

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Church USA congregations are invited to celebrate Peace Sunday with resources created by Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for God's wisdom as we challenge the violence that continues to be our culture's all-too-frequent response to conflict.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Dallas-area congregations, hosting a Texas Family Fellowship Festival, this coming Saturday at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio.

This congregation: Give thanks and pray for the work of the Worship Commission and Facilities Committee, including Mike Crawford, custodian and Monica Lichti, staff liaison to the Facilities Committee, meeting this week to do the work of providing leadership and facilities for our worship experiences.

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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Web site: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Church office hours: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Mon – Fri; 1:30 –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

Pastor: June Thomsen, june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider

Sept. 11 at BCMC: Attendance 208. General Fund \$4,565.36; Living Stones \$120; Marie Snider Memorial \$40.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

September 18, 2016

Bethel College Mennonite Church
Peace Sunday —September 18, 2016
9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Verlene Garber, organist

Introit Chancel Choir

Call to worship **HWB 696**
Margaret Goering

***Hymn** *For the healing of the nations* **HWB 367**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation Tom Jackson and Dennis R. Koehn

Hymn *Healer of our every ill* **HWB 337**

Scripture Job 18:5-21 Kathy Stucky

Worship music *Prayer of St. Francis* Clausen
Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 5:43-46 Charles Graber

Sermon *Peacemaking and Polarization* Dennis R. Koehn

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

Prayer of God’s people Lois Preheim

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

***Dedication hymn** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

***Dedication prayer** Lois Preheim

SENDING

***Hymn** *We are people of God’s peace* **HWB 407**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Amen* Rutter
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *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. Following Time with Children, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

Peace Sunday is observed on the Sunday closest to the United Nations' International Day of Peace Sept. 21. Witness Commission coordinated BCMC's Peace Sunday worship service today. Dennis Koehn’s message will be followed by an elective Sunday school time of questions in the sanctuary.

We offer sympathy to Aleta Rempel and family on the death of Wendell Rempel, Sept. 10 at Asbury Park, Newton. The memorial service was Sept. 16 at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to Jeanette Grantstein, Esther Rinner, Amy Dueck and families on the death of Jeanette’s husband, Steven Grantstein, Sept. 10, in Wichita. The memorial service was Sept. 16 at Central Christian Church, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to David Miller, Jacqueline (Miller) and Chris Epp, Donna and Keith Woolery, Jesse and Elizabeth Woolery, Danielle Woolery and Orlando Scalia, John and Shirley Esau and families on the death of Jacqueline’s mother, Linda (Esau) Miller, (Linda was Donna’s sister), Sept. 8 in Wichita. The memorial was Sept. 14 at Resthaven Mortuary, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Crystal, Joel, Collin and Brett Gaeddert on the death of Crystal’s grandmother, Edna Schmidt Enz, Sept. 10 at Bethesda Home, Goessel. The memorial service was Sept. 15 at First Mennonite Church, Newton.

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

- **Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call.

There are five days of fun and events during “Home Sweet Hesston,” the shared homecoming celebration for Hesston College, Hesston High School and the larger community, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Events will be across campus and the community, including an evening of free fun with a tail-gate meal, kids’ festival, and Lark athletics starting at 5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 1, on the Hesston College campus.

Bethel College is hosting “Building Bridges” in the Regier Art Gallery with works by Iraqi and Palestinian refugee artists for sale by silent auction, with proceeds going to support the artists. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., 2-4 p.m. “Building Bridges” is an effort by New York City-based Common Humanity and local groups. Common Humanity director Mel Lehman speaks at Bethel, Sept. 21, during Life Enrichment, and Sept. 23, 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium – the last day to place bids, and the date of the exhibit’s closing reception.

Kauffman Museum hosts, for one afternoon only, the traveling exhibit “A Place for All People” that celebrates the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. At 3 p.m., director Annette LeZotte will present a program on how the national museum developed and how it changes the visual landscape of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence is Sept. 25, Tabor Mennonite Church with a hymn sing and fropa at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and sing songs of peace and lament together in memory of those who have died from senseless gun violence. The event is in cooperation with a national organization, a faith based group, Faiths United (<http://concert.faithsunitied.org/>), Questions about the hymn sing at Tabor, contact the church (620-367-2318 or tabor@tabormennonite.org)

At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 80 prisoners who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries’ M-2 Program, there is the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 19, 12 p.m. at Hutch Correctional Facility or Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Hesston College, Kropf Center, Room 160. Contact Ben Kreider for more information 316-281-5244 or ben@offendervictimministries.org.

You are invited to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church (Whitewater) Hog Roast, Sun., Sept. 25, 5-8 p.m. Come for food, yard games, fellowship, and music. Free will donation for area food banks.

