

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC's Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God's work of justice and peace-making.

**This congregation:** Pray that we will grow in delight, courage, skill and imagination, even in the face of doubt and struggle.

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 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

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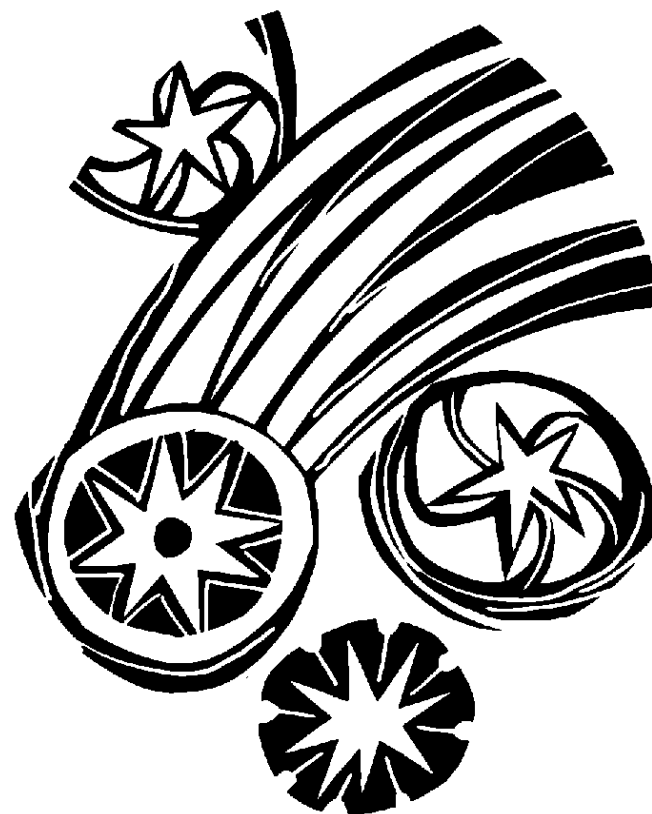
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**Junior Choir Director:** Dawn Yoder Harms **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Epiphany

January 7, 2018

**December 31 at BCMC:** Attendance: 196. General Fund \$11,774; Living Stones \$4,910; Gen Fund 2018 \$2,730; Caring Fund \$455; Kitchen-Coffee \$12; Maxine Fast Mem. \$75; Bonnie Goering Mem. \$60.

Bethel College Mennonite Church  
January 7, 2018 Worship—9:30 a.m.

**EPIPHANY**

**GATHERING**

Prelude *Schmücke dich* Leupold/Brahms  
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Morning Star, O cheering sight!* **HWB 214**  
Leader: Ron Garber  
All: Congregation

Call to worship, prayer Dianne Epp  
Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within us.  
**All: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.**  
Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**  
Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.  
You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.  
**All: May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.**  
**May we offer our gifts in your presence,**  
**no matter where you are found.**  
Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

\*Hymn of praise *Arise, your light has come* **STS 30**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation John Tyson

Worship music *Partita No. 2 in D Minor, Giga* J. S. Bach  
Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-12 Valetta Seymour

Sermon *Kingdom of Hope* John Tyson

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *Holy child within the manger* **STS 28**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Three Kings of Orient* Linker  
*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 *Worship the Lord in the beauty* **HWB 220**  
verses 1, 3, 4

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response

\*Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* Wood

\*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).

**The New Year Memorial service** will be today, Jan. 7, at 4 pm in the sanctuary. During the service, candles will be lit for BCMC members and loved ones who have died during 2017. Family, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

**Staff announcement:** John Tyson will be away Fri., Jan. 12-Mon., Jan. 15.

**You are invited to come celebrate the 100th birthday of Jake Goering,** Sat., Jan. 13, 2-4 pm, in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel Village.

**You are invited to come celebrate the 90th birthday of Grace Schroeder,** Sat., Jan. 13, 2-4 pm, in the Schowalter Villa basement (200 W. Cedar, Hesston.)

**Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld Jan. 13**, by participating in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10 am outside Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College campus. Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship in Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at [www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca](http://www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca).

**Save the Date—Sun., Jan. 14, 3 pm** for a special screening of the film, *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water and our environment. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. Mennonite Central Committee is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event.

**Everence will continue its retirement workshop series** in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options*, Jan. 8, 6:30 pm, detailing the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop is presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve a spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

**Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time business manager:** accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. See [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) for information.

