

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network's Jackson, Mississippi, Service Adventure unit in thanking God for a good start to their year living and serving in community. Pray for unit leaders Caleb and Hannah Hochstetler, and participants Susannah Epp, Valerie Haupt, Niklas Kugler, and Jenessa Woodrich.

Western District Conference: On this World Communion Sunday, give thanks that WDC is part of the global body of Christ, and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world.

This congregation: Give thanks for the historic and continuing connections between BCMC and Bethel College. Pray that God will bless and provide for the College administration, students and faculty members.

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.–12:00 p.m. on Mon – Fri; 1:00 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

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

Saturdays—building is locked at noon; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.

Notary public service is available in the church office

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Bethel College Mennonite Church

October 2, 2016

Sept. 25 at BCMC: Attendance 231 . General Fund \$4,171.97; Living Stones \$2,940; Media Supplies \$100; Transfer-General \$400; Ruth Linscheid Memorial \$100; Marie Snider Memorial \$145.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
Fall Fest Sunday—October 2, 2016
9:45 a.m. Prelude—10:00 a.m. Worship

GO.....AND BE A BLESSING

GATHERING

Prelude *Partita on St. Thomas* Haan
 Dr. Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, organ
Poor Man Lazrus arr. Hairston
 Open Road
Resurrection Medley arr. Parks
 Grace Bradfield, violin; Dr. Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, piano
Calling My Children Home
 arr. Lason, Waller, Yeats
 Woven
Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder Anonymous
 Bethel College Brass Quintet

Introit *I will lift mine eyes* Runestad
 Bethel College Concert Choir; Dr. William Eash, director

Welcome and call to worship Pastor June Thomsen

Prayer


***Gathering Hymn** *God of grace and God of glory* **HWB 366**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choral Preparation *Peace Prayer* Latona
 Soloists: Sydney Bollinger, Olivia Leif
 Saxophone: Westen Gesell

Congregational refrain: Make of me an instrument of thy peace

Peace Prayer of St. Francis



English: Make of— me an in-stru-ment of thy— peace.
 Spanish: Haz de— mí un in-stru-ment-o de tu paz.
 French: Fais de— moi un in-stru-ment— de ta paix.

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Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- **The dam at Camp** will be removed Sun., Oct. 16, beginning at 2 p.m. People are welcome to participate or to watch. Dress appropriately and bring spare clothes if you would like to change after helping. Whatever the weather, it will proceed unless it is determined to be unsafe. Contact if questions.
- **Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6.

Mennonite Central Committee-Central States still needs a few items to complete kits in order for them to be sent around the world for distribution. Current needs are: rulers (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in), hand towels (dark color), dressmaker's scissors, bar soap (packaged, not boxed) and infant sleepers. Your donation of these items in person, via Amazon Smile or check (designated MCC Kits) is appreciated. Call 316.283.2720 if questions.

Western District Conference Reference Council will be at Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with scripture reflections by Lois Barrett, storytelling and table conversations on the theme *Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban Context*. Lunch provided; contributions invited to help cover expenses. If interested in carpooling from Kansas Call WDC, 283-6300. Hotel suggestions at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016fallReference>. RSVP to WDC by Oct. 10.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Musicians scheduled to perform are Ken Rodgers, organ; Open Road, a male vocal group from Bethel College; McPherson Brass Quintet; and Donna Stucky, piano. Admission free with a free-will offering.

Book of JEBB will have a free concert at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Come hear bluegrass, gospel and folk music by Bethany Amstutz Schrag, Ben Regier, Eric Schrag and Tim Regier. An offering will be taken for the church Musical Instrument Fund.

You are invited to participate in the *Loss of Turtle Island* Mon., Oct. 10, 7 p.m., in the Dugan Conference Center at Newman University (3100 McCormick Ave., Wichita). This Doctrine of Discovery event is in conjunction with the Newman Studies course *Stories of Home and Immigration*. Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall from Mennonite Central Committee Central States will facilitate the participatory exercise. The activity is described by Kaufman Wall as, "A participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers — including Mennonites—and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination—all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery." People of all ages are welcome! RSVP for this event to Sonja Bontrager, Assistant Professor of Spanish at Newman University 316.942.4921 ex. 2158.

Aziza Hasan, founder of NewGround, a Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change will have a presentation and workshop at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 South Lorraine, Wichita, for LAMC's Peace Weekend presentation Sat., Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m. with a faspá at 4 p.m.) RSVP to secretary@lorraineavenue.org.

