

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

Western District Conference: Pray for all WDC congregations during this coming year, that God may empower us to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

This congregation: As we enter this New Year, pray that we will grow in love, courage, skill and imagination, even in the face of doubt and struggle.

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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;
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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler
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Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

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



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10:00 a.m. Worship

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Prelude Mark Kreider, pianist
Carol of the Ship
Prelude No. 5 in G Major Rachmaninoff
Prelude No. 12 in G-sharp minor Rachmaninoff
We Three Kings of Orient Are

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Call to worship and prayer John Sheriff, worship leader

***Hymn** *Arise, your light is come!* STS 30
Mark Kreider, piano; Andrew Thiesen, trombone

Call to Praise: Isaiah 60:1-3

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

P: Darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

L: But the LORD rises upon you and God's glory appears over you.

P: Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of the dawn.

L: Look and be radiant!

ALL: Our light has come!

Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* HWB 216

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-12 Marlene Faul

Hymn *O beautiful star of Bethlehem* STS 32

Sermon *Journey toward the Light* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Worship the Lord in the beauty* HWB 220

Prayer 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 *Vocalise* Rachmaninoff
Andrew Thiesen, trombone

***Dedication hymn** *As with gladness men of old* HWB 218

***Prayer of dedication**

SENDING

***Sending hymn** *How brightly beams the morning star* HWB 222

Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World* Uehlein

Please remain seated during the benediction and postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STS = <i>Sing the Story</i>
STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i> (at the end of the bench)	

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).

Dec. 25 at BCMC: Attendance 148. General Fund \$9,127.75; Living Stones \$6,265; MCC Refugee Kits \$60; Gen Fund 2017 \$8,080; <i>The Mennonite</i> \$74; Caring Fund \$525; Homeless Shelter \$275; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$1000; Living Stones 2017 \$3,000.

BCMC supports the Harvey County Homeless Shelter (recently re-named the New Hope Shelter) through help with volunteer staffing, meals, and money given through the Witness Commission budget. The Shelter is launching an attempt to raise \$300,000 for 2017, and is asking supporting churches to keep them in mind with their end of year contributions. Some of this money would be used to hire a family to live on the Shelter grounds and would serve to staff the facility overnight, making the need for us to recruit overnight volunteers unnecessary. Please consider helping New Hope Shelter in planning your charitable contributions. Checks can be made out to BCMC with New Hope Shelter on the Memo line.

Registration for the 2017 season for Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus has begun. If you sang in the chorus last year you will find a registration form in your church mailbox. Complete it and return to Joe Peter's mailbox. If you have not sung in the chorus before and have some interest, contact Joe or complete a registration form found on the poster on the bulletin board. The blessings of participating are many. "We sing that others may live" supporting MCC. ~ *Joe Peters, KMMC contact*

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit, for \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there are links for interterm 2017 course schedule (enrollment deadline Jan. 4) and spring 2017 course schedule (enrollment deadline Feb 13).

Coming this summer: MennoTalks! A new feature for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017, the talks will feature 20 slides for 20 seconds each in a fast-paced presentation on topics such as "Celebrating Women," "Race, Religion and Justice" and "Global and Local Peacemaking." Come to Orlando July 4-7 to experience this and much more. For additional information, visit: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennotalks/>.

Prairie View Lunch & Learn - Jan. 17, 12-1:15 p.m., 1901 E 1st St, Newton. Come learn about "Warning Signs of Post-Holiday Stress" and enjoy lunch (free will donations accepted). Hear about the chaplaincy ministry, other resources, and take a tour of the campus.

January 1, 2017—Happy New Year!

No Sunday school today

Snacks in the Gathering Place—All are invited!

Monday, January 2—Office will be closed; building will be locked

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

Tuesday, January 3

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

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

6:30 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 4

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, January 7

1:00 p.m. Audit Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, January 8, 2017—Regular schedule resumes

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

4:00 p.m. New Year Memorial Service—Sanctuary

Thank you Mark Kreider for bringing BCMC the prelude this Sunday and for accompanying on piano; and thank you to Andrew Thiesen for the special music this morning.

The WDC Office and Conference Resource Library are closed through January 2. Happy New Year!

The 24" x 18" yard sign seen by the west and north sidewalks to BCMC that says in Spanish, English and Arabic, "No matter where you are from we're glad you're our neighbor" is available from KIPCOR for a donation (\$10 is suggested). The KIPCOR office at 2515 College Ave. is generally open 8-5 M-F. ~ *Witness Commission*

Centering Prayer resumes Jan. 2. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Marvin Dirks, KU Medical Center, Lawrence, KS; Rupert Hohmann, Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita, KS.

We offer sympathy to Heidi Ensz on the death of her sister, Irma Igney, December 14 in Öhringen, Germany.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a poinsettia to share with the congregation! If you have not picked one up you may take one at any time. ~ Carol Buller, chair, Decoration Committee

Save the Date! The 2017 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held Aug. 4-6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Arlington DFW South, in Arlington, TX. Information about Annual Assembly is posted as it becomes available at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>.

Invitation for stories: *Rooted and Built Up in Christ* (Colossians 2:6-7), will be the WDC theme for 2017, selected by the Executive Board to celebrate WDC's 125th anniversary year. As a way to kick off the year, the first issue of the WDC newsletter *Garden* in 2017 will plant some "seeds" by featuring several short stories from WDC congregations. Does your congregation have a creative idea to share, or have you recently been present for an interesting experience in witness, worship, faith formation or community building in another congregation? If so, please send in a 100-word story or description to the WDC office at wdc@mennowdc.org, by Jan.18, for consideration for the Feb/Mar issue of *Garden*.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sun., Feb. 5, 3 p.m. (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.

Support for refugees in San Antonio: San Antonio Mennonite Church (SAMC), a member congregation of Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA, requests support and prayers as they help to host hundreds of refugee women and children being released from immigration detention facilities in Texas. Western District Conference is providing financial assistance to SAMC from conference funds, and also encourages congregations and individuals to support SAMC directly. See the SAMC website at <http://www.sanantoniomennonite.org> for more information, and to make online financial contributions for needed supplies and facilities.

An event sponsored by the Newton Community for Racial Justice. Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow A journey to remember the stories of Newton's racial and ethnic diversity, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to seek positive change. Jan. 16, 2017 Tours begin at 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. Meet in front of "The Imagineers" mural (near Anytime Fitness)

Register now for Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, Feb. 17 to 19, with a bonus STAR-Lite training event on Monday, Feb. 20. The conference theme, When the Unthinkable Happens, will address a congregational and community response of dealing with trauma in its many forms. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds. Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization.

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, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk with experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel will be Jan. 7, 9 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

Friends of the MLA presentation, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., with Ben Goossen, "Mennonites at War: Military Service, Ethnic Cleansing and Global Migrations During and After the First World War," at Kauffman Museum.