

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations supporting immigrants in their communities and families, and for those who offer immigration-related training and resources.

This congregation: Happy birthday, BCMC, as it celebrates its 120th birthday on Oct 31! Give thanks for the guidance and inspiration of God's Spirit and the commitment of many members over many years as this faith community continues to seek to follow the way of Jesus together.

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

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 29, 2017

October 22 at BCMC: Attendance: 257. General Fund \$5,567.53; Living Stones \$960; Wed. Supper \$360; MCC Meat Canning \$450; *The Mennonite* \$37.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 29, 2017—9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Choral With Variations* Walther
Nancy Hilty, organ

Call to worship, prayer Mary Ann Boschmann

*Hymn of praise *O bless the Lord, my soul* **HWB 80**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dick Koontz

Scripture reading Matthew 22: 34-40 Kathy Campbell

Worship music *What wondrous love* American folk hymn
arr. Walters
Matthew Schloneger

Sermon *Love that matters* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Love the Lord your God* **STS 55**
Patty Shelly, guitar; Nancy Hilty, piano

Celebrating BCMC's 120th birthday Dawn Yoder Harms
Response:
L: We give thanks to God,
P: Whose steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn *Praise God from whom* (a cappella) **HWB 118**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Hopson

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

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

*Dedication hymn *Praise God, the Source of Life* **HWB 95**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Look Up, My Soul, To Christ Thy Joy* arr. Elmore

*All who are able are invited to stand

<p>HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i> (in rack) STS= <i>Sing the Story</i> (in rack) STJ=<i>Sing the Journey</i> (at end of bench)</p>
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**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 tod-
dlers. Following Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use
during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Grace Schroeder,
Newton Medical Center.

September contributions to the annual budget were \$31,347 compared
to expenses of \$41,904. While giving is up for 2017 compared to the same
time in 2016, expenses are up. The deficit for 2017 increased to \$24,005
compared to a \$4,912 deficit a year ago. ~ *Richard Friesen, treasurer*

**The second annual BCMC Afternoon at the P and M Pumpkin Ranch
is today, (3 - 7 pm)!** Come for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship
with family and friends from BCMC. A campsite has been reserved for
BCMC to enjoy a bonfire, hot dog roast, and place to relax. As sponsors of
the event, the Faith Formation Commission has purchased 60 advance
tickets for all children, youth, and families. Additional tickets purchased
will receive the group/church discount. We look forward to this time to-
gether!

The Mennonite Central Committee meat canner will be at the MCC Center, North Newton, Oct. 31 pm and Nov. 1 & 2. There were envelopes in your mailboxes for contributions to meat canning. Lowell Stucky will be under the balcony today with sign-up sheets for volunteers to work on the canner. There are also sit-down jobs for the label application process. ~ *Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning representative*

Mennonite Mission Network invites youth groups to Bethel College Mennonite Church, Nov. 5, 7 pm, to learn more about service opportunities. The Albuquerque Service Adventure unit will share about their experiences this year along with staff who can answer questions about other Mennonite Mission Network programs. Join this fun evening of conversation and root beer floats! Encourage any youth who might have an interest in attending. Parents are also welcome to attend. Contact Susan Nisly for more information and to let her know how many people will be coming at SusanN@mennonitemission.net. Jon Voth is in the Albuquerque Service Adventure unit.

The annual Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ is Nov. 2, 5 pm. Donations are for Camp Mennoscah and Tabor Building Project.

Camp Mennoscah Contact info: 620-297-3290 or campmennoscah.org
Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 17-19.

Lunch & Learn at MCC is Nov. 9, with Doug Hostetter, director of the MCC United Nations office, and Thien Phoc, an intern from Vietnam. Their talk will focus on the Vietnam War sharing about "Living Peace in Time of War: reflections on MCC service in the war zone during the Vietnam War" and about MCC's work in post-war Vietnam. Lunch is provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP by Nov. 6 to 316-283-2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org. See mcc.org/lunch-learn for more information.

Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, in partnership with Western District Conference (MCUSA), MCC Central States and Bethel College is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of *DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament* produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, Nov. 19, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10, available from the Bethel College Bookstore, 316-283-2500. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples.