How do we respond to tragedy in our midst? AMBS-Kansas Center and Hesston College joining together to offer two events on responding to trauma. Beginning Oct. 18, join AMBS-Kansas Center for a short course entitled *Communities in Trauma: Responding Biblically, Theologically, and Ethically*. This continuing education course will explore trauma from a theological lens and will include testimony, biblical study, and practical and ethical ways to respond in the midst of tragedy. This February, join Hesston College for their Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) for *When the Unthinkable Happens*, a resourcing event on trauma and resilience. Anyone who registers for both events will receive a \$60 discount off the price of AVDS. For more information and registration, see: <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/communities-in-trauma.cfm>

A celebration and fundraising dinner for Instituto Biblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA) will be Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Contact Violeta Ajquejay at 316-281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org.

Kidron Bethel Village is holding an Independent Living Open House Oct. 2, 1-3 p.m. Homes open are 2902A and 2904B on Ivy Drive. Call 620-327-3475 for more information.

Scripture Reading	Genesis 12:1-3	Jalen Sykes
Reflection		Sarah Balzer
Choral Response	<i>The road home</i>	Paulus Madison Hofer-Holdeman, soloist
Reflection		Kyle Regier
Choral Response	<i>Crossing the bar</i>	Mills
Reflection		Kimberly Carbonell

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Anthem	<i>I don't feel no ways tired</i>	arr. Gibbs
Hymn	<i>In lonely mountain ways</i>	HWB 560
Offering Prayer		Pastor June Thomsen
Offertory	<i>Making or Breaking</i>	Arnesen Westen Gesell; soprano saxophone
Prayers of God's people		Campus Pastor Peter Goerzen

SENDING

*Sending Hymn	<i>Guide my feet</i>	HWB 546 Aaron Tschetter and Riley King, leaders
*Benediction		
*Choral Response	<i>The Lord bless you and keep you</i>	Lutkin
*Postlude	Postlude on <i>Lauda Anima</i>	Powell Dr. Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, organ

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i>
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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.

Narrative of Service

We enter to the musical selections performed by Bethel College students. Worship then begins with a choral setting of the text of Psalm 121, "I will lift mine eyes." This Psalm of Ascents, recited by ancient travelers on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, reminds worshipers both of the vulnerability of sojourn (injury, the elements, evil), and of God's watchful care over those who journey.

Pastor June's call to worship and prayer gather us in to this time and space. Then, the gathering hymn answers the Introit's assurance of God's protection with traditional zest for the journey (e.g. Psalm 122). It is a stalwart prayer for empowerment for the journey: for freedom from evil; for focus on the journey's goal; for resolute service to God.

The Choral Preparation invites us into a particular spirit for hearing God's Word. Today, we listen so that we might be instruments of our Lord's peace, and thus fulfill the purpose of our journey: to be a blessing for the world (Gen. 12:3).

The Scripture Reading comes from Genesis 12:1-3, a key part of the common biblical texts for this year's Basic Issues in Faith and Life capstone course. The text comes at a pivotal moment in the story. The call of God, "Go," interrupts the bleak cycles of despair and death of Genesis 11. Abram and Sarai are to be sojourners, not settlers in Canaan. They must hold possessions lightly, looking for security rather in relationships, and, ultimately, in God's faithfulness to them. Theirs is to be a life of radical trust and hospitality. Their posture of sojourn and trust will usher forth God's blessings for and through them, even as God will remain unconditionally faithful to the divine call and promise.

The cycle of spoken reflection and choral response offers varied perspectives on the central themes sounded by Genesis 12:1-3: call, sojourn, blessing. After Sarah's reflection, the choral response echoes the call of Genesis 12:1, "Rise up, follow me, come away." In this context, the "voice" becomes the Word of God, which the wanderer follows. The wanderer can carry only love for the journey to find the beauty of belonging. Even while "home" remains an assurance for the future, the repeated resolution to the tonic or home chord leaves one, paradoxically, with the sense of realized fulfillment as the wanderer follows the Voice.

After Kyle's reflection, the choral response broods over life's final journey in this setting of Tennyson's text. The sand bar at the sea becomes the final threshold to cross between life and death. Into this tranquil setting comes the interruption Paul's bold proclamation of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. The nautical imagery invites reflection on the traditional representation of the church as a boat, which anchors the central panel of the stained glass above the choir.