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College** is open : 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*, opened 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/](http://www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/) or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

**New Hope Shelter is recruiting for a Donation Coordinator** (a volunteer position) to sort and stock food/goods/clothing donations with expected time needed at 2 to 6 hours per week. If interested, contact James Wilson at: [james@newhope-shelter.org](mailto:james@newhope-shelter.org), phone 316-283-7711.

### Sunday, January 7—Epiphany Sunday

**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**; 2–4<sup>th</sup> grade in **B3**; 5–6<sup>th</sup> grade in **B8**
- Junior High students (7–8<sup>th</sup> grade)—Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22—*Gospel of Matthew*—Tim Hodge
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts - Epiphany
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*New Testament Topics: Love and Peace*, Marion Deckert
- 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 discussion: Tim Wise: "*White Like Me*"
- Sojourners—Chapel—*The Search for a Useable Past*, Dale Schrag

**4:00 p.m. Memorial Service** to remember BCMC members who died in 2017—Sanctuary

### Monday, January 8

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

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 9

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

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 23

### Wednesday, January 10

**10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline

**6:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth—Gym Night at Memorial Hall Bethel College

**6 to 8 p.m. Gym Night for children 5-12 grade at Memorial Hall, Bethel College—Come for pizza, organized games, and lots of fun!**

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) (No Junior Choir practice during January)

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary (led by Enrique Alfonso)

**8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, January 11

**2:30 p.m.** Bereavement Support Group—Rm 21

**7-9 p.m.** Newton Chorale—Sanctuary

### Saturday, January 12

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's, Bethel College campus

### Sunday, January 14

**9:30 a.m.** Sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

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

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation—Everybody is welcome!

**December 2017 giving was exceptionally strong.** As a result we moved from a \$17,962 loss at the end of November to a \$807 gain for the year. A big thank you to all. Most of you will soon receive a year-end contribution report. ~*Richard Friesen, Treasurer*

**Thank you** for the cards, prayers and acts of kindness during the difficult time of our Mother's death. ~ *The family of Bonnie Goering*

**Thank you faith community,** for the way you touched the lives of our family during my recent surgery and convalescence. ~ *Helen Ruth Unruh*

**We offer sympathy** to Gui, Amy, Serena, Jason and Kayla Wong and their extended family on the death of their uncle, Yuon Wong, Newton, Dec. 20.

**The BCMC Witness Commission thanks you** for your support of the recent Advent Project. Through your generosity, over 200 items, necessary for Relief Kits, were donated to the Mennonite Central Committee Center.

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

**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:

- 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

**Help Offender/Victim Ministries** kick off 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries at their 2018 annual meeting Jan. 14, 4 pm at Shalom Mennonite Church. There will be a faspas (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018.

#### Bethel College announcements:

- **Centering Prayer** is Jan. 8, noon-1 pm in Agape Center, Richert House, Bethel College campus. For information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu)
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum**, Jan. 7, 3 pm with Andrew Bolton, "Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?"; Kauffman Museum.
- **Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day** celebration, Jan. 15, 7 pm with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as "the Free Hugs Guy," and poetry reading by Bethel students, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Registration is now open for the academic conference "Mennonites and the Holocaust,"** to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, 2018, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See [mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust](http://mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust) for more information or to register online.



#### REMEMBERING 50 years of the MCC relief sale in Kansas

This year we celebrate 50 years of successful fundraising to support Mennonite Central Committee through a grassroots sale in Kansas. The first sale was in Hillsboro, moved to Newton as it grew, then settled at the state fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Today, approximately 70 churches of various Anabaptist traditions participate. The continuing purpose, as it was in 1968, is to support and raise funds for MCC alone. **This year the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.** To prepare:

- **Fellowship Meals** will be Feb. 25 and March 4, with a signup deadline of Feb. 1. The meals nurture relationships and help raise funds for MCC. Watch for information on the bulletin board.
- **Sunday School Classes** are encouraged to support this year's \$77,000 operating budget. Contacts, look for a bidding form in your mailbox Jan. 14 and collect funds by March 4.
- **Quilter's Corner** information is also on the bulletin board, with a basket for items in the Gathering Place.
- **Photos of auction items** for the sale brochure are due in early February. If you have a photo or item to photograph, contact Dave Linscheid by Jan. 28.
- **BCMC liaisons** are John (316-217-6783) and Judy (316-212-9882) Kliever; Dave (316-727-6967) and Cynthia (316-727-6966) Linscheid; Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (316-283-1182).
- **The Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale** is looking for Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257.