

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Jason Boone of Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of "moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat." Pray for Jesus' peace in their lives.

Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains in WDC who provide pastoral care in retirement communities and hospitals, and for all through whom God's healing and hope flow to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

This congregation: We begin our Advent prayers with humble silence and reflection. We long for justice and righteousness. Pray that our faith will be "unbound" from prejudice, misunderstanding and grumbling and "bound" for freedom and hope.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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Church office hours: 9:00 a.m. – noon on Mon – Fri; 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

Notary public service is available in the church office.

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Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

November 22 at BCMC: Attendance 298. General Fund \$3,320; Living Stones \$5,660; Transfer-General \$40; General Fund 2016 \$5,500; Caring Fund \$245; Flower Fund \$14; Wednesday night supper \$451.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 29, 2015

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November 29, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

Advent 1: Freedom Bound: The Path of Justice

GATHERING

Prelude

Nancy Mueller, Matthew Schloneger, Bethany Schrag, vocalists
Karen Loucks, pianist

Introit *There is more love somewhere*

Advent 1 Candle lighting: Adam Robb and Jonah Schloneger

Opening prayer Elizabeth Raid, worship leader

***Hymn** *O Come, O come, Immanuel* **HWB 172**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson and "Jeremiah"

Worship Music *Pat-a-Pan* arr. Eithun
Chancel Bells
Keith and Donna Woolery, percussion

Scripture reading Luke 21:25-36 Mike Claassen

Sermon *Paths of Justice* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* **HWB 185**

Prayers of God's People

Offering

During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

Offertory

People with November birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring hymnal).

***Dedication hymn** *Gloria* **HWB 204**
(unison, twice)

***Dedication prayer**

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

Service of Communion

Invitation and prayer

**Communion (take bread, dip into cup; eat;
hold tray for your neighbor)**

Worship music *A la Nanita Nana* arr. Gramann
Chancel Bells

Prayer of thanksgiving

SENDING

Words of Liberation Adam Robb and Jonah Schloneger

***Closing Hymn** *Praise the One who breaks the darkness* **STS 1**
(purple)

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STS** = *Sing the Story (purple)*
STJ = *Sing the Journey (green)*

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The nursery at rear of sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers. Following Time with Children, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

Special Advent Event: The Sunflower Trio and special guests Rosewood Winds will present a concert celebrating the life and work of Dr. J. Harold Moyer (1927-2012), long-time Professor of Music at Bethel College, **7 p.m., tonight** at BCMC. (Note change of time.) The concert will feature the release of The Sunflower Trio's new recording *Reflections: The Music of J. Harold Moyer*. An offering will be taken to support the BCMC Organ Fund/Living Stones.

Thanksgivings: to the Facilities Committee for the work of collecting brush, leaves and removing a dead tree from our property; to the Decoration Committee for their imaginative design for both Thanksgiving and Advent seasons; to the mentor pair (Adam Robb and Jonah Schloneger) for candle-lighting; to Monica Lichti for bulletin design; and to musicians who invite us to worship with special anthems.

This Week at BCMC: November 29 – December 6, 2015

You are invited to Kidron Bethel's 9th annual Christmas Gift Market

Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in Menno Hall Chapel and Welcome Center. Handcrafted Artisan Gifts and Homemade Goodies, Peppernuts plus quilted items and more.

Newton Treble Clef Club presents Christmas Vespers, Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m. (prelude 2:45 p.m.), First Presbyterian Church, 900 N. Columbus Ave., Newton. Free will offering taken.

Everence presents informational seminar, “Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices” at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mon., Dec. 7, Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Reserve a spot with tanya.burns@everence.com; (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294.

Olson Annual Music Scholarship Fundraising Home Tour: Ron and Lois Preheim are welcoming guests to tour their home on December 13 as a part of the Olson Annual Music Scholarship Fundraising Home Tour. The Preheim home is one of four homes on the tour. Seasonal Music will be presented at each location. The afternoon tour will begin at 2 p.m. and the evening tour begins at 7 p.m. Reservations are required and are available at Prairie Harvest.

2016 Cornelius Krahn Mennonite Multimedia Contest for High

Schoolers: The *Mennonite Life* journal invites high school scholars and artists to submit historical essays, creative writing, multimedia projects, or original works of art or music on topics related to Mennonite and Anabaptist history, identity, or theology. Cash prizes awarded, as well as matching scholarship from Bethel, Hesston, and Tabor Colleges. Submissions to mennonite-life@bethelks.edu by Apr. 1, 2016. For more information, see ml.bethelks.edu.

If sexualized violence concerns you, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. invites you to participate in an online survey about this issue. Your answers to the open-ended questions will be used to guide MCC U.S. in its creation of trainings and resources for pastors and leaders in the faith community. Log on to mcc.org/wwso to complete the survey by the end of December.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is accepting applications for a Director of Programs, open within the Central States Region and responsible for the direction and oversight of all of MCC Central States Programs. Expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. More details at serve.mcc.org (look for Director of Programs -CS) or email Heidi Huber, Human Resources Coordinator, at heidihuber@mcc.org.

