

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

Western District Conference: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us give thanks for the ways Christ's presence is made visible through WDC congregations.

This congregation: Give thanks for the children and youth among us, and pray for wisdom to learn from them as we walk alongside them.

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 17 at BCMC: Attendance: 262. General Fund \$12,532.38; Living Stones \$3,991.67; Kitchen Committee \$500; Media Supplies \$20; Gen Fund 2018 \$1,125; Caring Fund \$40; Library Reserve Fund \$20; Flower Fund \$48; Margaret Friesen Mem \$100; Milly Stucky Mem \$100; Martha Koehn Mem \$200; Maxine Fast Mem \$100



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Advent 4

December 24, 2017

Bethel College Mennonite Church
December 24, 2017—Prelude—9:00 a.m. Worship—9:30 a.m.

ADVENT 4:
Yes! Let it be now

GATHERING

Advent Prelude William Eash and Verlene Garber,
Vada Snider and Karen Loucks,
Alahna Wheat, Katherine Lamp, Jason Wong, Jonah Schloneger

Call to worship John Tyson, worship leader

Lighting of Advent Candle *O come, O come Emmanuel*
Menno Ringers; Suzanne Burch director

*Hymn of praise *Oh, how shall I receive thee* **HWB 182**

(children come forward during last verse of hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation *The Christmas Donkey* Carol Flickinger

Scripture reading John 1:1-14 Justin Zerger & Adah Hodge

Christmas music *A waiting carol*
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert, director
O beautiful star of Bethlehem
Helpless and hungry / What child is this
Cherub Choir and
Junior Choir; Dawn Yoder Harms, director

Drama *A Spontaneous Nativity*
BCMC Children and Youth

Christmas music *The virgin Mary had a baby boy (West Indian carol)*
On this still, silent night Farnell
Junior Choir

Readers Theater *The Incarnation* BCMC Senior High Youth

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn of response *O little town of Bethlehem* **HWB 191**

Prayer of God's people BCMC Children and Youth

Offering

Offertory Verlene Garber, organ
*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 *O come, all ye faithful* **HWB 212**
(accompanied by Menno Ringers)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Hark! the herald angels sing* **HWB 201**

*Benediction

*Benediction response Verlene Garber, organ

*Postlude *Joy to the world* Andrews

*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).

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.

Five Times Harder will perform a "Songs of the Season" concert Dec. 29, 7:30 pm at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita. A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of MCC.

Many merry blessings of Christmas to all! Camp Mennoscah sends hope, joy, and peace to all this Christmas season. We have been thoroughly blessed by your gifts and prayers throughout the year and pray you have been blessed by Camp Mennoscah's ministry, too. Check out our webpage at campmennoscah.org or our Facebook page to see the many things you have made possible. Thank you for sharing generously with the many campers and people who experience God's love and creation at Camp Mennoscah!

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 Kliever, Dave and Cynthia Linscheid or Wes and Ada Schmidt Tieszen to purchase Bucks.

If you are looking for a unique gift idea you could give a book to the Western District Conference Resource Library in honor of a loved one. A book given in a loved one's name can enrich the faith of individuals all over the conference. The library's wish list can be found at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton or on their website: www.faithandlifebookstore.net (when ordering online, make "store pick up" to avoid paying shipping.)

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.

Merry Christmas!



This Week at BCMC: December 24—31, 2017

Sunday, December 24—Advent 4

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

10:50 a.m. No Sunday school today

Monday, December 25—Merry Christmas: Church will be locked; office will be closed

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

Tuesday, December 26—Office will be open in the morning; closed in the afternoons during the week of Dec. 26-29

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

Wednesday, December 27—No choir practices or Youth Group tonight

Thursday, December 28

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Bonnie Goering—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Andrew Thiesen, trombone and Christmas carol singing

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea
No Sunday school

Thank you to Eva Dungan for the bulletin cover artwork.

Drama: Abby Koontz, Narrator; Lucy Burch, Mary; Maisie Brubacher, Joseph; Addison Zerger, Angel of the Lord. Joined by shepherds, sheep, animals, and angels!

Reader's Theater: Jason Wong, Katherine Lamp, Christa Kondziola

Staff announcements: Pastor John Tyson will be on vacation from December 25, 2017—January 3, 2018. Pastor Susan Wheeler will be out from December 21—26.

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?

Poinsettias in the church are**Donated by:**

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In memory or in honor of:

We offer sympathy to Ken, Annette, Katherine and Elizabeth Lamp on the death of Ken's father, Floyd Lamp, Dec. 17, Houston, TX. Memorial service is pending.

We offer sympathy to Larry and Margaret Goering, Karen (Goering) Dickson and Laverne Goering and their extended family, including Jake Goering and Ralph and Evelyn Lehman, on the death of their mother Bonnie Goering, Dec. 18. The memorial service will be Dec. 28, 2 pm at BCMC.

The Witness Commission would like to encourage you to consider attending the kick-off event for **Western District Conference's Year of Evangelism!** The event begins at 7 pm on Jan. 19 with worship led by keynote speaker, Heidi Roland Unruh. The conversation continues at 9 am on Jan. 20 and will feature break-out sessions focused on different evangelism themes and a creative strategizing jam. For more information, please visit <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>. Registration is \$30 per person (\$25 per person if 4 or more attend from BCMC).

Pray for the Church Board and commissions and committees as the year 2017 comes to an end and BCMC 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.

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:**

- 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: Senior High Snow Camp at RMMC
- Saturday, July 21 - Saturday, July 28: Summer Service Trip at Destination Rehoboth, Gallup, New Mexico