

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber are beginning an assignment in Spain with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language and culture and as they serve alongside the leaders of the Barcelona Mennonite Church, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission.

Western District Conference: Pray for Lynn Schlosser as she is installed today as pastor at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation near Inman.

This congregation: Pray for the children and youth, teachers and staff, of BCMC and our community as they head back to school in the coming weeks.

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; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 316-212-1847; Day off is Monday

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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

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

Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

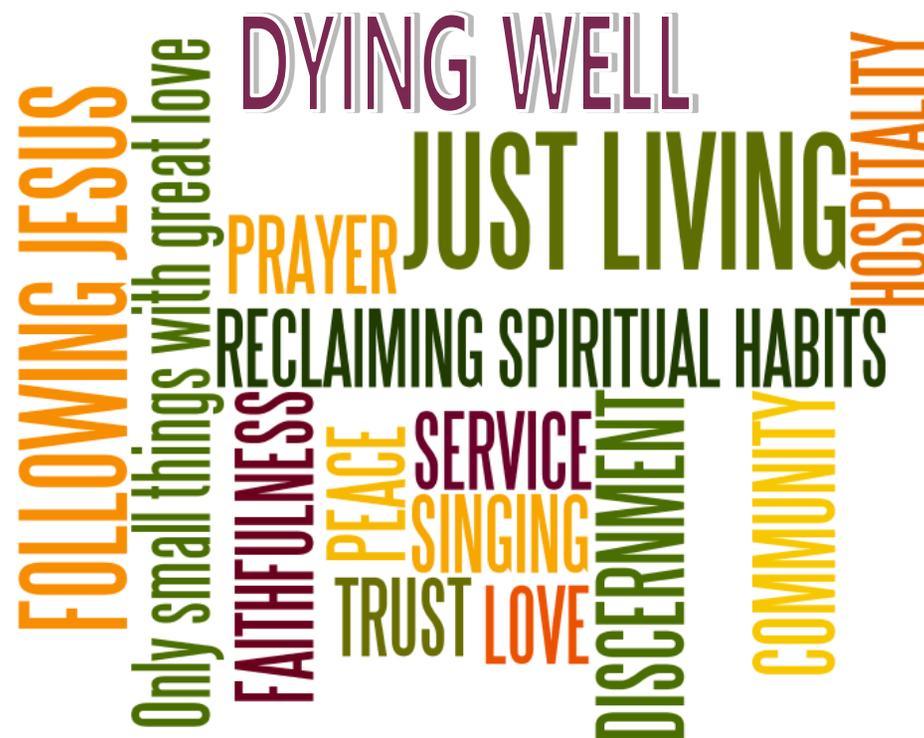
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

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

August 6 at BCMC: Attendance 173. General Fund \$10,233; Living Stones \$635; Media Supplies \$5; Columbarium Fund \$2,000.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 13, 2017

**THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Dying Well**

GATHERING

Prelude *Built on the rock* Hobby
Prelude C.S. Lang
O God, thou faithful God Peeters
Karen Schlabaugh, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to worship, prayer Sara Dick

*Hymn of praise *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!* **HWB 63**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading excerpts from Psalm 90; Romans 14:7-9

Worship music *Sonatina for trombone and organ* Turrin
II. Cabaletta
Andrew Thiesen, trombone; Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Sermon *Dying well* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Give thanks for life* **STJ 108**

Prayer of God’s people

Offering

Offertory *Sonata in F* Marcello
• Largo • Presto
Andrew Thiesen, trombone

*Dedication hymn *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

HWB 71

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *God be with you*

HWB 430

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Give to our God immortal praise*

Held

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

Following worship, Sojourners Sunday school class invites you to the Gathering Place to celebrate with Roland Brown on the release of his new memoir, *Healing Hands: Four Decades of Relief and Mission in Taiwan*.

BCMC delegates attending the WDC Annual Assembly were: Marlene Faul, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Richard Friesen, Lou Gomez, Elizabeth Raid, Lee Suderman, Dawn Yoder Harms, John Tyson, Norma Johnson, Vern Preheim (delegate chair). Delegates will be sharing about their experiences during the Sunday School hour today.

The Church Board gratefully acknowledges unrestricted bequests from the estate of Frank R. Keller and the estate of Margaret E. Friesen. The Church Board will determine the use of these funds in consultation with others. By policy, bequests are not used for general operating purposes.

July contributions to the annual budget were \$44,649 compared to expenses of \$38,674. As a result the deficit for the year was reduced to \$10,140 compared to a \$697 surplus a year ago.

August 13: Dying Well / Dawn Yoder Harms
REFLECT: When you think about dying, what are your hopes and fears?
DO: View “Being Mortal” (dvd available in the church library) — preferably with a small group of others. Arrange to talk with a family member or friend (or pastor!) about your wishes related to end of life.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir concert scheduled for this afternoon, Aug. 13, has been cancelled. Any former Bethel choir members are invited to sing with the group at Fall Festival (Oct. 14). For more information, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org, or go to the Bethel College Alumni Choir Facebook page.

