

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out an Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck and Kate Unruh, and leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they seek God's leading in supporting new and emerging congregations in WDC.

This congregation: The Christmas holiday season can be difficult for those experiencing grief and loss. Pray for the comfort of God's presence to surround those who enter this season of joy carrying deep sadness.

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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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. 27 at BCMC: Attendance 256. General Fund \$3,057.89; Living Stones \$3,705; MCC Meat Canning \$25; Gen. Fund 2017 \$725; Caring Fund \$110; Flower Fund \$144.

The Holy Way

Walking in the way



of God's heart

Second Sunday in Advent
Bethel College Mennonite Church
December 4, 2016

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GATHERING

Prelude

Christmas Carols by Vada Snider, flute, and Karen Loucks, piano

Christmas Joy arr. Dobrinski
On Christmas Day in the Morn arr. Gramann
The First Noel arr. Austin
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Introit

Coventry Carol arr. Eithun
Chancel Bells
Rebecca Schloneger, violin; Jonah Schloneger, finger cymbals

Call to worship and prayer

Dale Horst, Worship Leader

Lighting the Advent Candle *Come, light of the world* STS 3
Bethany and Tim Schrag, candle lighters
Congregation joins in singing when indicated

Call to praise: excerpts from Psalm 72

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things!

**P: Blessed be God's glorious name forever,
and may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth.**

L: And in all the earth, the one who comes will judge with
righteousness, extend justice to the poor, and bring deliverance to the
needy.

**P: And in all the earth, the one who comes will be like the rain
that falls on the mown grass and like the showers that water the
earth.**

L: Righteousness will flourish and peace will abound.

**ALL: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! May God's glory
fill the whole earth!**

*Hymn *Blessed be the God of Israel* HWB 174
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading: Matthew 3:1-12 Valetta Seymour

Worship music *He is Born* arr. Eithun
Chancel Bells

Sermon *The Things to Come* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Hark, the glad sound* HWB 185

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 Karen Loucks

*Dedication hymn *For the fruit of all creation* HWB 90

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

Sending hymn *Come, come ye saints* HWB 425
a capella

*Benediction

*Postlude Please remain seated during the 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 tod-
dlers. Following Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use
during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

This Week at BCMC: December 4—December 11, 2016

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.

Bethel College announcements:

- **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.

Please join Mennonite Central Committee Central States for a delicious and fun holiday celebration, Dec. 15, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. At 6 p.m. we will hear from MCC International Volunteer Exchange Participants about the work they are doing in Kansas and to hear about Christmas traditions from their home countries of Laos and Egypt. Everyone is welcome.

The Tabor Mennonite Church Youth Fellowship will share their annual living nativity, Night in the Barn, Dec. 17 and 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the barn of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen. The story will be from the perspective of a sheep that witnessed the first Christmas, and is from a new book by Kim Funk called *Christmas at the Stable*. The come-and-go event includes Christmas carols around a bonfire, hot drinks and snacks. Admission is free and donations to the youth group will be accepted. Directions to Night in the Barn: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy 15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon. (Follow these directions and not GPS) For more information, call 620-386-0709.

December 4, 2016—Second 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— *Shaped by Princeton Seminary*, Pastor John Tyson
- 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 theme of Advent
- Sojourners—Chapel—*MCC Meat Canning Program* with Jason Unruh

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 7

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

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's on the Bethel College campus

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Prelude by Alahna Wheat , Erich Boschmann , Brent & Maggie Dungan, and Nancy Hilty

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

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

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

Rebecca Schloneger and Nancy Johnson will perform violin duets Dec. 11 as a part of the 48th Annual Olson Music Scholarship Fundraising Christmas Home and Musical Tour. The events begin at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Four homes are donated every year with this year's homes: Don & Marilyn Brown, Dede & Doug Trumble, Bill & Donna Mills, Gini & Deb Johnson. Reservations are required and are available at Prairie Harvest.

Thank you to the Worship Decorations Committee (Carol Buller, Judy Friesen, Sharon Koehn, Kathy Stucky and Brenda Turner) for decorating the church for Advent and Christmas and to Shirley Harms for the display on the foyer bulletin board.

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.

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.

Join the #MennoLove fun! Participate in the “Love is a Verb” storytelling project by submitting a Love Your Selfie! Send us a photo of yourself practicing self-care and a brief explanation, and we will share it across the church online. Send emails to alysabs@mennoniteusa.org.

A revised version of the Israel-Palestine resolution first brought to delegates at the Mennonite Church USA assembly in 2015 is now available for review. Visit www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine to view the document and provide feedback by Dec. 20.

The Mennonite Women USA Housewarmer Project continues to donate quilted wall hangings to Mennonite Disaster Service to give to the homeowner when their home is completed and a dedication takes place. MDS is rebuilding after flooding in West Virginia, Detroit, Michigan, Lafayette, LA; a typhoon in Saipan; and will soon begin rebuilding after wildfires in California. We are getting very low on quilted wall hangings. If quilting is your gift, please consider sharing. See this link for more information - <https://mennonitewomenusa.org/housewarmer/>

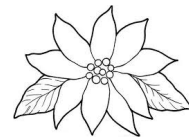
Jacob Miller, a senior at Bethel College, has the following request: “I am the food planning coordinator for the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship (ICPF) Peace Conference that will meet at Bethel Feb.10-12, 2017. Would members of your congregation be willing to donate snacks or breakfast items to supplement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

Grocery stores in Harvey County and surrounding areas are beginning to carry Best Choice items. Collect the UPC code off Best Choice items, give them to Camp MennoScah, and the camp will send them to Best Choice. Camp receives a \$30 check for every 1000 labels sent in. Contact Camp at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. More information at <http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate/>

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.

The third annual Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade International Gift Festival will be 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.

Mark Kreider will present "Colorado Photography", Dec. 27, 7 p.m., at Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. The program features photos taken by Mark during recent summers working on trails all over Colorado as well as images from other backpacking and hiking trips in Colorado in the last several years. The program is free and open to all.



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: _____



Dec. 7: Caroling and gift giving (Choir at 8:00 p.m.)
Dec. 11: Christmas Party at Tim & Bethany’s