

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops, and in worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the “healing of the nations.”

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in Texas, as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, and for all who are responding with assistance and support for flood victims.

This congregation: Pray for Commission, Committee, staff and Church Board members who will be participating in the upcoming Leadership Retreat on September 9, that their morning together will be a fruitful time of reflection and planning for the year ahead.

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

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

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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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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



Remember and Reflect

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 3, 2017

Picture on cover is courtesy of Vada Snider.

August 27 at BCMC: Attendance 272. General Fund \$4,920; Living Stones 675.

Summer of Small Things
Work

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

*During the prelude, please observe a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* Bach
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *O come let us worship* Moyer
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Adam Robb

*Hymn of praise *Blessed Jesus, at your word* **HWB 13**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Adam Robb

Scripture reading Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 Elaine Prouty

Worship music *Lead me on* Schmidt
Chancel Choir

Sermon *Labor of love* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Lord whose love in humble service* **HWB 369**

Sharing the work of our hands Conrad Snider, with Glen Ediger

Prayer of God's people

Offering
*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory *When love is found* Diemer

*Dedication hymn *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn

You are the salt

HWB 226

*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.

Thank you, Conrad Snider, for your generous gift of the vessel in the Columbarium to BCMC. We are deeply appreciative of the jar's beauty and for what it adds as we "remember and reflect."
~ Visual Arts Committee

Today during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary, Bill Swartley will share about his work in Mosul, Iraq. All are welcome.

We offer sympathy to the family of Milly Stucky. Milly died August 27 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service was September 2 at BCMC.

Staff Announcement: Susan Wheeler will be on vacation September 3-5.

Please pray for Western District Conference's 14 congregations and church plants in Texas, particularly for those most impacted by flooding in the Houston area. Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer is keeping in contact with WDC pastors and with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), as we continue to assess how WDC can best offer support. MDS is accepting financial donations for hurricane response at <https://www.mds.mennonite.net>. See also this article from *The Mennonite* at <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/reports-houston-mennonites-path-tropical-storm-harvey/>

Sept 3: Work

REFLECT: What in your work brings you meaning or hope?

DO: As you begin your day, ask God to open your eyes, ears, and heart to opportunities to love.

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.

At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 18, 12:00 pm at Hutch Correctional Facility or Sept. 19, 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Contact Ben Kreider for information: 316-281-5244 or at ben@offendervictimministries.org.

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.

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.

Hesston College Homecoming, "Grounded in Community, Globally Engaged" is Sept. 22 to 24. The inauguration of Hesston's ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam, will take place. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for a full weekend schedule, event descriptions and registration.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars," the National World War I museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" Oct. 19-22 explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125, with \$99 early bird registration available through Sept. 8. Co-sponsors for the symposium include Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Historical Society, The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and Rainbow Mennonite Church. For more information, see <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/remembering-muted-voices>

Sunday, September 3

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

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

Seekers Sunday school class invites everyone to the sanctuary for a presentation by Bill Swartley on his work in Mosul, Iraq

- 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—Planning session
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Will attend the elective
- 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—*Experiences as an exchange student*—Sarah Turner
- Young adult and college SS class—Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 4—Labor Day—Church will be locked; office will be closed

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

Tuesday, September 5

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

2:30 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

Wednesday, September 6

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, September 7

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, September 9—Leadership Retreat, Asbury Park Community Room—8 a.m to 12 noon

Sunday, September 10—Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Jim Mininger; music by Chancel Choir

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

6:30 p.m. Bethel College/BCMC Ice Cream Social on church lawn

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).

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. **Thanks for sitting in a new place today. Be sure to greet the people around you, especially those new to you. For next Sunday, begin this week to count your blessings.** ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The annual Instituto Biblico 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.

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel, Sept. 5, 2 pm. All are invited to hear Jim Schrag share his journey with Parkinson's Disease.

You are invited to a prayer service for the International Day of Peace: Sept. 21, 7 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, planned by Newton area Mennonite churches.



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:

- **Centering Prayer** will not meet Sept. 4 (Labor Day), but continues most Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. More info: Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu
- **Rachel Waltner Goossen**, professor of history, Washburn University, will speak on “The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness,” to introduce the special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War,” Sept. 10, 3 pm, Kauffman Museum. Opening reception for the exhibit is at 4 pm.
- **KIPCOR 30th-anniversary celebration continues** with Leonard Pitts Jr., Sept. 12, 7 pm, Memorial Hall. Pitts will speak on “What Now? America in the Age of Trump,” and sign copies of his books.
- **Outdoor concert**, Cherokee Maidens with Sycamore Swing, Sept. 14, 6 pm, Kauffman Museum. Bring your own chairs; suggested donation: \$10 single/couple/family.

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

- **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** is Oct. 1, 5:30 pm in the Camp dining hall. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP by registering online at contact info above.
- **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*

Everence® Financial presents informational seminars: *An overview of Medicare will go over what's covered, enrollment deadlines, and plans that supplement Medicare; 6:30 pm Sept. 11 & Nov. 6. Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4.* All seminars are at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.