

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture participants from Northern Ireland will arrive in Detroit to work with host congregation, Community Christian Fellowship. Pray for them as they do house repairs, prepare meals in a soup kitchen, work at a homeless shelter, and interact with neighborhood children.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they support church planters, emerging congregations and sister-church relationships within WDC.

This congregation: Pray for the members of BCMC's Creation Care Committee, Duane Friesen, Lorna Habegger Harder, John Pannabecker, Dwight Platt, Kaitlin Schmidt, and Kathy Stucky as they educate and encourage our congregation to practice sustainable stewardship of resources and care for God's creation.

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

Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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; 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

susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; cell phone: 316-706-0887;

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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Phone: 316-283-3667; Day off is Monday

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: Debbie Dennis **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert



Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 23, 2017

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Stuff

GATHERING

Prelude Verlene Garber, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to worship, prayer Susan Wheeler, worship leader

*Hymn of praise *I sing the mighty power of God* HWB 46
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading Matthew 19: 16 - 26 Phil Koontz

Worship *I have decided to follow Jesus* Singh
Brent and Maggie Dungan

Sermon *Stuff is Overrated* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord* HWB 392

Sunday School Teaser New Hope Shelter

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *From this valley* Brent and Maggie Dungan

*Dedication hymn *You are all we have* STJ 29

*Dedication prayer

*Sending hymn

Take my life

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STS = *Sing the Story*

STJ = *Sing the Journey* (at the end of the bench)

We light the Christ candle to welcome God's presence among us. Sent out from worship, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

The Sunday school hour today is a faith forum from representatives of New Hope Shelter.

We offer sympathy to Hulda Voth and her family on the death of her husband, Kenneth Voth, July 19. Memorial services are pending.

Thank you for your support of the Migration Series print sales. We sold 58 prints and donated 20%, or \$1,160, to Mennonite Central Committee for refugee needs. After expenses, we netted about \$3,963. These funds will be used by the Art Committee for future art projects for the church.
~ Art Committee

Jon Voth is beginning a Service Adventure term in Albuquerque starting in August. A fundraiser ice cream social and silent auction of several mounted photos by Jon will be held in Fellowship Hall on July 26 from 7 - 8 pm. Please come and help BCMC support Jon's adventure!

July 16: Stuff / John Tyson / SS Elective: New Hope Shelter

Reflect: What are my images of wealth and poverty? How does my "stuff" impact and influence my life? How is God calling us to let go of stuff?

Do: Give away a piece of your "stuff" this week. Maybe it is a book, an hour of your time, or a meal for someone who would enjoy your cooking? Reflect on how the process of giving something away impacts you.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to receive requests for comforters from overseas partners. Partners in North Korea have requested 3,000 comforters, Iraq has requested 7,350, Ukraine has requested 7,000, Jordan has requested 5,000. The Comforter Blitz committee needs help tying comforters for this project. There will be a “Mini-blitz” Sept, 29 and 30 at the North Newton MCC Central States Center. However, if you have time now, we have several tops stretched in frames ready to be tied. Call Kate Mast first (the workroom supervisor 283-2720) to make sure the room is available for tying. *For more information, call Carol Peters, Kansas Friends of MCC*

If you are excited to buy Mennonite Central Committee school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores, consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs with an MCC relief kit instead. Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit packing event at your church.

In 2016, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee began developing a new collection designed to succeed *Hymnal: A Worship Book (1992)*, and supplements *Sing the Journey (2005)*, and *Sing the Story (2007)*. The Committee calls on authors (of worship resources and hymn texts), songwriters (who compose words and music as a unit), and composers (of hymn tunes) to submit original work intended to enhance congregational worship in Anabaptist-Mennonite faith communities. We welcome submissions for consideration in this new collection. The submissions *portal* at www.MennoniteWorshipAndSongCollection.org will be active throughout 2017. *For more info:* Resonate@mennoMedia.org or <http://mennoniteworshipandsongcollection.org/>

Registration is now open for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah Sept. 8-10, with the theme "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring, featured speaker. Schedules and registration forms are available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/> or on the bulletin board. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year; girls should register for Sat. morning and afternoon activities and seminars.

