

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of MMN is transitioning into the interim executive director's role with JCS, the consortium of mission agencies through which MMN serves in Mongolia. Pray for wisdom and peace for Laura as she takes on these new responsibilities.

Western District Conference: Pray for Southern Hills Mennonite Church today as they celebrate Roger and Cynthia Neufeld Smith's 30 years of pastoral ministry there.

This congregation: Give thanks and pray for all those who have committed themselves to the nurture of children.

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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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

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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



Bethel College Mennonite Church
June 17, 2018

Bethel College Mennonite Church
June 17, 2018 Worship—9:30 a.m.

THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE:
Commitment
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 *Little Song* Gottlob Neefe
Herbie Crisman, piano

Sonatina, movement I Beethoven
Jacob Crisman, piano

Call to worship, prayer Matthew Schloneger, worship leader

*Hymn of praise *All praise to our redeeming Lord* **HWB 21**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Ruth 1:1-18 Lily Schloneger

Worship music *Charity* Hartley
Gavin Jones, voice; Conor Jones, piano

Sermon *Making peace with commitment* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Will you let me be your servant* **HWB 307**

Kingdom Report: *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*
Carol Flickinger

Offering *Irish Folksongs* arr. Davis
Offertory Mike Jones, flugelhorn; Rachel Dirks, cello

*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 *Praise God from whom* **HWB 119**
*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *May the grace of Christ our Savior* **HWB 423**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Benediction* Siegfried
Dirks family: Danielle Crisman, Rachel Dirks,
Andy Crisman, Gavin Jones

*Postlude Andrew Crisman, organ
*Please stand in body or in spirit

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.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Myron and Mildred Voran's 65th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Mildred and Myron!

Thank you to the Ruthann and Marvin Dirks family today for providing the music for the worship service. Daughter Rachel's family is Mike Jones, Gavin Jones and Conor Jones. Daughter Danielle's family is Andy Crisman, Herbie Crisman and Jacob Crisman. You are invited to the Gathering Place after the worship service for cake (coffee, tea and water will also be served) in honor of Ruthann's and Marvin's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Ruthann and Marvin!



Youth events for your calendar:

July 21 - 28: DR18 @ Rehoboth Christian School (Gallup, NM)

The Bethel College Women's Association invites everyone to "An Evening with the President," June 18, 7 pm, KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave. Meet Bethel President Jon Gering and his wife, Deborah. President Gering will speak on his vision for the college, followed by refreshments.

Over the years our hymnals have aged. They are worn and tattered. The new collection of hymns that has our favorites, both old and new will be in a worship and song collection entitled *Voices Together*. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee US have partnered with MennoMedia to make this collection affordable for congregations. If you wish to contribute to this effort, the matching gift campaign is called "Voices Together, Giving Together. Every dollar you give will be doubled. You can donate by going to: voicestogetherhymnal.org

Dove's Nest and Mennonite Women USA are partnering to sponsor a summer event: *Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries* July 26-27 in Omaha, NE. This will resource women and girls (age 13-18) with supporting funds from the Schowalter Foundation. For information and registration: <https://dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries>

Mini Comforter Blitz is June 22, 9 am—5 pm and June 23, 8 am—4 pm at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Come and go as you are able. Bring snacks to share if you'd like. Please bring a sack lunch. Supper and drinks will be provided. Contact katemast@mcc.org with questions and visit mcc.org/comforter-blitz for more details.

The 2018 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be July 27-28 in South Central Kansas. More details and registration information are posted at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2018annualAssembly>

Smart Living, Simple Money is a podcast produced by and for young adults, sponsored by The Mennonite, Inc., and Everence focusing on how financial decisions impact, and are impacted by, our faith, values and daily lives. Each episode is built around personal stories, expert information and practical tips for managing everyday finances, with 4 episodes in the first season. Topics include debt, budgeting, big purchases, and retirement savings. For more information see smartlivingsimplemoney.com

Mennonite Church USA invites you to take part in the Journey Forward process by using the newly released "Pathways" study guide. "Pathways" invites you and groups to engage in studying Scripture, singing, praying, storytelling, exploring Anabaptist history and values, and discussing how you see God working in your lives. <http://mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward/>

The Next Week at BCMC: June 17—24, 2018

Sunday, June 17, 2018

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

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

Sunday School for children and youth will be on hiatus until August.