Following Kim's reflection, the choir responds with an exuberant setting of the African-American spiritual, "I don't feel no ways tired." With the opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Ameri-

Ben Kreider and Allison Rudeen are getting married at BCMC on October 8. While this is not an open church wedding, we extend our joy and congratulations!

We offer sympathy to John and Elsie Sheriff, Kent, Michelle and Jarrett Sheriff, Karen Sheriff LeVan, David, William and Brett LeVan on the death of John's brother, Kenneth Sheriff, Sept. 22, Salem, Missouri. The funeral for Kenneth was Sept. 25 at First Baptist Church, Salem.

We offer sympathy to Carol Cranston and Shondra Cranston on the death of Carol's mother, (Shondra's grandmother), Wilmetta Dietzel, Sept. 24 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. The memorial service was Sept. 29 at Hesston College Mennonite Church.

We offer sympathy to Kathryn Stucky, Jack Brubacher and the Brubacher family on the death of Kathryn's and Jack's sister-in-law, Margaret (Wedel) Brubacher, Sept. 25 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. The memorial service was Sept. 29 at the Hesston Mennonite Church.

The Funeral Committee is seeking people who would be willing to bake cookies for a meal served after funeral/memorial services. At this time three Women's Fellowship Circles take turns with the responsibility and we would like to add another group. When it is the new group's turn in rotation, members of the group would be asked to bake three dozen cookies or bar cookies and bring them to the church kitchen in time to be served with the meal. If willing to contribute, please contact one of the co-chairs of the Funeral Committee, Ilene Schmidt (283-4307); Aldine Sprunger (283-0508) or Virginia Benninghoff (282-7180).

Mennonite Central Committee announces new staff. Sarah Fleming is the new MCC Central States Thrift Shop Coordinator, providing support and services to the 11 thrift shops in the Central States region as well as seeking out future thrift opportunities in the region. Sarah will work from her home in Iola, KS. Kate Mast is the new MCC Central States Workroom Supervisor, overseeing the processing of material aid donations and coordination of collecting, assembling and distribution of MCC kits, which includes providing educational opportunities and volunteer management.

Joshua Davis, the author of the Hesston College and area community read, *Spare Parts*, will share in a 7:30 p.m. presentation, Oct. 4, at Hesston Mennonite Church. He will also speak at Hesston Public Library at 1 p.m., Oct. 5. The presentations are free and open to the public. *Spare Parts* is the true story of four undocumented teenagers from Mexico and living in Phoenix who were inspired by their high school science teachers to be greater than their adversity and be successful in building an underwater robot to compete against corporate-sponsored collegiate teams.

If you would like to subscribe to *The Mennonite*, the church has a group subscription. It is time to renew—for 2017, subscription will be \$37.00. Email the office: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org if you wish to subscribe or drop this by the office, with payment, as soon as possible. Name _____ wishes to subscribe

Staff: John Tyson is out of the office from Sept. 30-Oct. 2.
Susan Wheeler is out of the office from Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

BCMC has withdrawn from participation in the Harvest Giving Walk in Goessel.

Revelations in Wood: The Sculpture of John Gaeddert, 1950-2015, will be the featured exhibit in the Robert W. Regier Art Gallery, Bethel College from Sept. 30-Oct. 28.

All are invited to BCMC Afternoon at the P and M Pumpkin Ranch in Moundridge, Oct. 16, from 3-6 p.m. Sponsored by the Faith Formation Commission, admission for all children, Junior High youth, and Senior High youth will be covered by the Faith Formation Commission. Admission for adults will be at the discounted price of \$5. We hope this is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship together!

Audiovisual projectionists needed. Please contact the office if you would like to be part of a small team of people to help Sunday school classes and other groups with their DVD and Power Point projection needs. Training and other support will be provided.

Please consider becoming a volunteer at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. HCHS needs more volunteers, and the commitment comes up only every 3 months. The next volunteer orientation is Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Questions, contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536, or seymour2314@gmail.com. Check the church bulletin board for HCHS needs which can be delivered any day to the shelter at 900 W. Broadway, Building 7. The next week for BCMC to provide volunteers is Oct. 26 to Nov. 1.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with quilt historian Marla Jackson, “From Slavery to a Free State: The Story of Maria Rogers Martin,” Sun., Oct. 9, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum.



Oct. 5: Game Night
Oct. 16: Gathering at P and M Pumpkin Ranch,
3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

can History and Culture, as well as our own #PieceUnited exhibition, this piece is a timely reminder of both the continuing evil of systemic racism, and the profound resilience, determination, hope, and cultural richness of African American communities.

