

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in “retirement” in Spain.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet next week, and in their support of church planters and emerging congregations in WDC.

This congregation: Give thanks for the generosity of congregational members in sharing their time, energy and talents with this congregation. Open your gifts discernment survey as part of your prayer time and ask for wisdom about how and where you might share your gifts in 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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079

Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Web site: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Church office hours: 9 am–12:30 pm Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5 pm Mon—Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667
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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday
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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson, Day off Monday
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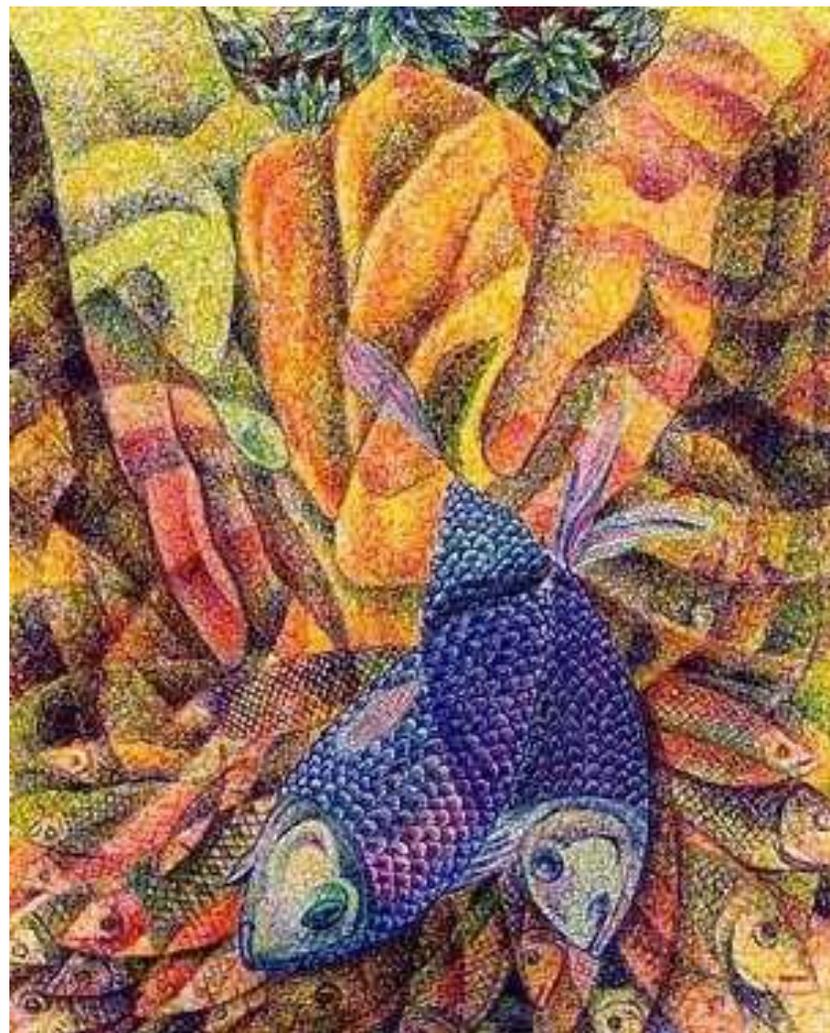
Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

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

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

Junior Choir Director: Dawn Yoder Harms **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert



Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 12, 2017

November 5 at BCMC: Attendance: 246. General Fund \$11,882; Living Stones \$2,310; Wed Supper \$381; Media Supplies \$13; MCC Meat Canning \$1,300; Sr Hi Youth \$1.75; *Rejoice* \$28.30; *The Mennonite* \$407; Service Scholarship \$100; Kitchen-Coffee \$20.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 12, 2017—9:30 a.m. Worship

SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENTS

Basketfuls Left Over

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 *Prélude and Fugue* Franck
Verlene Garber, organist

Call to worship, prayer Susan Wheeler

*Hymn of praise *We sing to you, O God* **STJ 1**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Parent—Child dedication Adam and Jill, Gabriella and Jacob Robb
Congregational response **HWB 791**