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—On hiatus for the summer
- Catacombs—Rm B5—"Artists, Citizens, Philosophers" Re-visited, Duane Friesen
- 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—On hiatus for the summer

Monday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 19

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

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, June 21

3:00 pm Witness Commission—Rm B7

Reminder: There will be no Visitation Team meeting this month

Saturday, June 23

2:00-4:30 pm Omer and Zona Galle Anniversary Celebration in Fellowship Hall

All are invited!

Sunday, June 24

9:30 am Worship with reflections by Duane Friesen, Dwight Platt and Doug Siemens; music by women's trio of Anna Wedel, Colleen White, Dawn Yoder Harms

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

2:00-4:00 pm Celebration in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Harold Thieszen's 90th birthday — All are invited!

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).

We thank Bob Regier for the bulletin cover artwork and the prints of “Peace and Reconciliation” and “Humility and Service” which were installed this week.

Peace and Reconciliation

The dove and olive branch motif is rooted in the 8th chapter of Genesis. The sign to Noah that the flood waters were subsiding was the return to the ark of a dove with an olive leaf in its beak. This signified that peace was again restored between God and humanity. Within the Christian tradition the dove and olive branch have signified peace and reconciliation.

The dove is placed within a design that alludes to a landscape with lifting clouds at the top, a glowing sun, and suggestions of water and land below. The sun is a traditional symbol for Christ based on the prophecy of Malachi 4:2: *But unto you who revere my name shall the sun of righteousness rise, with healing in its wings.*”

Humility and Service

Found in the account of the Passover supper, the pitcher, basin and towel have become Christian symbols for humility and service.

“Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.” John 13:5

In this panel design stylized images of a pitcher, basin and towel are placed together on a surface that could be a table. Superimposed over these objects is an olive branch. This motif, as well as color, is used to tie the design of the two panels together.

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler will be out from June 18-23.

If you are in the hospital and would like pastors to be informed, please notify the church office, as area hospitals do not routinely notify pastors of hospitalizations.

You are invited to a 60th wedding anniversary for Omer and Zona Galle, Sat., June 23, from 2-4:30 pm in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. No gifts required, come and celebrate with Zona and Omer!

You are invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Harold Thieszen, Sun., June 24 from 2-4 pm in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. No gifts required, come help Pastor Harold celebrate!

Needed: Six more BCMC delegates for the WDC Annual Assembly, July 27-28 at Tabor and Eden Mennonite Churches, with featured speaker Bryan Moyer-Suderman. BCMC reimburses delegate registration fees. Please contact Francis Toews if you have questions or interest in participating as a delegate. Registration deadline is July 13.

June is Torture Awareness Month. The National Religious Campaign Against Torture, a coalition of over 300 diverse religious organizations, mobilizes people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture. You can find more information about NRCAT and ideas for how to join in this work at www.ncrat/orange.

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

- **The Whale playground** at Camp Mennoscah is close to completion with work continuing June 22-23, at 9 am with final touches like dirt preparation and mulch spreading. Bring a sack lunch. Contact camp to let them know you are coming.
- **Summer youth camps** are in full swing with the theme of *Beyond Belief: The Universe of God*. There are still openings for most camps. Senior Highers--keep registering on the wait list so that they know you want to come. If camp can't find you a space, they will return all fees paid. Register online at campmennoscah.org!
- **Camp is seeking kitchen helpers** for summer youth camps for July 15-21. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees.
- **Family Weekend is June 30-July 1**, a weekend focused on time to spend with family and friends. Register online or call.

Supplies are running low in the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center in North Newton: Current material resources needs are: shampoo for relief kits (1-2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz), toothbrushes for relief and hygiene kits (in original packaging), small, metal pencil sharpeners (one or two holes) for school kits, dark colored hand or bath towels for hygiene and relief kits. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117 . Contact katemast@mcc.org or call with questions at 316-283-2720.

Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland (23rd and Woodland), Wichita will show the video, **“Hawo’s Dinner Party: The New Face of Southern Hospitality”**, June 22, 7 pm. “Hawo’s Dinner Party” tells the story of Hawo, a Somali refugee and former nurse –who now works at a poultry processing plant in a small Tennessee town – and the handful of local residents who come together to help create a more integrated and thriving community. The story puts a human face on the complex issues we face in this time of increasing globalization and changing demographics. Speakers from the International Rescue Committee and discussion will follow the video.

June 10 at BCMC Attendance: 217. General Fund \$4,651; Living Stones \$5,205; Transfer-General \$266.45; Sr Hi Youth \$405; *Rejoice* \$59; VBS Fund \$12.84; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$200.