Today—November 29—First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available

10:30 a.m. Children’s snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!

- Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3rd grade in B3; 4 – 5th grade in B8
- Junior High students (6 – 8th grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students – Room 22—*Can I ask that?*
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*Youth sport issues*, Stan Eitzen
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*World Conference Reflections*, Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— *Favorite quotes*
- Sojourners—Chapel
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

7:00 p.m. Sunflower Trio Concert—Sanctuary

Monday, Nov. 30

2:30 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B-7

Tuesday, Dec. 1

1:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

3:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, Dec. 2

8:00 a.m. Worship Planning Meeting—Rm 14

11:00 a.m. Messiah Sing--Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, Dec. 3

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa

4:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, December 6—Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude by Margaret and Francis Toews; Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

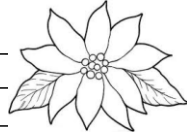
Happy Birthday to Verna Goering who turned 100 years old on November 9!

You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 6.** Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm or 11 pm program.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____



Bethel College Announcements:

- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah***, with Bethel College orchestra and vocal soloists, Wed., Dec. 2 11 a.m., BCMC.
- **Christmas Gala Jazz**, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, Fri., Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Five Places of Christmas, Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**; the Bethel College Women's Association will have a display of Nativity sets from around the world, set up "around the circle" in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will also be a bake sale and a gift shop. At Kauffman Museum, director Annette LeZotte, an art historian, will speak on "Day or Night? Two Paintings of Christ's Nativity" at 11 a.m. Other places are Warkentine House, Carriage Factory Gallery and the Harvey County Historical Museum. Admission is free.
- **Donna Hetrick recital, *Organ Music for Advent and Christmas*, Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m.**, Administration Building chapel at Bethel College
- **30th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, Sun., Dec. 6, 8 p.m.**, the Green in the center of campus; refreshments follow in cafeteria.

Ten Thousand Villages Countdown: Just a few days until the Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale begins in Newton. New this year: Coffee, tea, chocolate, items from new fair trade artisans, new items on display every day, ten dollar Ten Thousand Village gift cards given to the first 30 customers who purchase \$100 merchandise. November 27-December 5 (except Sunday) 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N Main, Newton.

The Lead Pastoral Search Committee will meet with the Church Board this week to present the BCMC Congregational Information Form for their review and action. We then enter the candidate search and review phase of our work. We invite all to continue to contact any member of the committee as you discern names for someone who you believe would be an outstanding lead pastor for our church. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*

Receiving medical care this week: Clinton Koppes is receiving hospice care at Asbury Park.

We thank the many fellow church members for the acts of kindness and concern during Alice's hospitalization at Newton and stay at Schowalter Villa. ~ *Alice and John Suderman*

Giving opportunities for Thanksgiving and Advent 2015

During the Thanksgiving season, the Deacon Commission invites contributions to the **above-budget Caring Fund** to assist congregation and community members with needs such as utility and rent expenses, food or other emergencies. Contributions may be put in the regular offering, with checks made out to BCMC and designated "Caring Fund."

Participate in this year's Advent giving project for Mennonite Central Committee's aid to refugee camps. "Soap and towels" are useful in many settings. **Children bring soap:** new bars of bath soap—all sizes and brands of bar soap are welcome; please leave in wrapper. **Adults bring towels:** NEW bath and hand towels: good quality dark or bright colors, medium weight preferred; washcloths are not needed. Baskets will be located in the sanctuary for donations. Thanks to the Faith Formation and Witness Commissions for coordinating this project. All donations will be dedicated on Christmas Sunday – December 27.

Harvest of Love. This annual campaign sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance and Salvation Army gathers non-perishable food and donations to assist households in need in Harvey County. To contribute make checks payable to "Harvest of Love" and send to Salvation Army at 208 W. 6th St., Newton, KS 67114. There are envelopes for contributions in the literature racks in the front foyer. You may also bring non-perishable food items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance of the sanctuary. **Salvation Army is in urgent need of children's coats, hats, mittens and gloves, as cold weather arrives.** Please remember this particular need along with your fundraising and food drives. Salvation Army would like these children's items by December 15 so that they can be distributed on December 17.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter. *Deck the Halls – A Fundraising Non Event through December 31, 2015.* A fun way to contribute to the ministry of the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. No gift too small as each dollar is a blessing to the ministry of the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Send donations to HCHS, PO Box 978, Newton, KS, 67114. Prayerfully also consider how you can financially support the ministry of HCHS in 2016. See the card on the church bulletin board for more information.

Peace Connections. See the *Peace Connections Newsletter* on the bulletin board for Ways to Give to Peace Connections.