

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

Western District Conference: As we anticipate the giving of Christmas gifts, let us thank God for the many different multicultural expressions and gifts in WDC congregations.

This congregation: As we are aware of the unrest in our lives and the world around us, pray that God will show us the ways that make for peace, and that we will have the courage to follow.

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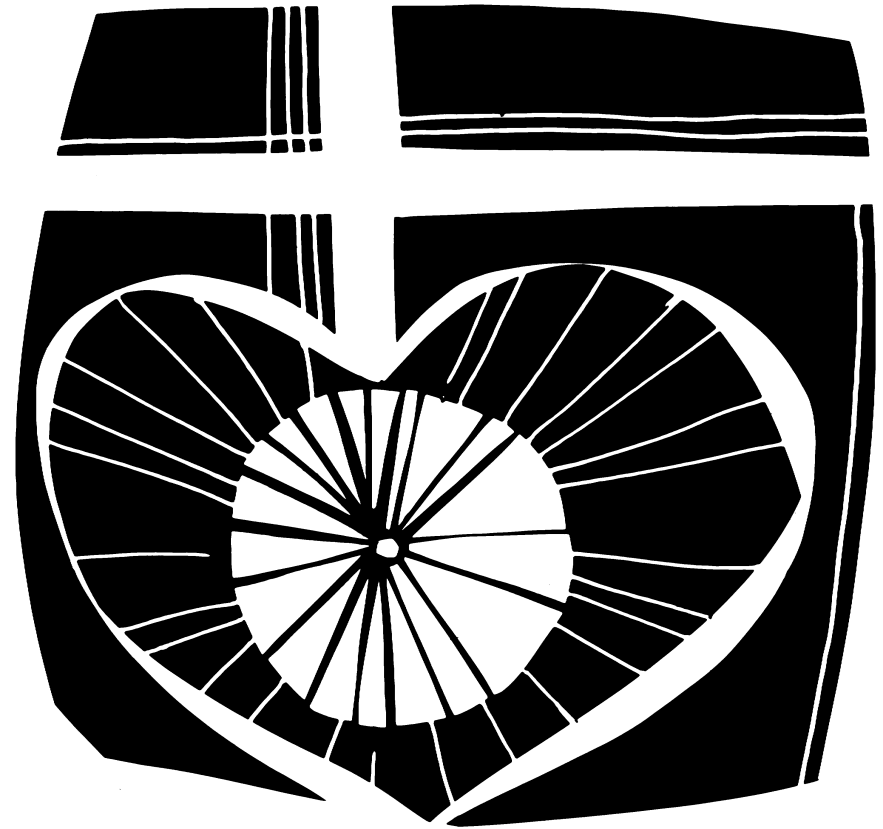
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

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

December 10 at BCMC: Attendance: 266. General Fund \$4,096; Living Stones \$1,505; Media Supplies \$10; Transfer-General \$40; Gen Fund 2018 \$700; *The Mennonite* \$37; Caring Fund \$2,000; Flower Fund \$144; Kitchen-Coffee \$1; Martha Koehn Mem. \$865; Betty Funk Mem. \$25.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Advent 3

December 17, 2017

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December 17, 2017—Prelude 9:00 a.m. Worship—9:30 a.m.

ADVENT 3:
Let it be whole

GATHERING

Advent Prelude Chris Shaw, organ
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 J.S. Bach
Advent (Winter), from *Embertides* Hilary Tann
Fantasy on *Veni Emmanuel* Robert Lau
X Noel Louis Claude Daquin
Variations on *Noel Nouvelet* for Pedals Only J. Harold Moyer
Forest Green arr. Raymond Haan
Vada Snider, Flute; Bell Ensemble; Organ
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. John Ferguson
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Neil Harmon

Call to worship Eric Massanari

Leader: Awake!
The invitation to carry light
comes from the God of restoration.

All: ***O God, you amaze us with
your promise to build up the ancient ruins.
You say you will replace the ashes of the past
with garlands of beauty.
Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.***

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questions.