Registration now open for Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith,” with guest presenter Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz’s performance of “Slightly Left of Normal,” Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation; for schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride is Sept. 16, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year’s ride will raise funds for an MCC Water development project in India. Rides of 34, 45 and 65 miles and shorter family rides are planned. Brochure is available on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line at that website. Contributions for this MCC project can be made to MCC with “Flatlander Bike Ride” in the memo line, sent to MCC PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117. There are brochures on the bulletin board.

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.

Registration is 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 Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars.

Sunday, August 13

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee and cookies served by the Sojourners Sunday School Class to celebrate the release of Roland Brown’s new book

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

- **Sunday school for children and youth is on hiatus until August 20**
- **Sunday school elective with delegates who attended the Western District Conference Assembly in Arlington, TX—Sanctuary**

11:00 a.m. Sunday school teachers orientation in Fellowship Hall

- 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—Will attend the elective

Monday, August 14

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 15

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

2:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

Wednesday, August 16 10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, August 17

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

4:30 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm B7

Sunday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water, tea

10:45 a.m. Brunch for the Bethel College students—Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

Sunday School for children and youth is back in session Aug. 20.

An orientation session for Sunday School teachers and helpers is in Fellowship Hall **today at 11 am.** A parents orientation to all upcoming programs for children and youth will be in Fellowship Hall **Aug. 27 at 11 am.** We look forward to an exciting new year for children and youth at BCMC!

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).

Next Sunday, Aug 20, we are privileged to host around 140 new Bethel College students for Sunday morning worship. Please come with a warm welcome and a willingness to shift your usual seating pattern to accommodate our guests. As a welcome to our community, the Hospitality Commission is hosting a new student brunch during the Sunday School hour (for students only.) **We need your help!** Please consider donating either a 9 x 13 egg casserole, a 9 x 13 coffee cake, 12 muffins or ready to serve fruit for 10 people. A sign-up sheet is in back of the sanctuary today. Thanks! ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The Faith Formation Commission is still seeking teachers for our 5th and 6th grade class. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school this year, please contact John Tyson or Adam Robb.

BCMC has received word about the death of Jim Rich, Kapaa, Hawaii, Aug. 4. Jim is the brother of BCMC member Mary Lou Goertzen. We offer sympathy to Jim's wife, Christine, sisters Mary Lou and Suzanne Rich Osburn and cousins Dwight Platt, Zona Galle, Lenore Waltner and Susan Rhoades. Jim was a Bethel graduate and the landscape architect for Bethel College when they took out the street area in front of the Administration Building and created The Green.

Committee and Commission chairs: Please review the Gifts Discernment Committee's draft of a 2018-19 survey in your August meetings. Make corrections and return the information to dorothyfnf@cox.net, GDC chair by August 31.



It's time for choirs for adults and children to meet beginning Wednesdays, **August 23**
Come make a joyful noise!

- Cherub Choir (Kindergarten—4th grade)—6:30—7:15 pm—Rm 24—
Jill Siebert, director
- Junior Choir (5th—8th grade)—6:30—7:15 pm—Rm 28—
Debbie Dennis, director
- Chancel Choir (adults)—7:30—8:30 pm—Sanctuary Chancel—
William Eash, director
- Menno Ringers (handbell choir for children 5th—8th grade)—
7:15-7:45 pm—Rm B7— Suzanne Burch, director
- Chancel Bells (handbell choir for adults)—8:30—9:30 pm—Rm B-7—
Vada Snider, director

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.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a bilingual sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/clerk receives and sorts donations, focusing on clothing; assists Spanish-speaking customers and donors; and helps to translate written documents. Full job description and applications are available at the store, 619 N. Main or by email generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications due Aug. 14 submitted to general manager in person or by email.

New Hope Shelter receives \$1200 in the 2017 BCMC benevolence budget. New Hope has increased overnight staffing and is looking for additional financial support. The Witness Commission will be considering this request as part of the 2018 budgeting process. In the meantime, individual contributions can be sent to New Hope Shelter, PO Box 978, Newton KS 67114.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Sept. 15, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton with a smothered pork burrito dinner. A short program will follow, with testimony from IBA students Vicky Velazquez and Jose Suastegui, a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and some words from the new director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity to hear how IBA is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) Congo update and visit will be Aug. 19, 9:30 am with a brunch at the Breadbasket in Newton. Hear about what's happening in The Congo Mennonite churches with Leonard Kiswangi and his wife from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rod Holinger Janzen, Charles Buller and Stan and Brad Graber.

Jordan Penner joins Mennonite Central Committee Central States as the new Donor Relations Associate, working from Denver, CO. Prior to accepting this position, Jordan, and his wife Jenny, served with MCC in Bolivia.