

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

This congregation: As we begin this season of Lent, pray that God's commitment to love all people, everywhere, becomes the compass that guides our lives.

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

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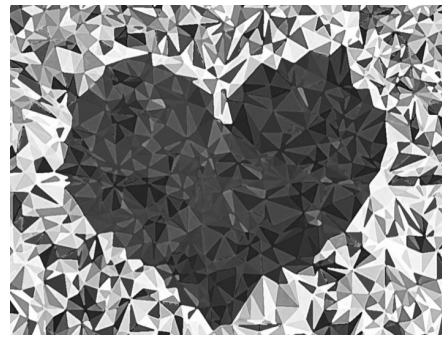
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Vada Snider

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

Junior Choir Director: William Eash **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert

February 11 at BCMC: Attendance: 162. General Fund \$2,258; Living Stones \$255; Wed. Supper \$1,162; Kitchen Fund \$6; Sr Hi Youth \$40; Columbarium Fund \$2,000; Caring Fund \$200; Jr Hi Fund \$60



Bethel College
Mennonite Church
February 18, 2018
9:30 a.m.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT Covenant of Love

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude

Come, ye disconsolate

Wood

Verlene Garber, organ

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

Introit

Ye servants of God

arr. Coleman

Chancel Choir; William Eash director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Welcome

Dale Horst

Call to worship

L: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.

P: We have come. We are here. We worship God together.

*Hymn of praise

I sing the mighty power of God
(children come forward during hymn)

HWB 46

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Esther Kreider Eash

Psalm reading

Psalm 25:1-7

Cynthia Linscheid

Prayer of confession (take a moment to read through silently)

L: God of creation and salvation, too often we fear there is not enough, and we want to keep what there is for ourselves, including your love, so we build barriers. We want to decide who's in or out. We fail to see the impact of our selfishness. Help us to value all of your creation—the earth, air, water, and all living creatures, both the tame and the wild—the way you do. Help us to preserve and not destroy them. Forgive us for making your love too small. Teach us to act with humility, grace, and mercy as we seek to make things right.

(Silence)

P: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

Scripture reading Genesis 9:8-17 Cynthia Linscheid

Sermon *Faithful?* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Creating God, your fingers trace* **HWB 325**

Communion *Great God, the giver of all good [HWB 458]*
Seed, scattered and sown [HWB 454] Chancel Choir
Now the silence [Wallace] Verlene Garber, organ

Affirmation of Faith **STJ 136**

Prayer of God's people

Offering
Offertory *Rhosymedre* Williams
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 *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Go, my children* **HWB 433**

Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) presents *The Empathy Gap*. March 4, 3 pm, at the Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Free and open to the public. The Empathy Gap investigates the reasons why so many men have difficulties viewing women as authentic equals. The talkback session following the film will feature Stacey Mann, educator for Wichita State University's School of Social Work & director of the Batterer Intervention Program at Offender/Victim Ministries, and Ben Kreider, director of Prison Ministries at Offender/Victim Ministries. Questions: call 316-284-5217 (KIPCOR)



REMEMBERING 50 years of the MCC relief sale in Kansas. In 1980 --by counting cars and multiplying by four--organizers estimated attendance at 15,452. MCC Central States director Griselda Shelly set up a multi-media program showing relief programs supported by sale income. Verenike with ham gravy went for 75 cents. Borscht was 85 cents. 367 quilts and comforters brought in \$47,357. A total of \$206,712 went to MCC, including \$5,434 from Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concerts.

This year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.

MCC Bucks, in a booklet of 10 \$1 certificates, are available for the 2018 sale. They can be spent as cash at the sale. Buy them for your kids or grandkids.

Quilter's Corner information is available on the bulletin board, and also with a basket for items in the Gathering Place.

Quilts for the auction are due at the MCC Center on March 12. Quilts made by BCMC members will be displayed at the church on March 11.

BCMC liaisons are John (316-217-6783) and Judy (316-212-9882) Kliewer; Dave (316-727-6967) and Cynthia (316-727-6966) Linscheid; Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (316-283-1182).

You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 1. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or church office by Mar. 18. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____



It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Feb. 21, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office, 316-283-3667 or email the office by 10 am Mon., Feb. 19. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 21**

Number attending meal ____ Name: _____

Join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, for the annual meeting Feb.23, 10:30 am

The 2018 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be July 27-28. Resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days (by March 29) prior to the Annual Assembly. Send resolutions to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

Ted & Company Theaterworks will present "*Discovery: A Comic Lament*" Feb. 24, 7 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne present a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. Tickets are \$12 for adults and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore, 620-327-8104. Youth through high school age are free. Participants in Hesston College's AVDS weekend receive a ticket through their conference registration.

