

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

Western District Conference: Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Faith Formation Commission (FFC) as it oversees BCMC educational opportunities for Christian growth and discipleship. FFC members: Adam Robb (chair), Kathy Campbell, Megan Kohlman, Karen Ediger, Elyse Unruh and John Tyson (staff liaison).

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; 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

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

August 20 at BCMC: Attendance 374. General Fund \$6,911.49; Living Stones \$1,176.67; Plant Fund \$75; Transfer-Funeral \$275; Darrell Fast Memorial \$500



Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 27, 2017

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August 27, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Holy Time

GATHERING

- Prelude *Adagio for strings* Barber
Verlene Garber, organist
- Introit Freeman Junior College Men's Ensemble
Marles Preheim, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist
- Lighting the Christ Candle Eric Massanari
- Call to worship, prayer Doug Siemens, worship leader
- *Hymn of praise *God is here among us* **HWB 16**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Children's conversation Marlene Ewert
- Scripture reading Psalm 27:1-5, 11-14; John 8:1-11 Bethany Schrag
- Worship music Freeman Junior College Men's Ensemble
- Sermon *Recollecting Ourselves* Eric Massanari

RESPONDING IN FAITH

- *Hymn *Like a mother who has borne us* **STJ 91**
- Prayer of God's people
- Offering
- Offertory *Aberystwyth* Held

People with August birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals

- *Dedication hymn *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
- *Dedication prayer

SENDING

- *Sending hymn
- *Benediction *The peace of the earth be with you* **STJ 77**
- *Benediction response *Der Herr segne euch* J.S. Bach
Freeman Junior College Men's Ensemble
- *Postlude *The peace of the earth be with you [STJ 77]*
- *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 Freeman Junior College Men's Ensemble was organized in the fall of the 1963-64 academic year at FJC in Freeman, SD. This group, originally 12 voices, has enjoyed a long singing tenure. In the early years especially, frequent appearances were made in the local community and surrounding area. A tour to West Coast churches was made in the summer of 1964. Spouses and children were included as the men celebrated their 25 year existence in 1989 with a European trip to Mennonite churches in Germany, Holland and France. Their 50 year reunion occurred at the Freeman Academy Alumni celebration in 2014. The love of singing together, travel experiences and camaraderie has brought this group together once more here in Newton this weekend. The men, accompanist, LaVera Schrag, and I appreciate the opportunity of sharing worship music with you this morning. ~ Marles Preheim

Members of the ensemble are: Harold Penner, PA; Lyle Preheim, SD; Don Graber, CO; Ron Waltner, CAN; Orville Ortman, SD; Gayle Preheim, CO; S. Roy Kaufman, SD; Merlin Preheim, KS; James Graber, SD; Charles Graber, KS; Leroy Epp, SD; Marles Preheim, KS; and LaVera Schrag, accompanist, KS.

August 27: Holy Time / Eric Massanari

REFLECT: What keeps you from Sabbath rest?

DO: Identify one Sabbath practice you can commit to. Begin this week!

The Swiss Cultural and Historical Society is selling a cookbook, *Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes* including two DVD's of preparation techniques. To order contact LaVern Stucky or send name, address, & check for \$20 to SMCHA P.O. Box 93 Moundridge, KS 67107.

Change of Venue for the appearance of Leonard Pitts Jr. He will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall, a change from previous announcements; Sept. 12, 7 pm. Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books.

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. Schedules and registration forms are available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/or> on the bulletin board. There will be no separate girls programming this year; girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars.

Sunday, August 27

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

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

Parents Orientation (through 8th grade) — Fellowship Hall

Young adult and college SS class begins today

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 1st grade in **B4**; 2–4th grade in **B3**; 5–6th grade in **B8**
- Junior High students (7–8th grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22
- 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—*The Roman Imperial Context of NT writings*, Peter Goerzen
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Inspiring change and empowering families*, Harvey Co. Circle of Hope with Jennifer Rose, Peace Connections director

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

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, August 31

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, September 3

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

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Seekers Sunday school class invites everyone to the sanctuary for a presentation by Bill Swartley on his work in Mosul, Iraq

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.

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).

The Hospitality Commission would like to focus on hospitality. Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, we will be wearing name tags today and through the month of September. Next Sunday, please sit in a place that you don't usually sit. Meet the people around you. (They may not know your name.) ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

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. 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.

You are invited to the Mennonite Central Committee Central States, North Newton, Lunch & Learn, tomorrow, Aug. 28, 12 noon 1 pm, with historian Ben Goossen, in a discussion of how narratives of Mennonite identity and history can help align Anabaptists with mainstream American culture and white privilege. To what extent do stories of martyrdom and separation from the world prevent us from engaging inequality in our own churches and beyond? The RSVP deadline for lunch has passed, but join us and bring your own lunch! Call Patsy at 316.283.2720 for info.



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

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Ben Goossen** will speak on “Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora,” and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017), Aug. 27, 3 pm, Kauffman Museum (books available for purchase in the museum store).
- **Lindey Anderson: They Sit Together**, the first exhibit in the Regier Art Gallery for 2017-18, opens with the artist reception, Aug. 31, 6-8 pm
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Sept. 2, 7 am join Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact info: 620-297-3290 or campmennoscah.org

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** is Sept. 3-4 for people affected by mental issues. Register online or call. Scholarships are available.
- **Work & Play Camp** for all ages is Sept. 29-Oct. 3 with various projects. No cost for this retreat. Register using contact info above.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are offered Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 17-19.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to receive requests for comforters from partners in North Korea for 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. There will be a “Mini-blitz” Sept. 29 and 30 at the North Newton MCC Central States Center. If you have time now, there are 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 more information, call Carol Peters, Kansas Friends of MCC*

Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.