

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God with the Sicité people of Burkina Faso who can now read the New Testament in their heart language. Pray for Anne Garber Kompaoré of MMN, who helped to launch this translation 30 years ago, and for her husband, Daniel, as they continue God's work in Burkina.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for persons elected to new leadership roles in WDC at the annual assembly this weekend, and pray for God's guidance for them in the year ahead.

**This congregation:** Pray for BCMC's Search Committee for Associate Pastor of Faith Formation as it continues its work.

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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**Musical 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:** Addie Regier

**July 22 at BCMC** Attendance: 221. General Fund \$3,753; Living Stones \$40; Gen Fund 2019 \$4,410.16; Transfer-Funeral \$57.85; Mennonite Camping Scholarship \$67.



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**July 29, 2018**



**The Kauffman Museum bird walk is Aug. 4, 6:30 am.** Meet at in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours, with experienced birders along to help locate the birds.

**The 2018 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal,** at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu), includes several papers from the conference *Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries*, held at Eastern Mennonite University in June 2017, and from the Mennonites and the Holocaust conference at Bethel in March 2018; a senior seminar paper on 50 years of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus; a look at the closing of Grace University in Omaha, Nebraska; book reviews; and much more.

**Mark your calendars for the 2018 Women's and Girl's Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah, *Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You!* Sept. 7-9. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite, Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many fun and meaningful activities and seminars are being planned for women and girls 3rd grade and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

**Western District Conference Music Library** needs a volunteer for 2-3 hours a month. The Music Library Volunteer would communicate with patrons who have scores checked out, sort through music donations, deciding which to integrate into the collection, and return borrowed music to the files. Ask Jennie Wintermote for more information at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**Join Mennonite Central Committee on a Learning Tour** to explore the root causes of migration in Guatemala and Honduras, Nov. 7-17. Guatemala and Honduras, are countries from which the US, and increasingly Mexico, are receiving the majority of its immigrants and are within the top 10 most violent countries in the world, plagued by gang presence, political corruption, and lack of economic opportunity. MCC seeks to educate and expose Learning Tour participants to the realities that many people face that result in migration. This tour will provide firsthand stories, opportunities to meet the people as well as the organizations that are walking with them, participate in the rich culture, and witness the efforts of Guatemalans and Hondurans who are striving for positive change in their communities. We will learn about how our decisions impact migrants, plant the seeds for ongoing connections, and practical ways to support and advocate for the people and communities in these countries. Approximate cost will be \$700 (plus airfare). For more information or to sign up for this trip contact [chrislandes@mcc.org](mailto:chrislandes@mcc.org).

## **The Next Week at BCMC: July 29—August 5, 2018**

### **Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

**Sunday School for children and youth on hiatus until August.**

**An informal gathering with Cyneatha Millsaps will be in the Fellowship Hall during the SS Hour. Any interested woman is invited to attend. Cyneatha is the new Executive Secretary of Mennonite Women USA following the retirement of Marlene Bogart.**

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—On hiatus for the summer
- Catacombs—Rm B5—On hiatus for the summer
- 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, July 30**

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

### **Tuesday, July 31**

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

**4:00 pm** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

### **Wednesday, August 1**

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

### **Thursday, August 2**

**7:00 pm** Church Board—Rm 14

### **Sunday, August 5**

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

**10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation—Western District Conference Assembly Review in the sanctuary

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**As part of the Bethel College orientation,** all new students (around 140 guests) will be attending our church service Aug. 19. As a welcome to BCMC, the Hospitality Commission is hosting a new student brunch during the Sunday School hour. **We need your help!** Please consider donating either a 9 x 13 egg casserole, a 9 x 13 coffee cake, 12 muffins, or ready to serve fruit for 10 people. A signup sheet is in back of the sanctuary today, Aug. 5, and Aug. 12. Thanks! ~ *Hospitality Commission*

**What is our purpose as a congregation? The church board invites your response to a proposed statement of common purpose that seeks to describe what unites and drives our activities.** The drafted statement reads: *Our faith in a God of love leads us to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.* Read a related article in the July-August newsletter and share your reactions and comments at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRPWQ7T> by August 19. Hard copies are available near the church mailboxes. You can place completed forms in the box in the Gathering Place. All BCMC members and friends are encouraged to participate. Thank you!

**HYMNAL FUND:** *Voices Together*, the new Mennonite hymnal, has a 2020 release date. Hymn selections and pricing are not finalized, so BCMC has made no decisions about the new hymnal. Worship Commission has planned ahead by establishing a special Hymnal Fund. This fund is available for contributions towards a potential BCMC purchase of new hymnals in 2020. To date, this fund has over \$6,000 in contributions and memorial gifts.

**Prayer Network** is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch) or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the people who already are on the prayer network.

**Invitation for peace witness:** Western District Conference recently learned that the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, an independent federal agency, is conducting a **review of military selective service registration** in the U.S. The agency invites public comment through Sept. 30, online or at public meetings. For more information see <http://inspire2serve.gov/news-events/national-commission-military-national-and-public-service-announces-locations-public>. This is an opportunity for people of faith to witness for peace and advocate for alternatives to war and military service. For talking points, contact the Center on Conscience and War at 202-483-2220 or <http://centeronconscience.org/co/conscientious-objection-and-the-draft/353-commission-on-military-national-and-public-service.html>.

### **Upcoming Faith Formation items:**

- **During the Aug. 5 Sunday School hour** (10:50 a.m.) delegates from BCMC to Western District Conference will share from the WDC Assembly, July 27-29. We will gather in the sanctuary.
- **During the Aug. 12 Sunday School hour**, Debbie Schmidt and Daagya Dick from Shalom Mennonite Church will share about their congregation's efforts to provide sanctuary for undocumented immigrants, what their objectives are and how BCMC or other congregations might help. All are welcome -- join us in the sanctuary.

**Bethel College Host Family Program:** At registration for the fall semester there are always more requests for a host family than there are host families available. Consider this opportunity and call Bethany Charlsen in the BC Student Life Office with your questions (316-284-5324).

**BCMC men of all ages are invited** to the 16th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 24-25. Come simply to fellowship, eat together and relax with others. Attend on your own, or with a son(s) or friend(s). Arrive Fri. 6:30 pm or after. Bring your own meat plus a side dish to share around 7:30 pm. If staying overnight (optional), bring your own camping gear and breakfast food to share Sat. am. For more info contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, [dave.linscheid@gmail.com](mailto:dave.linscheid@gmail.com).

- Camp Mennoscah :** online: [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290
- **Young Adult Retreat Aug. 3-5**, for young adults 18 years old and older. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) and pick your own level of scholarship. We want everyone to be able to attend.
  - **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 12, 6:30 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. It's a time to celebrate 70 years of camp and a summer with over 600 campers and to rejoice in all the good friends and good times at Camp Mennoscah!

**Everence will hold a workshop, Aug. 7, 6:30 pm.** *Social Security and retirement income planning*, covering when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Workshops presented by Everence staff 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).