

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Addressing violence on the Colombia-Ecuador border, the three Mennonite conferences in Ecuador are calling their national government to work for peace and to respect the human rights of all people. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of MMN ask us to join our brothers and sisters in praying for peace.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's faithfulness with Manhattan (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their 40th anniversary today.

This congregation: Pray for John, Amy, and Levi Tyson as they move to Des Moines, IA this week.

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

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church and New Creation Fellowship June 3, 2018—10:30 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Manz
I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath Kerr
Karen Unruh, organ

Welcome and prayer Pastors Derrick Ramer and John Tyson

Call to worship VBS children

God's peace in my heart.
God's peace in my mind.
God's peace in my hands.
God's peace in my mouth.
God's peace shared with all.
Practice peace.

Singing VBS children and congregation

LISTENING

Scriptures: VBS memory verses

Drama *Practicing Peace* based on Matthew 5:43-48
Zoe Siemens and Jonah Hodge

VBS Reflections Dominic Ramer, Ian Voth, Alli Tran, Mabel Wall

Photo collage of the VBS week Weldon Schloneger

RESPONDING

*Hymn *Jesus, help us live in peace* STJ 52

Prayers of God's people Pastor Susan Wheeler

Offering

During the offering please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

Offertory *Simple Gifts* Held

*Dedication hymn *Fill now our life, O Lord* **STS 107**

*Dedication prayer

BLESSING AND SENDING

Blessing High School Seniors

Zoe Siemens, Jason Wong, Katherine Lamp, Mercedes Rodriguez

Saying good-bye to John, Amy, and Levi Tyson

Thanking

Releasing Litany of release (see bulletin insert)

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister

Sondra Koontz, outgoing congregational moderator

Blessing Congregational response:

We know that God goes with you

*Hymn *God be with you* **HWB 430**

*Benediction led by VBS children

God's peace in our hearts.

God's peace in our minds.

God's peace in our hands.

God's peace in our mouths.

God's peace shared with all.

Amen.

*Postlude *Go now in Peace* VBS Children

*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.

Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. For information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuерcher@bethelks.edu.

You are invited to the 10th anniversary celebration of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, June 10, 4 pm at First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st. A reception meal will be included - please RSVP by June 3 to Pastor Jaime Cazares: jscazares@cox.net; 316-212-1824.

New Hope is looking for groups interested in providing the Saturday Night Life meal for 40-50 people on the 4th Saturday of each month. SNL is a gathering for all former residents of New Hope Shelter.

New Hope is looking for a "Team" of donations sorters and stockers who will oversee incoming donations of food and clothing. This is a great opportunity for a men's/women's group or Bible study group. Hours and times are up to the team. If interested in either of the above, contact James: james@newhope-shelter.org, or call him at 316-283-7711.

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

The West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge continues their Concert Series with an event June 10, 7 pm. Performers are Christopher Shaw, organ; Joey Menninger, viola; RoJean Loucks, Celtic harp; the Flannelbacks, a men's vocal ensemble; and Donna Stucky, piano. Free-will offering will be received.

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>

BCMC does a bulk order for Rejoice! the MennoMedia daily devotional magazine for those who pay the **\$29.50** annual subscription fee. Copies are delivered to the church each quarter and put in church mailboxes. Subscription year is Sept. 2018-Aug. 2019. To place an order for *Rejoice!*, complete this form and return it with your payment to the church office **by Mon., June 10.**

Name _____

Make checks payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church; on check memo line write "Rejoice subscription."

Kidron-Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet June 5, 2 pm, in Menno Hall. Dennis Schmidt will share "My Journey with Parkinson's." All are welcome.

Summer is here and the Newton Et Cetera Shop is a great place to spend your time by becoming a summer volunteer, if you have a few hours to give back to our community once a month or once a week. Pick up a volunteer application, download one at newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer, or fill one out at our new volunteer orientation June 5, 6 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with clothing, dolls, electronics, bikes, housewares and as clerks. Evening and Saturday spots are available, as well as weekday shifts. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an MCC Thrift Shop, and gives away 100% of its proceeds.

Friends of the Kauffman Museum, know that the Search Committee for a director of the museum continues its work and is receiving applications. We welcome nominations. For job description and application go to <https://kauffman.bethelks.edu/Director-Search-2018>

Calling all Mennonite Central Committee volunteers! Please save the date for our Volunteer Appreciation event June 13, 5-7 pm at MCC Central States in North Newton!

Mennonite Central Committee has one last free webinar for churches who want to learn more about how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinar, *Healthy Masculinity* will be June 13, 2-3 pm, led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topic. Learn more and register for the webinar at mcc.org/wwso. Contact karinkaufman-wall@mcc.org with questions.