All: ***Lead us beyond our fears,
and guide us on the path to peace.***

Leader: Let it be whole.

Lighting of Advent Candle *O Come, O come Emmanuel* **HWB 172**
(verses 1 and 5) Candlelighter: Lucy Burch

*Hymn *Hark! the glad sound* **HWB 184**
(verses 1-2)
(children come forward during the last verse)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Worship music *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming* arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director; Jason Wong, violin

Scripture reading Luke 1:46b-55 Jeanette Stucky

Worship music *Infant Holy, infant lowly* arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Jason Wong, violin

Scripture reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon *I am not the Messiah* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *My soul is filled with joy* **STJ 13**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *All glory in the highest* arr. Eithun
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 *Be joyful* **STS 18**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Peace before us* **STS 16**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *My Dancing Day* arr. David Schelat
Chris Shaw, organ

*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)

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).

Many people do their Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! Please bring us your clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

~ Sara Dick, Et Cetera Shop General Manager

Mark Kreider will present "Hiking the Cordillera Huayhuash: Photographing the Andes" Dec. 26, 7 pm, Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. All are welcome to attend.

Mennonite Central Committee Bucks, to spend at the Relief Sale on Apr. 13-14, 2018, make good Christmas presents and encourage others to attend the 50th Kansas Sale. They come in a book of ten \$1 certificates to spend at any sale booth. These Bucks make good stocking stuffers for kids, grandkids, co-workers and others. Contact Judy and John Kliwer, Dave and Cynthia Linscheid or Wes and Ada Schmidt Tieszen to purchase Bucks.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is offering a series of 12 free weekly classes to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders. Classes are Jan. 8-Mar. 16, 2018 (6:30 pm to 9 pm) at Newton Medical Center, Osage Room. Contact Barbara Gibson at midkansasnami@gmail.com for more information. Poster is on the church bulletin board.

Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness has a host of great workshop leaders who will offer practical ideas to take home to your church and neighborhood, such as, James Krabill, Joe Sawatzky, Brad Roth, Byron Pellecer, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, and keynote speakers Heidi Roland Unruh and Marvin Lorenzana. Learn more and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

The Midnight Hymn Sing is a collection of hymns performed and reimagined by a new generation of Mennonites from San Francisco. The Midnight Hymn Sing was made to call us to come back around the piano, and find something that speaks to our hearts in the 21st century. CD's are available at Mennonite Central Committee, 121 E. 30th, North Newton for a suggested donation of \$15 per CD with all money going to support MCC's work with Syrian refugees. The album is also available on Amazon and iTunes. Contact patsydirksen@mcc.org or tinascrag@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with questions or to get your CD.

Congratulations to Pastor John Tyson, who will be ordained for congregational ministry Jan. 28, 2018 during our Sunday morning worship.

Sunday, December 17—Advent 3

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

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

- Open Forum in Fellowship Hall—*Mennonites in Kansas politics*—James Juhnke
- 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—Lectionary
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Carol singing and social in classroom
- 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—*The Hope of Christmas in the midst of turmoil*
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Drama at Ellsworth Correction Center*, Dawn Abrahams
- **4:00 p.m.** *Amahl and the Night Visitors*—Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

3:00 p.m. Memorial service for Ruth Boese—Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. **Women's Fellowship General Meeting in Fellowship Hall**

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

8:00 p.m. Garden Task Force—Rm 14

Wednesday, December 20

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 (Rm 22)

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Sunday, December 24—Advent 4

9:00 a.m. Advent Prelude: Jonah Schloneger, Alahna Wheat, Katherine Lamp, Vada Snider & Karen Loucks, William Eash & Verlene Garber

9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program—*Yes! Let it be now*

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea
No Junior Sunday school this Sunday; Adult Sunday schools can decide if they wish to have Sunday school

11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols—Sanctuary

We offer sympathy to Orlando Fast and family on the death of their wife and mother and grandmother, Maxine Fast, Dec. 13. The memorial service for Maxine was yesterday, Dec. 16, at BCMC.