If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships or talk with BCMC's new Everence Advocate, Elizabeth Raid.

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop March 3, from 9 to 11:30 am, presented by Everence staff at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton with topics of Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. To reserve a spot contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294; michelle.ramer@everence.com

The 2018 annual Comforter Blitz, Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder, Mar. 5 from 10 am-5 pm, Mar. 6 from 9 am-5 pm, Mar. 7 from 9 am-4 pm. Come help to make comforters for MCC to send around the world. Lunch is available each day by donation. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11, 2:30 pm, in the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Rd. In addition to the business meeting, the speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid.

Camp Mennoscah : online: campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290

- **Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction**, Feb. 25, 4-6 pm, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Funds raised go to the Camp general fund.
- **Annual Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is March 16-17.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**—Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4

The Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main, is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. See the bulletin board for more details.

*Benediction (leader reads first time, congregation joins second time)
We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

*Benediction response *Ye servants of God* arr. Coleman

*Postlude

*Please stand in body or in spirit

<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 toddlers. Following Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

Our Lenten Banners illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, lives in Denver, Colorado with her family and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen.

The Senior High Youth Group and sponsors Pastor John Tyson and Tim and Bethany Schrag are at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Snow Camp this weekend.

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy following my brother Les Groves' death. The cards, hugs, meals, attending the visitation and service, and contributing to his memorials were all so much appreciated. How wonderful to be part of a caring church community. ~ *Lois Goertzen*

Receiving medical care this week: Jacob Robb, Wesley Medical Center.

If you signed up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner as either a host or a guest, either your food assignment or the number of guests to expect should be on a slip in your mailbox. If you have any questions or somehow did not receive the information, contact Kathryn Simmons immediately. (816-719-1968). Thanks to all of you that are able to participate!

This Week at BCMC: February 18—25, 2018

Sunday, February 18

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea

10:50 am 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—Leviticus—Doug Miller, OT editor of BCBC
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*On cancer research: Go with your gut*, Kristi Neufeld
- 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
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Missing the link-Making life's connections*, Harold Thieszen

Monday, February 19

2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

7-9 pm Newton Chorale—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 20—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

12:45 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm B7
Circle 2—Louise Thieszen's, 2903 Bluestem Ct., North Newton

3:00 pm Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

7:00 pm Circle 3—Lenore Waltner's, 20 Lakewood Circle, North Newton
Circle 4—MCC Resource Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton
Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Cherub Choir—Rm 24 and Junior Choir—Rm 28

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

7:15 pm Junior High Club—Rm 26 and Journey Club—Rm B8

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, February 22

2:30 pm Bereavement Group—Rm 21

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7 **7-9 pm** Newton Chorale—Sanctuary

Sunday, February 25—2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir and Junior Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea

10:50 am Faith Formation— Everybody is welcome!

12:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Event

Thanks to Brad Burch who has begun work on the Peace Garden.

The first task is to prepare the base for a brick pathway. Brick pavers have been ordered. We hope to have the space ready for planting later this spring. Stay tuned for updates. ~ *Creation Care Committee*

We still have many spots available to help spruce up the kitchen. Don't be shy! There's a job with your name on it whether for a shorter or longer time slot. We will have the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for the next two Sundays. ~ *Hospitality Commission*

The BCMC Library Committee is soliciting your input regarding the future collection development of our library. You will find a survey to fill out in your mailboxes today. Please fill it out for your family. Then return it to the box on the library desk by Feb. 25. (The form states Feb. 18 but you have until Feb. 25.) Extra surveys are available in the library. We are grateful for your interest and input concerning our church library.

The Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's Spring Supper will be March 15, 6 pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive, Hesston. Meal is **\$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them.** Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo; Music by Sadie and the Prowlers from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations by Mar. 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Bethel College announcements:

- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, Feb. 25, 3 pm on "The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives," Kauffman Museum
- **Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry**, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Feb. 25, 7 pm, on "Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence," Krehbiel Auditorium. Berry will also speak in convocation, Feb. 26, 11 am, Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Greer Lecture and slide presentation by potter Alysha Baier**, Mar. 1, 7:00 pm, Ad Building chapel
- **Closing reception for "Vibrant Nature"** and artist Jennifer Larsen, Mar. 2, 5-7 pm, Regier Art Gallery (Note change from previously printed materials)
- **Mark McCormick book-signing**, Mar. 2, 6 pm, Mantz Library Lounge. McCormick, former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and current executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, is the author of a new book, *Some Were Paupers, Some Were Kings*, which will be available for sale.