

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are beginning the North American portion of their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network and Goshen (Ind.) College. Pray for this two-way mission and for the family as they adapt to living in the United States for the next six months.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week to finalize delegate assembly agenda, and give leadership to the vision and mission of WDC.

This congregation: Pray for members of the BCMC's Hospitality Commission, Kathryn Simmons, Barb Voran, Frank Nachtigal, Nadine Peters, and Marilyn Stucky, as they help our congregation engage in the ministry of welcome and deepening our connection with each other.

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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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

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

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church Senior High
Youth Group
and BCMC Youth Group sponsors
DOOR Denver—June 25-July 1

Bethel College Mennonite Church
July 9, 2017

*Dedication prayer

**THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Covenantal Friendship**

SENDING

GATHERING

Prelude *Three Psalm Hymn Improvisations* Burkhardt
Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices (Psalm 148)
From All That Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117)
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)
Karen Unruh, organist

*Sending hymn *Jesus, help us live in peace* **STJ 52**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *All the Glory, Never Ending! Alleluia!* Anne Krentz Organ

Lighting the Christ Candle

*All who are able are invited to stand

Call to worship, prayer Dale Schrag

*Hymn of praise *What is this place* **HWB 1**
(children come forward during hymn)

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book **STS** = Sing the Story
STJ = Sing the Journey (at the end of the bench)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading Jeremiah 29:4-14

Worship music *Prayer of St. Gregory* Hovhaness
Evan Koch, trumpet

Sermon *In Lak'ech, Ala K'in: Covenant, the City, and Our Call*
John Tyson

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.

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).

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Put peace into each other's hands* **STJ 87**
(verses 1,2,3,5)

Kingdom Report DOOR Denver Senior High Youth

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *All Creatures of Our God and King* Busarow

July 9: Covenantal Friendship / John Tyson / Jeremiah 29:4-14

REFLECT: How does our relationship with God lead us to serve each other and our community?

DO: How can BCMC, as a congregation, be an active peacemaking presence in Newton and the surrounding areas?

New Hope Shelter is having a Kickball Tournament/ice cream social fundraiser July 15, starting at 10 am. They are wanting teams of 15 with any mix of ages and genders to come and compete. Registration information is on the bulletin board. Check it out and consider getting a team together and having some fun for a good cause. This will be a great day of fun and activities at the New Hope Shelter on the Youthville campus. However, they do realize that kickball is not for everyone. So, New Hope Shelter is also hosting an Ice Cream Social the same day. This event will be at 7 pm on the campus and donations will be accepted at the event.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning the “Goodwill Tour to Freeman”, a three day tour starting July 18. See bulletin board for more details. If you have an interest in this trip, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

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 than MCC has on-hand so we need your help. 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.

The annual Womens/Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be Sept. 8 -10 with the theme "Together: Rooted and Reaching" led by Barb Krehbiel Gehring. We will also be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women. Watch for more details and registration soon. Save the date!

If you are curious about Mennonite Central Committee’s work around the world, sign up for a MCC Learning Tour to Haiti, Oct 21-28 and/or Palestine/Israel, Nov 3-14, 2017. For more information contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for the Jackson, MS unit. The term begins late July with orientation and participants begin their service term in August. If you or someone you know is interested, visit www.MennoniteMission.net or contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

Sunday, July 9

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

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

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— *Through the Desert Goes Our Journey*
- 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—Class reflection on “the Fourth of July”
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during the summer months

Monday, July 10

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 11

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

Sunday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by a Bell quartet with Suzy Burch, Nat Dick, Marlene Ewert and Ben Lichti

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

Staff announcement: John Tyson will be out of the office from July 10-15.

We offer sympathy to Florine Eitzen and Norma and Marles Preheim and their extended families on the death of Florine’s husband, Stan Eitzen, July 3 at Asbury Park, Newton (not Kidron Bethel as previously stated in an all church email.) A memorial service for Stan will be July 17 at 3 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

July 2 at BCMC: Attendance 228. General Fund \$12,907; Living Stones \$2,075; Media Supplies \$10; Sr Hi Youth \$50; *Rejoice* \$56.60.

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.

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.

Al Peters would like to know whether you have a new North Newton neighbor! As the only church in North Newton, BCMC has a tradition of welcoming new NN neighbors with an informational brochure and a tasty goody. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Al at 316-804-7141 or alnptrs@mainstaycomm.net. The Hospitality Commission would greatly appreciate it.

Did your kids "dig for treasure" this summer at VBS? Continue the learning and fun by reading books that reveal the theme of parables. Come check one out from the Western District Conference library or have us mail one to you! Contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **You can still register for summer youth camps** at Camp Mennoscah. Register online at campmennoscah.org to join in "Branching Out and Connecting with Christ." They have had a great time these first weeks and can't wait to share the fun with more campers. Openings are in camps for grades 4-12. Call at 620-297-3290 with questions. Limited scholarship funds are available.
- **Everyone is invited July 29-30 for Family Weekend.** Register using contact information underlined and listed above.
- **Young Adult Weekend** is August 4-6.

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 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 at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. **BCMC is eligible for 18 delegates**; registration fee is reimbursed to delegates. A bus has been chartered from North Newton to Arlington, TX for the WDC Annual Assembly. It departs from Kauffman Museum on the morning of August 4, and can also pick up riders at the Best Western in Park City. Anticipated return to North Newton is 8 pm, August 6. Complete information about Annual Assembly, the chartered bus option, and online registration is at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. Seats available until filled. Register now to participate in worship services, workshops, delegate assembly, and a mini-festival on Saturday evening at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio with food, music, other activities and fellowship! The Gifts Discernment Committee has appointed nine delegates but needs nine more! If interested in serving as a delegate, contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, as soon as possible, at vpreheim3527@gmail.com or 316-283-4018.

As part of WDC's 125th anniversary in 2017, congregations are invited to share stories of their history to post on the WDC website. Check out the stories already posted, at <http://mennowdc.org/congregation-history-stories/>. To submit a story about BCMC, go to <http://mennowdc.org/wdcs-125-year-anniversary-is-in-2017/> to find several questions for response. This ongoing project provides a way to learn more about other congregations, and be inspired to live faithfully in the future.