This Week at BCMC: September 18-September 25, 2016

September 18, 2016

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

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—*The Story*
- Adult Elective in the sanctuary with Dennis Koehn
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—*Confession of Faith* roundtable—God, article 1
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Constantine* (part 2)—Keith Sprunger
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Book study, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*, J. Spong
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Will attend Sunday school elective
- Sojourners—Chapel—Emily Harder shares about her time with *WATER*

11:45 a.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall—All are invited

12:45 p.m. Fall Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

Monday, September 19

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 20

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

7:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship General Meeting for all women—Fellowship Hall
This begins our new year with our study booklet, "Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions." Devotions by Loretta Baumgartner. Our speaker will be Patricia Shelly on *Abraham and Spouse: A Jewish, Muslim and Christian View*. Refreshments by Women’s Fellowship Social Committee

Wednesday, September 21

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. Leadership Task Force—Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth—Planned by Seniors

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 22

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

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission and Visitation Team—Rm B7

Sunday, September 25

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by June Thomsen

Bethel College Wind Ensemble, Sun., Sept. 25, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall; featuring music by Holst, Susato and Della Joio.

Now is the time for your feedback for John Tyson's first term review. Responses are requested no later than today, Sept. 18, from members and attendees, youth and adults alike. We encourage you to respond on-line. If you prefer, paper copies are available near the mailboxes. Thank you for your help with this evaluation.

BCMC's fall congregational meeting is today at 12:45 p.m. after a congregational potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. Agendas are in your mailboxes.

Amy and John Tyson wish to thank all of you for the many expressions of sympathy following the death of Amy's grandmother.

The Deacon Commission invites people who are interested in membership at BCMC to come to an informational meeting **Sun., Sept. 25**, during the Sunday School hour (10:50-11:45). This will be a time of sharing BCMC history, documents and clarifying any questions you may have. We will meet on the "piano" side at the front of the sanctuary. In most cases, you will simply **transfer your membership**. Please contact your former congregation and ask for a letter of transfer to be sent to BCMC. The Sept. 25 session will be the only session you will need to attend. We will plan for a **reception of new members Sun., Oct. 23**, as part of worship. If you desire baptism or more conversation, we will also prepare for that event. We welcome you to the orientation regardless of future plans! Please respond to this invitation by contacting June Thomsen, (june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or 316-283-3667). Your prompt RSVP will assist in the preparation of materials. We're glad you are part of BCMC and invite your future participation.

A big thanks to the Sr. High youth who helped me clear sticks from the playground as a service project. The many wind and rainstorms we have had this summer left an abundance of debris and it had to be cleared for the children of Community Playschool to play on it. The task was completed just in time for the start of school! ~ *Jeanette Leary*

Come vote for the Community Playschool's chili at the annual Harvey County Chili Cook-off Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the corner of 6th and Main streets in downtown Newton. Tickets are available in advance for \$5 at Prairie Harvest, the United Way office and Ameriprise Financial in downtown Newton, and also available at the gate for \$6.

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.

You are invited to participate in the 4th annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk to raise funds for hunger relief, Sun., Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m. leaving from Tabor Mennonite Church. BCMC will participate in this event in lieu of the Newton CROP Walk, which is not occurring this year. Mark your calendars and contact Amy Tyson (jatyson121@gmail.com or 319-750-8747) to sign up to participate in the 2 or 6 mile walk. Donations will go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk.

KIPCOR Film Series opens the 2016-17 year with *On the Bride's Side*, today., Sept. 18, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, which examines what faces those trying to escape Syria and Lebanon for Europe; talk-back follows with Jennifer Doran-Pena, executive director, International Rescue Committee, Wichita.

In connection with the Sept. 24 poster exhibit at Kauffman Museum, Bethel College Student Government Organization will host, at the museum, a special exhibit of Bethel student artwork and art-related contributions. The reception for the student exhibit, including poetry readings, music, a food truck and more is Sun., Sept. 25, 2-4 p.m. All are invited. For more information, contact Zachary Preheim zacharypreheim@bethelks.edu or Kiley Varney kileydvarney@bethelks.edu.

Bethel College Fall Fest is coming soon and Bethel College Women's Association is doing something new this year! BCWA is hosting a Pie By the Slice Booth as part of their fundraising efforts to benefit Bethel College. The goal is to get 100 pies for the booth, and BCWA is seeking contributions. We are asking for 9" pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies. Pies can be brought to the Student Center, Fri. evening, Sept. 30 or Sat. morning, Oct. 1. Another change is the BCWA "Market on the Green" is moving to the Luyken Fine Arts Center and will become "Market in the Round". If you are not a pie baker and would like to contribute other baked goods, BCWA will gladly accept donations. Thank you always for your ongoing support of Bethel College.



Sept. 24: Fall Mentor Gathering at Adam and Jill Robb's home, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge
Oct. 9: Harvest Giving Walk, Goessel