Worship music *Ballade* Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Scripture reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 Judy Friesen

Sermon *Presence—not perfection* John Tyson
The joys and challenges of being a youth sponsor Ben Lichti

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *There are many gifts* **HWB 304**

Kingdom Report *Offering our Gifts of Time and Talents*
Gifts Discernment Committee
Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Jeanette Stucky, Richard Friesen,
Vern Preheim, Francis Toews

Prayer of God's people

Offering
Offertory *Spirit Wind* Bartsch, Jr.
Chancel Bells

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

*Dedication hymn *You are all we have* **STJ 29**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *God be with you till we meet again* **HWB 430**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

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

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 flowers this morning are to celebrate Alahna Wheat's adoption. Congratulations Sara Dick and Alahna!

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Emerson Wiens, Kansas Medical Center, Andover.

New addresses! Orlando and Maxine Fast have moved to Pine Village, 86 22nd Ave., Moundridge, KS 67107. Florine Eitzen has moved to 3001 Ivy Dr., Apt. 201, North Newton, KS, 67117.

Give thanks! John Tyson has been approved for ordination by Western District Conference. His ordination service will take place in the new year (date to be determined.)

Many thanks to Debbie Dennis for directing our Junior Choir this fall. The choir will be led by Dawn Yoder Harms through Christmas and William Eash will be directing the choir as of February, 2018.

The annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund will be Nov. 19 and Nov. 26. The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service on each of these Sundays which bracket the celebration of Thanksgiving. The money collected is used to help those in the larger community who find themselves with a need. The Deacons are thankful for your generosity and your willingness to share with others. Thank You.

"**OPEN DOOR (Room 21)**" is a space for prayer, journaling, and quiet reflection. The second floor room has been re-purposed to expand its use and to provide another opportunity for BCMC to continue to be "The House of God". Thank you to Mike Crawford, custodian, for painting, trimming and hanging art work. Please visit the space! (If the door is locked, get/return a key from the church office.) ~ *Open Circle SS class*

Camp Mennoscah Contact info: 620-297-3290 or campmennoscah.org
Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats, Nov. 17-19. The remodeling of the Camp Mennoscah kitchen will begin Dec. 2, and volunteers are needed. If interested in working on the remodel project, contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net or contact the camp.

All Camp Mennoscah volunteers from all years are invited to a Christmas gathering at the Camp Retreat Center, Dec. 16, 2:30 pm for conversation, games (indoor or outdoor), and cookies. Call with questions or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N Main. It will be open on Nov. 24-25, Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

Faith Mennonite Church, in partnership with Western District Conference, MCC Central States and Bethel College is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of *DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament* produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, Nov. 19, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10, 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 of Indigenous Peoples.

Habitat for Humanity's annual fundraiser is Nov 16, 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church. Great meal, music, and auction. Tickets available from Wade Brubacher, Sondra Koontz, or Ron Peters. To donate an auction item, contact Wade.

Everence® Financial Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, Dec. 4, at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve a spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com

The Year of Evangelism kick off, sponsored by the Western District Conference Resource Commission, Jan. 19-20, 2018 at Alexanderwohl Church, Goessel, is a two-day event starting Friday evening with worship, teaching from Marvin Lorenzana and Heidi Rolland Unruh, and workshops meant to equip congregations for outreach. Saturday, congregational leaders will brainstorm outreach ideas with a coach so that they can return to their mission fields with a plan for sharing the good news. The fee is \$30 per person. (Registration info later.)

Sunday, November 12

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—*Wisdom's Lessons—Proverbs 17:1-28 and Ecclesiastes 1:1-18*—Eric Massanari
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Kate Mast, MCC Material Resource Center Supervisor, recently returned from Jordan
- 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—Book Study: Lilian Smith: "*Killers of the Dream*"
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Tales along the Sand Creek Trail*—Richard Rempel

Monday, November 13

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 14

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, November 15

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

4:00 p.m. Visual Arts Committee—Rm 14

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 16

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

Sunday, November 19—A Season of Thanksgiving

9:30 a.m. Worship led by Ted Swartz—*Laughter as a spiritual discipline*; music by Chancel Choir; Open Forum during the Sunday school hour with Ted Swartz—*Art as a tool for social change*

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

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

We offer sympathy to John and Mary Jane Waltner on the death of John's nephew, Gordon E. Waltner, Nov. 6 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. The Celebration of Life Service was Nov. 11 at Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church.