Western District Conference seeks to establish a ministry team of persons located in different areas of the conference, who can provide language interpretation for WDC meetings and events in order to enhance participation by individuals who speak different languages. Assessment, orientation and training will be provided for Team members, as well as some financial compensation through grant funds WDC has received. Contact WDC at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org if you have skills in a second language and are interested in applying or learning more about this ministry opportunity.

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 both women and girls (age 13-18) with supporting funds from the Schowalter Foundation. For more information and registration: <https://dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries>

Litany of Release and Blessing:

Congregational moderator: As sisters and brothers in a covenanted faith community, today we give thanks for your four year ministry among us, John. We say farewell to you, Amy, and Levi, and we bless the journey ahead - for you and for this congregation.

Congregation: All praise be to our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. There is one Body, one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

John: We have shared worship and work, happy and sad occasions, commission meetings and service projects. We enjoyed Wednesday night suppers and Bible School week together. We met over coffee, at the hospital, and in homes.

Congregational moderator: This is a time of many feelings: sadness, joy, anticipation, loss, satisfaction. Farewells are difficult, but we have accomplished much during these years together, and we give God thanks for you and your ministry.

John: I leave as your pastor with cherished memories of our times together. You have shaped my faith, ministered to my family and me, and helped me see and seek God's presence in my life and in the community. Thank you for your care, your creativity, your encouragement, and your hope.

Congregation: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life journey.

Conference Minister: As you, the people of Bethel College Mennonite Church, bless John as he leaves this congregation, do you now release him from his pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for John's faithfulness and acknowledge this transition in the life of our congregation. We will pray for God's continued guidance in John's life.

Conference Minister: John, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as a pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

John: With the help of God, I do. When we meet in the future, I will be your friend but not your pastor. I will no longer perform pastoral duties among you. I will keep the congregation and its ministries in my prayers.

Conference Minister: May God bless and guide you, John, on the next steps of your journey. May God bless and guide your family as you leave North Newton and form relationships in a new community. May God bless and guide this congregation as it continues kingdom work and seeks new leadership. May God bless and guide each of us in the new relationship that we now will share.

The Next Week at BCMC: June 3—10, 2018

Sunday, June 3, 2018

10:00 am Gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Worship—**No Sunday school—Hamburger fry in the church picnic area follows the service — All are welcome!** (fundraiser for the Senior High Youth Group)

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

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

2:30 pm Caregiver's Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, June 6

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, June 7

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, June 9

8:00 am Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's on the Bethel College campus

Sunday, June 10

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

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).

This morning we welcome New Creation Fellowship, who, together with BCMC, jointly led and participated in VBS this week!

John Tyson's new contact information: 15317 Townsend Ave, Urbandale, IA 50323; (215) 896-1047; jatyson@gmail.com

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.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Jan Albertson, Newton Medical Center.

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

We offer sympathy to Margo and Dale Schrag and their extended family on the death of Margo's mother, Elizabeth Esau Loewen, Good Samaritan Village, Mt. Lake, MN, on May 27. Memorial service will be June 9 at the Bethel Mennonite Church in Mt. Lake.

We offer sympathy to Mel and Mary Sue Voth on the death of their sister-in-law, Marlyn Voth, El Dorado, KS, May 23. Marlyn was the wife of Roy Voth, Mel's brother. Services will be May 26 at First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado with burial in Larned, KS.

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

- **Construction of the Whale playground** at Camp continues. Volunteers are needed for the week of June 3. Contact info above.
- **Camp has both room and scholarships** for more campers. Register online or call. (see above for website and phone number)
- **Camp is seeking kitchen helpers** for summer youth camps for June 24-30 and July 15-21. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees.
- **Camp is in search of tin cans** for one of the crafts this summer. Any empty can (only one lid removed) from canned foods would work, preferably the "normal" sized cans (14-20 oz). Little cans from items like tuna and chicken are too small. Approximately 60 by the first week of camp is needed, and about 120 plus total for the summer. Any help collecting these cans would be appreciated. Bring cans to church and we'll figure out how to get them to camp. ~ Carley Sullivan (*Camp Mennoscah Crafts Leader*)

Supplies are running low in the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center in North Newton The current material resources needs are: shampoo for relief kits (1-2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz), toothbrushes for relief and hygiene kits (in originally 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. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117 . Contact katemast@mcc.org or call with questions at 316-283-2720 .

May 27 at BCMC Attendance: 211. General Fund \$6,346.15; Living Stones \$40; Media Supplies \$20; *Rejoice* \$265.50; VBS Fund \$40; Church Retreat \$165.



Youth events for your calendar:

June 3: End of VBS Hamburger Fry fundraiser

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