“In lonely mountain ways” returns us to the ancestral journey narratives and prepares us for a time of offering and prayer. Even in the midst of the journey, the vision of God’s kingdom calls us onward. We are reminded that God needs no house, but lives and moves wherever the people are. Indeed, even a stone pillow can be Beth-El, house of God.

As we offer our gifts for the vision of God’s kingdom, we step back, to gather the picture of the entire planet, “one world, one race, one future, bound together.” Our individual journeys are all connected by the world we inhabit together, ours for the making or breaking.

This pondering leads into a time of prayer – for our world, for church, for college, for our individual and collective journey, that we may be vessels of God’s blessing for the world.

We conclude with prayers and blessings for the journey – a renewed prayer that echoes the assurance of the Introit, “Guide my feet.” A pastoral benediction is then followed by Bethel’s traditional choral benediction. This is a setting of the priestly blessing of Numbers 6. This blessing is first attested in burial amulets of the pre-Exilic period. Befitting the most profound of life’s journeys, this piece sends us along for the next chapter in ours, as we abide in God’s peace, of which we are called to be instruments. ~ *Peter Goerzen*



BCMC Announcements

**Welcome to Wednesday Night Suppers at BCMC!
October 5—November 16, 2016**

Join with others from the BCMC church community for food, fellowship and conversation. Invite a new friend and meet long-time friends for the meal together in Fellowship Hall. Bethel College students are welcome!

Suppers are sponsored by Hospitality Commission. Chefs Ben Lichti, Brenda Turner and Marty Warkentine will again cook from scratch to prepare delicious food, and Sunday school classes will each be asked to help serve and clean up one of the evenings. Refer to the church calendar (on next page) for a full Wednesday night schedule.

- **At 6 p.m.** the meal serving line will be open to get your food, be seated and begin eating. There will be one basket at the food line to receive donations for supper. Suggested donation is \$4 per person or \$12 per family. (Proceeds above food expenses go to the Kitchen Fund for supplies and future improvements). Please bring your own table service if possible. **At 6:15 p.m.** There will be a welcome, announcements and a meal blessing.

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- **Reservations are due in the church office** by 10 a.m. Monday before that week's supper in order for our cooks to know how much food to prepare. Email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, turn in form in worship bulletin, or sign up on the prior Wednesday night.

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

October 5 Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Brownies—*Agape Sunday School Class serves*

October 12 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Wild Rice, Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, Key Lime Bars—*Mosaic Sunday School Class serves*

October 19 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Peaches, Chocolate Mousse
Bible Study & Fine Arts Sunday School Classes serve

October 26 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Apple Crisp—*Sojourners and Catacombs Sunday School Classes serve*

November 2 Egg Casserole, Sausage Links, Fresh Fruit, Coffee Cake
Youth Group serves

November 9 Chili, Carrots and Celery Sticks, Applesauce, Cinnamon Rolls
Open Circle and Issues and Christianity Sunday School Classes serve

November 16 Turkey Tetrazzini, Peas, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Dessert
Seekers and Fellowship Sunday School Classes serve

Children and Youth Clubs (7:15-8:00 p.m.):

Venture Club - Room B-8: This active club is for 3rd through 5th graders to explore our world and church community through games, guests, field trips and other hands-on activities. Come join the fun! Matt Schloneger, leader

Junior High Club – Room 26: For 6th through 8th graders. Join us for discussions, games, speakers, and field trips. LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens, leaders

We'd love to have you join in the fun!



This Week at BCMC: October 2-October 9, 2016

October 2, 2016—Fall Fest Sunday—No Sunday school today

3:00-5:00 p.m. An appreciation story-telling event for **John and Mary Gaeddert** in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Staff Worship Planning—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College campus

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. **Wednesday night suppers begin—Fellowship Hall**

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club with Doug Siemens and LuAnn Zook—Rm 26
Venture Club with Matt Schloneger—Rm B-8

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, October 6

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

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, October 7

4:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal in sanctuary

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Breakfast at Mojo's, Bethel College campus

4:00 p.m. Wedding in sanctuary followed by reception at BCMC

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by June Thomsen; music by Chancel Bells; communion will be served **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Visitors Welcome!

It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper October 5 with serving line open from 6 p.m.—6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Oct. 3. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. **Bethel College students eat free.** Please bring your own table service if possible.

Meal reservation(s) for October 5

Number of people attending meal _____

Name: _____