Generous contributions in October exceeded expenses by \$6,826, reducing the current year deficit for the annual fund by almost 30%.
~ Richard Friesen, Treasurer

BCMC can help to make a difference in the amount of waste contributed to the local landfill with your help. You may notice additional recycling receptacles on every floor at BCMC. The goal is to make the recycling process more convenient. The Hospitality Commission and the Creation Care Committee are working on several recycling projects. We will be recycling both our coffee and plastic water cups. Please don't forget to deposit your cup in one of the conveniently located recycling bins or even better, bring your own cup from home and no waste will be created!

Stewardship Month continues with a focus on time and talent. The theme is *Basketfuls Left Over*, based on Matthew 14:13-21. The Gifts Discernment Committee has distributed a survey which aids in identifying and calling on BCMC participants to share their gifts with the congregation and the community. Everyone in 5th Grade or older is encouraged to fill out a survey—either on paper or on-line by going to bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and clicking on *Participant Log In* (username: *bcmcuser* and password: 3667). The GDC uses this tool to identify leaders for the next two years along with commissions, committees, task forces and Church Board. Additional surveys are available by the mailboxes. Please return the surveys to the box in the Gathering Place or on-line by Dec. 11. **BCMC's Pony Express**, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2017 budget, also continues. Packets of materials are circulating in local neighborhoods and materials were mailed to non-resident/inactive members. If for some reason you do not receive a packet and want to participate, please contact the church office. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 19, when captains return packets during worship. If you are not in a neighborhood group, please return your intent form to the church office by Nov. 19 or as soon as possible.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Nov. 15, 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 of-office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org by 10 am Mon., Nov. 13. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

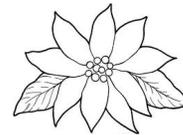
Meal reservation(s) for Nov. 15—the last one for this season

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____



Bethel College Announcements:

- **The KIPCOR Film Series** presents the Kansas premiere of *Healing Justice*, addressing the school-to-prison pipeline and the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, Nov. 12, 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **The Organ in Ensembles**, a recital with Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, organ, Richard Tirk, trumpet, Suzanne Tirk, clarinet, and Donna Hetrick, organ, Nov. 12, 4:30 pm, Administration Building chapel
- **Screening of *Behind the Lines***, the film adaptation of Pat Barker's World War I novel *Regeneration*, Nov. 16, 5:30 pm, with Brad Born leading a discussion following; Kauffman Museum auditorium
- **Ted Swartz, *Slightly Left of Normal: Theatrical Musings on Life, God and Other Minor Details***, Nov. 17, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium; ticket purchase required unless registered for the Worship and the Arts Symposium (see www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts).
- **Reception for Jerry Holsopple and "7x7: Lament for an Age of Sexualized Power,"** Nov. 18, 5-6 pm, Regier Art Gallery. The exhibit runs from Nov. 17-Dec. 7; hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm, Sun., 2-4 pm; special hours Sat., Nov. 18, 8 am-6 pm.; closed Nov. 22-24 and Nov. 26.
- **Worship and the Arts Symposium Hymn Festival worship service**, "Singing the Mystery of Faith", Nov. 18, 7:30 pm, Memorial Hall; offering of non-perishable food and funds taken for Harvest of Love
- **The Worship and the Arts Festival Choir is calling 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 begins at 7:30. Contact Dr. William Eash at weash@bethelks.edu to reserve a 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.
- **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Combo I** in concert, Nov. 19, 4:30 pm, Memorial Hall.



You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church.

To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 10**. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after the Children's Christmas program in the morning or the 11 pm program.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____