

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala invited Deb Byler of MMN to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for participants and leaders who will gather next weekend at Camp Mennoscah for the Mennonite Women and Girls' Retreat.

**This congregation:** Pray for Commission, Committee, Staff, and Church Board members who will be participating in the upcoming leadership retreat on September 8, that their morning together will be a fruitful time of reflection and planning for the year ahead.

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

**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:** Addie Regier



## Bethel College Mennonite Church September 2, 2018

Remembering who we are:  
**God's people at work**

### 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

Verlene Garber, organ

Call to worship, prayer

Susan Wheeler

\*Hymn of praise

*Earth and all stars*

**HWB 47**

(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Excerpts from Genesis 1; Colossians 3:23-24

Donna Friesen

Worship music

*Prelude from Bach's Cello Suite #1*

J.S. Bach

Matt Lind, Baritone Saxophone

Reflecting on our work

Vern Preheim, Rebecca Schloneger,  
Ben Lichti, Elizabeth Raid

With sung response: *Take, O take me as I am* **STJ 81**

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of God's people

**HWB 804**

\*Prayer hymn

*Through our fragmentary prayers*

**HWB 347**

## 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

\*Dedication hymn     *God, whose hand is all creation*     **HWB 391**

\*Dedication prayer

## SENDING

\*Sending hymn     *God, who stretched*     **HWB 414**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response

\*Postlude

\*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.**

**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).

**Receiving medical care this week:** John Gaeddert at Newton Medical Center Re-habilitation unit

**To Commission/Committee members:** If you have not sent your RSVP for the Leadership Retreat on Sat., Sept. 8, please do so as soon as possible — email or call the office. Thank you!

**Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop Sept. 8 from 9 to 11:30 am.** Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Workshop will be presented by Everence staff and take place at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve a spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com

**Offender Victim Ministries** is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join OVM Sept. 8 from 9:30 am-4 pm at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

**Join KIPCOR's new continuing education series** for everyone, Sept. 13, 6 to 8:30 pm. Registration is \$25. Local and regional experts each month will give you the everyday skills needed to thrive in a diverse, changing, and polarized world. Take home skills for use in families, workplaces, and communities. First session is *Conflict 101*. For more information or to register go to <http://kipcor.org/event/kipcor-core-skills-conflict-101/>. Class sizes are limited and advance payment is required to secure a place. Full refunds are offered until 4 pm, Sept. 6. Questions, call Doug at (316) 284-5217.

**The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group** will meet in Menno Hall Sept. 4, 2 pm to view inspirational videos featuring persons with Parkinson's Disease, followed by small group discussion and response. All are welcome.

**You are invited for the grand opening and dedication** of Mullet Place, Schowalter Villa's new addition in Hesston, Sept. 7, 10 am, 200 W. Cedar, Hesston. Schowalter Villa is taking reservations for assisted living homes in Mullet Place. Call 888-388-7445 for more information about living options.

**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>.

## The Next Week at BCMC: September 2—9, 2018

**Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)**, but continues most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. All are welcome, with no previous experience required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [znathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:znathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

**Camp Mennoscah** : online: [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290

- **Work & Play Camp Sept. 21-25** (or any part of those days) to work on fun projects. No fee required, donations welcome! Register online or call.
- **Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Come to camp on Sept. 23, to help dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the **Work & Play Camp** starting on Sept. 21. **Annual Meeting** events begin with worship at 10 am with the **Whale playground dedication** at 5 pm and annual meeting following. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride** will be Sept. 15, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala, with rides of 35, 45, or 65 miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are on the bulletin board or the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride) where you can also register. To contribute to this MCC project, make check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. Et Cetera is also hiring a clothing sorter & receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Full job descriptions and applications available via e-mail: [newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:newtonetceterashop.com) or [generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com), or at the store, 619 N. Main, Newton. Applications due Sept.10, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

**The 28th annual Thresher Classic Golf Tournament** will be Sept. 15, at the Sand Creek Station course in Newton. This event is expected to draw more than 100 Bethel College alumni, supporters and businesses, with participants coming from as far away as Washington. Brad Kohlman, Bethel alumni development director, invites Bethel's wider church community to participate in the tournament - by playing, volunteering or donating an item or service as a door a prize or for a silent auction. Contact Brad at 284-5357 or email [bkohlman@bethelks.edu](mailto:bkohlman@bethelks.edu), with questions, for a registration form, or would like to volunteer on Sept. 15 or donate an item or service.

### Sunday, September 2, 2018

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

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

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 2nd grade in **B4**; 3–4<sup>th</sup> grade in **B3**; 5–8<sup>th</sup> grade in **Room 26**
- Senior High students—Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Class to resume Sept. 9
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Journey Forward: Embracing God's Hope for Mennonite Church USA*—Introduction—Sharing our vision
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*How did we get here? Lessons from a learning tour to the U.S. Mexico border*—by Raylene Hinz Penner
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—*Learning from the Enneagram I*—Weldon Schloneger
- Sojourners—Chapel—Open Discussion—Keith Rhoades

### Monday, September 3—Labor Day—Office will be closed; church locked

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

### Tuesday, September 4

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

**2:30 pm** Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

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

### Wednesday, September 5

**8:00 am** Staff worship planning at Mojo's, Bethel College campus

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

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

**6:30 pm** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 pm** Senior High Youth

**7:15 pm** Menno Ringers—Rm B7

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

**8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, September 6

**7:00 pm** Church Board—Rm 14

### Saturday, September 8

**8 am—12 pm** Leadership Retreat—Asbury Park Community Center

### Sunday, September 9

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

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**We offer sympathy to** Berneil and Ted Mueller on the death of Berneil's brother, Tim Rupp, August 30 in Lima, Ohio.