Everence® Financial presents seminars: *An overview of Medicare* will go over what's covered, enrollment deadlines, and plans that supplement Medicare; 6:30 pm, Nov. 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, 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

This Week at BCMC: October 29—November 5, 2017

Sunday, October 29

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

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

- 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—*Gospel of Matthew*—Tim Hodge
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Principles versus Relationships*—Marvin Thieszen
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Gospel of John: Who is Jesus in John's Gospel?*—John Esau
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—*Reflections on water management in the Kenyan desert river floodplain*—Lee Wheeler
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Shaped by Princeton Seminary*—John Tyson

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

12:45 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

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

Wednesday, November 1

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Supper in Fellowship Hall**

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth (Rm 22)

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club (Rm 26) and Journey Club (Rm B8)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, November 2

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, November 3

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Saturday, November 4

4:30 p.m. Wedding in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 5—Stewardship Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir

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

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church at 120 – Ten Short Chapters from Our History

The Bethel College Church was chartered and began services in 1897, so we are now at our 120th anniversary. A lot has happened since those early days. Here is a selection of facts from those early days.

1. The congregation began in 1897 with 19 founding members. At the 25th anniversary in 1922, the membership was 176.
2. It was a German-language church, with the name *Bethel Gemeinde bei Bethel College*. In 1912 the church began to use English in some services.
3. Two preachers jointly served the church at first, C. H. Wedel and David Goerz. They also were officials at Bethel College.
4. Early budgets were very low. The church did not pay the preachers a salary, since they were already receiving a college salary. Guest preachers received \$3-5 a sermon.
5. Church services were held in the college chapel until 1955.
6. College students were required to attend the Sunday services of the church during the early years which greatly swelled attendance.
7. The organ was a part of worship from 1902 onward, when the college installed an organ in the chapel. Prof. B. F. Welty was the first organist.
8. Women had the vote in church affairs from the beginning. Holding church office came later. The first “lady deacons” were elected in 1959.
9. Early pastor J. W. Kliever took his Mennonitism very seriously – he declared that it combined the best of “Scripture and common sense”.
10. The word “Bethel” as part of the church name is meaningful. When we talk about Bethel, it means “House of God” . . . the place “where God appears.” May it always be so.

~ submitted by Keith Sprunger



It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday night supper Nov. 1, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office at 316-283-3667 or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org by 10 am Mon., Oct. 30. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for Nov. 1

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____

November worship will focus on stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure. The Pony Express provides a way for us to express our intent to share our financial gifts in support of the 2018 BCMC budget. **Next Sunday**, a packet of materials will begin circulating from one home to another in over 30 neighborhoods. Prayerfully anticipate your intentions to give financially in 2018. On **November 12**, a Gifts Discernment survey will be in your mailbox and available online. Prayerfully anticipate what gifts and talents you can offer to the ministry of this church community.

You are invited to contribute non-perishable food for the local Salvation Army food pantry. **On the first Sunday of the month**, bring items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance.

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Lecture by Brad Born on Pat Barker's novel *Regeneration*, Oct. 29, 3 pm**, Kauffman Museum. This talk is part of the programming around the museum's special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War.” Born is professor of English at Bethel College.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Nov. 4, 7:30 pm**, featuring music by Morten Lauridsen, Derek Jenkins, Peter Meechan and William Schuman, with special guests, composers Jenkins and Meechan and conductor Joseph Parisi; Memorial Hall
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk., Nov. 4, 8 am** with Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel. Meet in the museum parking lot.
- **Bethel College Sings**, featuring the Women's Chorus and the Men's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, the Concert Choir, and soloists, **Nov. 5, 3 p.m.**, Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **The Worship and the Arts Festival Choir** is calling on all interested singers to join the evening worship celebration, **Nov. 18**, in Memorial Hall. Rehearsal is that evening from **5-6:30 pm**, with supper provided. The service is at **7:30**. Contact Dr. William Eash at weash@bethelks.edu to reserve your place in the choir.
- **Registration is open for the 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 18**, “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith,” with special guest presenter and resource person, Ted Swartz. For complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.



It is time to renew our group subscription to *The Mennonite*. *The Mennonite* is a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world and if you sign up with the congregation's plan, you receive this publication at the discounted rate of \$37. If interested in joining the group plan, please contact Monica Lichti in the church office **by Nov. 6**. New subscribers can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30. Cut out this slip to renew; or call or email the church office. Name _____

☐ Check for \$37.00 is attached (\$30.00 if you are a new subscriber)