

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they begin their work to identify new nominees to serve in WDC leadership roles next year.

This congregation: As we begin this worship series on "hospitality," pray for openness to see and respond to opportunities to extend welcome in our schools, places of work, community, and church.

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.–12:30 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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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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



Hospitality: A space
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Bethel College Mennonite Church
February 5, 2017

Jan. 29 at BCMC: Attendance 269. General Fund \$7,772.65; Living Stones \$105; Caring fund \$100; Salvation Army \$50; Sr Hi Youth \$2,527.

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 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.

Join the fun at the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton) Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.-Noon, to make an infant gown or two for the infant care kits. Materials and instructions provided. MCC has a few sewing machines, but you are encouraged to bring your own if possible. Contact Kate Mast if planning to attend or have any questions: katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

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 information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, for a link for the spring 2017 course schedule (enrollment deadline Feb 13).

Preschool Story Hour at the Western District Conference Resource Library with Carol Flickinger begins Feb. 15. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/NNeiVbEyzpzLqksc2> or by calling the WDC offices at 283-6300.

Save the date: Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's annual Spring Supper March 23 at Bethel College Student Center/Fine Arts Center. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

The New Hope (Homeless) Shelter is asking for Bibles for their residents to help in the Shelter's Bible-based curriculum. They are also in need of new bath towels. You can leave these items at the back of the sanctuary and they will be taken to the New Hope Shelter.

~ *Valetta Seymour, BCMC New Hope representative*

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28 and includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

The 2017 Western District Conference Annual Assembly with the theme, *Rooted and Built Up in Christ* (Colossians 2:6-7), 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>. As per the WDC Resolutions Policy, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to Annual Assembly (by April 7). Send to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117

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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—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Epiphany
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*From Tabor to Bethel*, Ryne Preheim
- 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—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— *MCC's work in Palestine and Gaza*, Lee Wheeler
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Does being a Mennonite Matter?* Part 1, Dale Schrag

Monday, February 6

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

7:00 p.m. Newton Community Chorale—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 7

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

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

Saturday, February 11

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

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Howard Buller—Sanctuary

Sunday, February 12

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

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation



Youth Events for your calendar

Feb. 17-19 Snow Camp—Exact times to be determined

June 25-30 DOOR Denver

We offer sympathy to the family of Howard Buller who died Jan. 28 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service for Howard will be Feb. 11, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

Invitation to church membership. If you have interest in deepening your commitment to Bethel College Mennonite Church through church membership, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms (316-283-3667; dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). An orientation to the congregation and reception of members is being planned for this spring.

Thank you for your patience as we have been integrating new equipment into our sound system. In the meantime, please be aware that hearing aids can emit high pitched tones that are distracting to those around you.

Bethel College will host the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship Conference on campus Feb. 10-12. The theme is "Uniting for Social Change: Intersections of Race, Environment, LGBT+ Identities." Organizers of the conference continue to accept financial support for the various costs of the conference. If you would like to contribute to the conference, checks can be written to KIPCOR with ICPF in the memo line. To register for the conference or view further information, please visit: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lecture-series/intercollegiate-peace-fellowship-conference/>

"Getting to Know You" ! Feb. 12 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday! Food assignments will be in your church box today. February 12 will be "reveal day" and you will finally find out where you are going for Sunday noon dinner! ~ *Hospitality Commission*

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Feb.7, 2 p.m. in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will speak on "Prayer of Loving Attention." All interested persons are invited.

Offender Victim Ministries invites you to reach out to inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility through our Valentine's Day letter-writing campaign and prisoner care kit initiative. Bring items for prisoner care kits to the collection box at your church and come join us for letter writing and refreshments at the following venue: Feb. 14, 9-11 a.m., Mennonite Central Committee Central States offices in North Newton. If you aren't able to attend an event, but want to write a letter, suggested talking points and instructions for sending letters are posted on the Offender Victim Ministries Facebook page.



The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is Apr. 7-8.

* **Fellowship Meals** will be Mar. 5 & Mar. 12. Information and sign up forms are located on the bulletin board by the church office. Deadline for registration is Feb. 13.

* **Sunday school classes**, this year's operating budget is \$76,600.00. Bidding forms have been placed in the mailboxes of each class contact person. Decide your class donation and any item on which you wish to bid and contact one of the BCMC sale liaisons with the information. Donations need to be collected before March 9. Your support is greatly appreciated and an integral part of the sale's success.

* **Quilter's Corner** information is available on the bulletin board. A drop box for items is in the Gathering Place.

* **General and Silent Auction Items** that need to be photographed to be included in the sale brochure need to be ready in early February. If you have an item, contact one of your church liaisons.

* **Quilts for the auction** are due at the MCC Center on March 13. Quilts made by BCMC members will be displayed at the church on March 12.

* **My Coins Count** will kick off Feb. 12 during the morning Children's Conversation. So the rest of the congregation doesn't feel left out, we will once again observe the "Fleecing of the Multitude" where members can offer their loose change in support of MCC. Save your coins (bills are also welcome) and join the fun during the special collection Feb. 12.

* **BCMC liaisons** are Tom and Gayle Jackson 284-2379; John and Judy Kliewer 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

- **Duo piano recital with Karen Bauman Schlabaugh and Susan Gaeddert, today, 3 p.m.,** Bethel College Chapel.
- **Bethel College Alumni Choir** presents "Shades of Love," today, 2 p.m., Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton.
- **Staley Lecture** with Drew G.I. Hart, author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. and Feb. 13, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Organ recital with Chelsea Vaught, Feb. 12, 4 p.m.,** featuring work by J.S. Bach, Böhm, Sweelinck, Callahan, Biery and Farrington, Chapel at Bethel College
- **Call for singers** – May 7, at Bethel College, the Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis*, also known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*. If interested in joining the choir, contact Dr. William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316, for rehearsal and performance information.