

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons are sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors and congregations in the midst of transition, challenge and opportunity.

This congregation: Pray that God's Spirit will quietly invade our souls as we wait for the celebration of God's coming to us in Jesus.

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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079
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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

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

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

Junior Choir Director: Monica Schmidt **Cherub Choir Director:** William Eash

Nov. 20 at BCMC: Attendance 286. General Fund \$10,135.68; Living Stones \$2,645; Wed. night supper \$404; Media Supplies \$10; MCC Meat Canning \$150; *The Mennonite* \$148; Caring Fund \$1,132.55; Flower Fund \$120

The Holy Way

Walking in the way



of God's heart

First Sunday in Advent
Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 27, 2016

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9:00 a.m. Prelude 9:30 a.m. Worship

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GATHERING

Prelude *Fanfare* Dukas
Three Pieces II-Pavan III-Gailliard Holborne
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming [HWB 211]
Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder Anonymous
Hark! The glad sound! [HWB 184] Suite II III Peuerl
Concerto (Vivaldi and Bach) for Brass Quintet I III arr. Baldwin
O come, O come, Immanuel [HWB 172]
Bethel College Brass Quintet

Introit *O Come, Divine Messiah* Helvey
Chancel Choir; Verlene Garber, organist

Lighting the Advent Candle *Come, light of the world* STS 3
Cherub Choir verses 1-4 Congregation joins in second time through
Sara Dick and Alahna Wheat, candle-lighters

Welcome and prayer George Leary, worship leader

Psalm of praise (from Psalm 122)

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Standing on holy ground, bound firmly together, we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

L: Together we will pray for peace: peace within these walls, peace within our family and friends; peace within ourselves.

P: In the house of God, we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

***Hymn** *Come, thou long expected Jesus* HWB 178
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Megan Klaassen Kohlman

Scripture readings: Brad Born

Excerpts from Isaiah 2 and 11 and Psalm 80, with sung response:

Come, walk in the light Cherub choir and congregation STS 10

Please join the children in singing after readings 2, 4, 6

Romans 13:11-14

Sermon *Do you know what time it is?* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn

Beyond a dying sun

HWB 323

Prayer of God's people

Service of communion

Invitation and prayer

Sharing the bread and cup (take bread and dip into cup, eat; hold tray for your neighbor)

Anthem *And the glory of the Father*

Hoviland
Chancel Choir

Prayer

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

On Jordan's banks the baptist's cry

Archer

People with November birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals

*Dedication hymn

Doxology

HWB 119

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

Sending hymn

Peace before us

STS 16

*Benediction

*Postlude

Hark, the glad sound!

Manz

Please remain seated during the postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS=Sing the Story

STJ= Sing the Journey

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 Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

We welcome the members of the Bethel College Brass Quintet: Connor Born, and Evan Koch, trumpets; Rebecca Schrag, French horn; Billie Selichnow and Andrew Thiesen, trombones. **Thank you for providing the prelude music this morning!**

The third annual *Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade International Gift Festival* will be Dec. 2 and 3, Dec. 9 and 10; with hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Western District Conference Office Complex, 2500 N. Main St., North Newton.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Today: *Kids Make Memories* family activity, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** Kauffman Museum. Come any time during the afternoon and children can construct their own mixed-media memory installations. Regular museum admission charged.
- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah, Nov. 30, 11 a.m.,** Bethel College Mennonite Church ; scores provided.
- **Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles 1 & 2, Fri., Dec. 2, 8 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.,** museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Five Places of Christmas:** Bethel College Women's Association will join with Kauffman Museum, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Homemade candy and baked goods for sale, performances by Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts students, pictures with Mrs. Santa, music on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-Van der Smissen parlor organ at 3 p.m., and free admission to the museum, including the special exhibit *Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen*.
- **Organ recital with David Cason, Dec. 4, 4 p.m.,** Ad Building Chapel
- **Annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, Dec. 4, 8 p.m.**

Families with children: For Advent you are welcome to use "Come, Walk in the Light of Day," a free, downloadable guide from Nov. 27 to Jan. 6 at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org, for family worship.

Celebrate Advent with your kids! Stop by the Conference Resource Library Makerspace to explore Advent with an Advent coloring poster and make a scratch-off paper ornament.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking new volunteers! If you (or your Sunday school class or your small group) have a Saturday a month to help at the store, let us know! If you have a Monday morning to spare, you're welcome to join our volunteer rug crew working at Kidron-Bethel Village in North Newton. Our next "New Volunteer Orientation" is Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the store. Call if you'd like to sign up: 316-283-9461.

Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers is Dec. 4, 3 p.m., Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Performers are: Joan Wulf and Gaylord Sanneman, piano organ duet; The Treble Clef Chorus; Faith Mennonite Bell Choir; Hearts 4 Him Men's Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited. Contact Janet Ediger, 316-772-2169 with questions.

This Week at BCMC: November 27—December 4, 2016

November 27, 2016—First Sunday in Advent

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place ; coffee, tea, water available

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

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- 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*
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Lectionary Texts for Advent
- Catacombs—Rm B-5— *Health, wholeness and family systems*, Susan Wheeler
- 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— Reflections on cross-cultural encounters
- Sojourners—Chapel—Open discussion

Monday, November 28

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

7:00 p.m. Living Stones II Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, November 29

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

3:00 p.m. Newsletter Team Meeting—Rm 14

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

Wednesday, November 30

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

11:00 a.m. Bethel College Messiah Sing—Sanctuary (All are welcome!)

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, December 1

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, December 2

2:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Prelude by Chancel Bells; Karen Loucks and Vada Snider

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

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

Receiving medical care this week: Floyd Bartel, Newton Medical Center

The Hospitality Commission would like to announce a focus on hospitality for the month of November! Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, and especially to help our new pastor learn names we will be wearing name tags through the month of November. **Thanks for welcoming three people new to you today, either before or after worship. And thanks for contributing to the “hospitality exercise” during this month. May BCMC be known and experienced as a warm and hospitable congregation.** ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The Hospitality Commission continues to equip the church kitchen with items for use at events held here at the church. Occasionally, we get requests from folks who would like to use this equipment outside of the church for a Sunday school, family or other social event. While we would love to accommodate all of these requests, we have found that it is difficult to keep track of items and to maintain the condition of some items. However, we do have a limited number of items that will be available for check out. There is a sign out sheet posted on the freezer in the kitchen with the list of the items. Please respect the work that goes into maintaining our kitchen and follow the directions listed there.

Prayer Network is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the people who already are on the prayer network.

Camp Mennoscah staff will be at Mojo's, Bethel College, Nov. 29, 5:30 -8:30 p.m. and everyone is invited for a time to reconnect with friends, hear stories, sing a few songs. This event is part of Giving Tuesday. Find more information about what Camp Mennoscah is doing for Giving Tuesday at www.campmennoscah.org!

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme *Love is a Verb*. A new flier provides more details on speakers and other events. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter. **BCMC is entitled to six delegates plus one alternate. If you are interested in being a delegate** contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee Chair by Dec. 15. Registration begins Jan. 17, 2017. Early registration costs \$299 which the church will reimburse to delegates.



Nov. 30: Cards and gift packages (Choir at 8:00 p.m.)
Dec. 7: Caroling and gift giving (Choir at 8:00 p.m.)
Dec. 11: Christmas Party at Tim & Bethany's

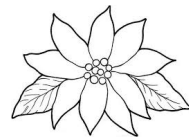
The Bethel College Women's Association Council needs your help in providing Christmas cookies, peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, candy, and other Christmas baked goods to sell at the 5 Places of Christmas, Dec. 3. This year, we will be joining with the Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Please bring your goodies to the Kauffman Museum Fri., Dec. 2 during museum hours or Saturday morning 8-10. Thank you for your help!!

Jacob Miller, a senior at Bethel College, has the following request: "I am the food planning coordinator for the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship (ICPF) Peace Conference that will meet at Bethel Feb.10-12, 2017. Would members of your congregation be willing to donate snacks or breakfast items to supplement our conference's food needs? Anyone interested should contact me (jacobmiller@bethelks.edu or 785-477-1820), or the conference coordinator, Sharon Kniss (skniss@bethlks.edu), at any time with questions or for more information."

Harvest of Love Campaign is Nov. 1-Dec. 31. The Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are working together to sponsor the Harvest of Love Campaign in Harvey Co. Goals this year are for 30,000 pounds of nonperishable food and \$30,000 to be used as assistance funds. Checks should be payable to Harvest of Love, 208 W. 6th, Newton, KS, 67114. Bring food to BCMC and place on the bench in the south entrance.

Get some Christmas shopping done at Kidron Bethel Village's (3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton) 10th Annual Holiday Marketplace Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

The McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give a Christmas Brass Concert, Dec 11, 7 p.m., at the Alexanderwohl Church, located 1 mile north of Goessel on K-15 Hiway.



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 \$12.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office by Dec. 4. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 p.m. or 11 p.m. program.

Donor: _____
 In memory of: _____
 Or in honor of: _____