Sunday, July 23

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place; ice water available

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

Adult Elective: A faith forum from representatives of New Hope Shelter

Sunday school for children and youth is on hiatus until August 20.

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Does not meet during the summer months
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Does not meet during the summer months
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23— *Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—Will attend the elective
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during the summer months

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

9:30 a.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

7:00 p.m. Fundraiser ice cream social for Jon Voth’s Service Adventure

Thursday, July 27

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

The internationally acclaimed African Children’s Choir will perform with the Wichita Community Children’s Choir at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (1550 N Chapel Hill Drive, Wichita) **Sunday, July 30 at 7 pm.** Tickets will be \$10 at the door and proceeds will help support the Music for Life Institute’s international relief and development programs.

July 16 at BCMC: Attendance 211. Attendance 211. General Fund \$13,702; Living Stones \$3,951.67; Media Supplies \$10; Sr Hi Youth \$290; Transfer-General \$605; Caring Fund \$150; Organ Fund \$50; Visual Arts Fund \$600; Weldon Epp Memorial \$25

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).

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 15th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 25-26. Arrive Fri. 6:30 pm or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight, too. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 pm, Fri., items for recreation, camping gear. If staying overnight, bring breakfast food to share. For more info contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

Please extend a warm welcome to new BCMC children's choir directors, Jill Siebert (Cherub Choir) and Debbie Dennis (Junior Choir), who begin in their roles Aug. 15.

The planning survey related to the BCMC Columbarium and Garden of Memory and Hope has been compiled. Thanks for responding. One hundred one surveys were completed with many representing more than one individual. Thirty-two already have other plans. Thirty-one have already purchased niches in the columbarium with one who prefers to shift to the Garden. Seventeen plan to purchase 33 columbarium niches in the future and 11 plan to purchase 20 agreements to scatter in the Garden. Additional survey results are available at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/survey.

In addition to evaluating additional projects, the Living Stones II Task Force is also planning next steps related to the expansion of the Columbarium and construction of the Garden of Memory and Hope. How will the Garden (and all landscaping) be maintained? Is the large Columbarium expansion on the north of the church possible with a self-funded model? Are there alternatives to the columbarium that are aesthetically and theologically pleasing and financially feasible?

The Task Force hopes to bring a recommendation to the church board in time for additional discussion at the September 24 congregational meeting.

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 announcements:

- **Camp Mennoscah contact info:** campmennoscah.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290)
- **Everyone is invited July 29-30 for Family Weekend.** Register using contact information underlined above.
- **Young Adult Weekend** is August 4-6.
- **Camp Mennoscah has Scrapbook and Craft Retreats**, Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, Work & Play Camp, and lots of fun times coming up.

The Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center is running low on towels for MCC relief and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed. Bring donations to 121 E. 30th, North Newton, or purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Contact Kate Mast with questions: 316-283-2720 or katemast@mcc.org.

The WDC Annual Assembly will be in Arlington, TX August 4-6. For complete information, go to: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly> where updated delegate information is also posted. All are welcome to attend the two worship services at the WDC Annual Assembly without preregistering or payment. These will be, Aug. 4, 7 pm and Aug. 6, 9:30 am at the Doubletree Hotel. Seats are still available on the charter bus going to the Assembly. The bus will also transport you from the hotel to the mini-festival at Luz del Evangelio on Saturday evening. Call Nancy at WDC (316-283-6300) to reserve a seat on the bus. Cost for a seat is \$75.

The 2017 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu. This special issue is almost completely devoted to a consideration of "500 years of Anabaptism," with an essay by Ben Goossen, "Why 500 Years?: A Critique of Anabaptism's Upcoming Anniversary Celebration," and 13 responses from Anabaptists in the United States and Canada, as well as Colombia and South Korea.

A memorial service for Pastor Darrell Fast will be held at BCMC on Sat., Aug. 12 at 10 am. Darrell Fast died June 11 at Leamington Mennonite Home, Leamington, Ontario. He was pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church from 1986-1999.

Everence® presents a seminar, *Your dreams, your goals: How a financial plan can help you achieve them*, 7 pm, July 24, at Everence Financial Advisors, 371 North Old Highway 81, Hesston. Reserve a spot with Darlene Buller at 620-327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.