**Thank you, BCMC, for your support of the Ice Cream Social** for Bethel College students this past Monday! ~ *Brad Kohlman and the Bethel College Relationship Team of BCMC*

**Elementary and Junior Sunday School:** Children up to Grade 4 gather in Fellowship Hall around 10:35 or 10:40 am. Parents of children up to Grade 4 are to pick up their children at their Sunday School classroom at 11:45 am. Grades 5 to 8 begin Sunday School in their classroom at 10:50 a.m. Their caregivers should be spotting/looking for their youth right at 11:45 am. Thank you!

**Parents of Children/Junior High Youth:** Next Sunday, September 9, all parents of Kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to attend a parent meeting following worship at 10:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will review Faith Formation goals, schedules for the fall, and speak about what parents can do to support the Sunday School and Wednesday evening activity here at church. Please join us! ~ *Faith Formation Commission of BCMC*

**BCMC Recycles:** Just a gentle reminder that we need to recycle EMPTY coffee cups and plastic cups in the blue recycling bins. Even though the coffee cups say biodegradable, they still need to be placed in the recycling bin along with any plastic or paper. Thanks for your cooperation.  
~ *The Hospitality Commission*

**BCMC will observe Peace Sunday September 16** with a special worship service featuring Dr. Jalane Schmidt. Jalane is 1991 graduate of Bethel College. She also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School as well as Masters and Doctorate degrees from Harvard's Committee on Religious Studies and is currently an associate professor in the University of Virginia's Department of Religious Studies. She is co-founder of the Charlottesville, Virginia Black Lives Matter chapter. On August 12, 2017, Jalane was in Charlottesville organizing against the white supremacist Unite the Right rally. She will share some of her experiences during our morning worship service and also elaborate further during the Sunday School hour. Jalane is the granddaughter of BCMC member Roland Schmidt.  
~ *Witness Commission*

**See highlights, video and photos** of the recent service celebrating the historic installation of Glen Guyton, the first African American executive director of MC USA at [mennoniteusa.org/gleninstalled](http://mennoniteusa.org/gleninstalled)

**Guess what's coming to BCMC!** Permanent clip name tags! Many of you may have noticed that we now have small mailboxes (beautifully built by Frank Nachtigal and Ron Peters) installed at the Front and South Entrances. These mailboxes are for our permanent nametags. There are several reasons that the Hospitality Commission has chosen to encourage a new tradition of easily identifying who you are every Sunday. First of all, we are undergoing pastoral transition. Why not make it easier on the new people as well as those of us who have trouble remembering names? Wearing a nametag fosters a feeling of community, not only for the visitor among us, but for those of us who do not know each other well and don't always have the pictorial directory at hand to figure out who that person is, even though you have been introduced to that person more than once. Please prayerfully consider wearing your name tag to be welcoming to all in our congregation.

**Today the Hospitality Commission is asking you** to help us with our permanent nametag mailboxes. Your name tag will be located either by the Front Entrance or the South Entrance. To help us determine the best entrance for you, please visit the table at the back of the sanctuary during Fellowship Time. Please put your name on the index card and place it in the container which identifies the entrance that you prefer. Thanks for your help as we work on fostering a better sense of community for our guests as well as our members.

**For those of you who are not able to let the Hospitality Commission** know your preference of nametag mailbox location (south or front/west entrance), please email your choice to Kathryn Simmons [kthrnssimmons@gmail.com](mailto:kthrnssimmons@gmail.com) by noon, Tuesday, Sept. 4. Thanks!

**Bethel College** and Tabor College welcome WDC members to go on the study tour to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, Jan. 2-22, 2019. Peter Goerzen (Bethel) and Doug Miller (Tabor), both WDC members, will lead the group. Please contact Peter ([pgoerzen@bethelks.edu](mailto:pgoerzen@bethelks.edu)) or Doug ([dougm@tabor.edu](mailto:dougm@tabor.edu)) this week if interested in participating.

**The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR)** will show two short films on immigration as part of a long-running film series, Sept. 9, 3 pm in the Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Admission free. The films were produced by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance branch of the Presbyterian Church USA. One is "To Breathe Free" and focuses on a Syrian family fleeing the war. The other is "Locked in a Box" and concerns immigration detention facilities. After the films, there are expert(s) leading a discussion and Q&A session.

<p><b>Aug. 26 at BCMC</b> Attendance: 238. General Fund \$5,595.62; Living Stones \$80; Media Supplies \$75; Transfer-General \$10; Transfer-Funer \$1,081.87; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$28.54; Kitchen-Coffee \$9.</p>
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