family with the last name beginning with A-L to bring a dessert and M-Z a salad. The hot food is provided.

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.



Matthew 2:10-11

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (NIV)