The memorial service for Ruth Boese will be Tues., Dec. 19, 3 pm at BCMC.

Thank you to Bob Regier, for designing the Advent banners. In Dec. of 1980 LaVonne Platt wrote this response following the first use of the banners:

“A sliver of light In an ordered progression Of darkness, gives hope . . .	A Star bursts, blending vertical, horizontal Lights of ordered lives To new order, uplifted By a cross, a star-born cross. “
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Amahl and the Night Visitors, a production by Music On Site, of which Matthew Schloneger is a member, will be presented today at 4 pm in the sanctuary. All are invited and admission is free.

Women’s Fellowship General Meeting is Tues, Dec. 19, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone who can, please bring samples of your Christmas traditional goodies to share. Several Women’s Fellowship members will share about their own unique family experiences in other countries. The entire offering will go for Harvest of Love.

Pray for the Church Board and the various commissions and committees as BCMC finishes out 2017 and works to finalize a budget recommendation for 2018. A strong finish for 2017 is important as the Church Board proposes a 2018 budget to the congregation. Contributions received in the church office by Fri. noon, Dec. 29, or the Dec. 31 Sunday offering will be credited to 2017 giving.

The BCMC Witness Commission is sponsoring an Advent Project through MCC to provide items for Relief Kits. Relief Kits are distributed to families worldwide whose lives have been disrupted by war and disaster. More than 16,700 kits were sent out in 2016 and the need for these valuable supplies continues to grow in 2017. A list of items for the kits and a container to collect them will be under the balcony throughout the Advent Season. This Christmas, why not gather your family and help supply a Relief Kit and share God's love with those whose lives have been turned upside down?

Please make a correction to your Advent fliers: On Dec. 24, do not bring goodies to share after the Children’s Christmas Service; please bring goodies to share on Dec. 31 for the Fellowship and Coffee Time after the service. There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 31. Adult Sunday school classes can choose to have Sunday school on Dec. 24.

Thank you to those who returned Gift Discernment Surveys--112! The on-line option will be closed tomorrow. You are still invited to complete the survey today: bethelcollegemenonitechurch.org and click on *Participant Log In* (bcmcuser and password: 3667). ~ *Gifts Discernment Committee*

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is open regular hours through the holidays: Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 pm (closed Mondays.) Visit *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War, extended through Jan. 21, 2018*, and the newest special exhibit, *Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West, opening Dec. 19*, through Apr. 1, 2018, as well as the permanent exhibits “Of Land and People” and “Mennonite Immigrant Furniture.” See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.


The year 2018 is Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus 50th Season and it’s time to register. Current singers find your registration form in your church mail box, and one for a friend who would enjoy singing with us. The first rehearsal is Jan. 28, 2018. Concert dates are April 8 and 15. The steering committee is organizing an east coast tour in early summer. Come join us. “We sing that others may live”! ~ *Joe Peters, BCMC KMMC Contact*

Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N Main is open today Dec.17, 1-4 pm.

Habitat for Humanity is having an open house today from 3 to 4 pm to dedicate the newest Habitat home, at 405 W. 3rd St., Newton. For more information contact Ron Peters, Wade Brubacher or Sondra Koontz.

For those of you who remember former BCMC member Lidia Pagán — she will be honored with an Open House for her 90th birthday on Wed., Dec. 27 from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Salina Mennonite Church, 600 State St., Salina. Cards may be sent to her home: 132 S. Penn, Salina, KS, 67401. Donations to the church in her name will be used for a special mission project.

All BCMC Junior and Senior High Youth (5 - 12 grade) are invited to Gym Night in Memorial Hall on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm! Come out for pizza, organized games, and lots of fun!

	Youth Events for your calendar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, Jan. 5, 6:30 - 11:30 pm: "Lock-in" Movie Night• Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:45 am: Soup luncheon fundraiser• Friday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 18: Snow Camp at RMMC• Saturday, July 21 - Saturday, July 28: Summer Service Trip at Destination Rehoboth, Gallup, New Mexico
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