

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Brian and Noelia Fox and their daughters, serving with MMN, are beginning another school year in Spain. Pray for the girls as they relate to classmates, and for Brian and Noelia as they work with parents and students in the English school they established.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for church planters in WDC, as they seek to nurture the seeds of new communities of faith.

**This congregation:** Pray for BCMC's Witness Commission, which works to equip the congregation for involvement in ministries of peace, mission, justice, reconciliation and creation care.

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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**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 16, 2018

Remembering who we are:  
**People of God's Justice and Peace**

### GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle Kathy Stucky and Karen Penner  
*The prelude invites us into a time of silence  
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Chorale and Finale* Mendelssohn  
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake* Richard Farrant  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Kathy Stucky

\*Hymn of praise *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**

(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Margaret Goering

Scripture reading Micah 6:8; Romans 12:16-18 Karen Penner

Worship music *He comes to us as one unknown* Ferguson  
Chancel Choir

Sermon Jalane Schmidt

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn *Let justice flow like streams* **STJ 65**

Prayer of God's people Brad Born

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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Bish Verlene Garber, organ

\*Dedication hymn *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

\*Dedication prayer Kathy Stucky

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response Chancel Choir

\*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 and thank you to** Dr. Jalane Schmidt. Jalane is a 1991 graduate of Bethel College and 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 Aug. 12, 2017, Jalane was in Charlottesville organizing against the white supremacist Unite the Right rally. Jalane is the granddaughter of BCMC member Roland Schmidt.

~ *Witness Commission*

**Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner!** At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 17, 12 pm at HCF or Sept. 20, 7 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information: 316-281-5244 or [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org)

**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 exhibit currently in the Regier Art Gallery at Bethel College,** through Sept. 27, is "enduring witness: stories and dreamscapes," ceramics by Hanna Eastin, who teaches at Hesston College; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Apply for a Mustard Seed Grant!** These grants, offered by the WDC Resource Commission, help congregations as they share the good news of Jesus in creative ways. For more information and application form, go to: [mennowdc.org/mustard-seed-grants/](http://mennowdc.org/mustard-seed-grants/)

**Fall Festival at Bethel College is Oct. 6.** Donations needed for baked goods for the Market in the Round at Bethel College Fall Festival: 1 dozen Zwieback, Peppernuts (2 cups in ziplock bag), cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, brownies etc. Baked goods can be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center on Friday evening (10/5) or Saturday morning (10/6). The Bethel College Women's Association Council is seeking donations of pies for the Pie by the Slice Booth. We are hoping to reach our goal of 70 pies! Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday (10/5) between 4-7 pm, or by 9 am to the Pie Booth Saturday morning (10/6). 9" disposable tins are suggested, and please, no cream pies!

**Sept. 2 at BCMC** Attendance: 278. General Fund \$5,872.50; Living Stones \$155; Media Supplies \$5; Caring Fund \$100; Transfer-Funeral \$700; Kitchen-Coffee \$18.

**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. **Annual Meeting** events begin with worship at 10 am with the **Whale playground dedication** at 5 pm and annual meeting following. Register online.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**Friends of the Mennonite Library and Archives** program with Weldon Schloneger, "My Journey with the Photos of Rodolphe Petter," Sept. 25, 7 pm, Kauffman Museum.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble** season premiere concert, featuring guest composer Cate Nishimura, Sept. 28, 7:30 pm, Memorial Hall.

**Grace Hill Mennonite Church** (10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater) is hosting their 3rd annual Community Hog Roast Sept. 23, 5-8 pm. Everyone is invited to an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games and music by the Ken Regier family. A free will donation will be taken to support area food banks.

**The worst monsoon flooding in a century** has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at [mcc.org/india-flooding](http://mcc.org/india-flooding); by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**If you would like to become a Doctrine of Discovery trainer**, register now for the Oct. 8-10 training taking place at MCC, North Newton. Using the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery we will explore taking of land from Indigenous people which led to the justification of the global slave-trade of the 15th and 16th centuries, and the Age of Imperialism. Participants will be equipped with the following educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery: 1) The Loss of Turtle Island - a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers - including Mennonites - and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. 2) The Doctrine of Discovery - an analysis of the theological, philosophical and legal framework established by the Christian Church that gave European governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous peoples. Registration: [https://mcc\\_us.formstack.com/](https://mcc_us.formstack.com/)

## The Next Week at BCMC: September 16—23, 2018

### Sunday, September 16, 2018

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

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

#### **Session in the sanctuary with Jalane Schmidt**

- 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—*Jalane Schmidt*—Sanctuary
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Jalane Schmidt*—Sanctuary
- 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—*Jalane Schmidt*—Sanctuary
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Jalane Schmidt*—Sanctuary

### Monday, September 17

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

### Tuesday, September 18

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

**7:00 pm** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Women's Fellowship General Meeting—Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 19

**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

**7:00 pm** Bethel College Relations Team—Location to be determined

**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 20

**4:00 pm** Visitation Team—Rm 14

**6:30 pm** Search Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Offender Victim Ministries training for prison volunteers led by Ben Kreider—Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, September 23

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Bells

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

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**BCMC Women's' Fellowship** will meet in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm Tues., Sept. 18, for a music and nature slide show presented by Vada Snider, Duane Graham and Karen Loucks. Please plan to join us.

**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).

**Enjoy looking at the new "Living Timeline"** in the Gathering Place this morning installed by Visual Art Committee members Dave Kreider and Austin Prouty. Watch for instructions in coming weeks on how you can participate.

**The flowers this morning** are to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary (September 18,) of Esther and Harold Thieszen. Congratulations Esther and Harold!

**Receiving medical care this week:** John Gaeddert is in Rehab, room 29S at Kidron Bethel.

**Plan to attend the Sept 30 congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary following a potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m.** A Congregational Meeting Agenda is in your mailboxes today.

**Thanks to so many of you** that were willing to wear your nametags on Sunday! This turned out to be a much bigger project than we originally anticipated and it is still considered a work in progress. We appreciate your patience as we fine tune the placement of your mailbox. Please be sure to contact Kathryn Simmons (kthrsimmons@gmail.com) if you were surprised by the location. The front entrance is a popular request, but we will do everything we can to keep you happy! To accommodate those of you who would prefer not to have a clip-on nametag, lanyards are available at the lectern by the front door and the top of the steps of the south door. Please feel free to exchange and keep in your mailbox. ~ *Hospitality Commission*.

**The five third graders** who received Bibles from Faith Formation Commission of BCMC this year: Addison Zerger, Alli Tran, Allison Zerger, Collin Gaeddert and Madeline Zerger.

**Pastor search survey.** As we seek a new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, the Search Committee encourages all BCMC members and regular participants to complete a Twenty Pastoral Areas survey. Paper copies are in church mailboxes, with more by the reply box in the Gathering Place. Please complete the survey online (instructions are on the paper copy, or email dave.linscheid@gmail.com for login info) or return the paper version. **The response deadline is Sunday, Sept. 30.** Thank you.

**What does the future church look like?** How do we see ourselves in relation to other U.S. Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations? For five Wednesday evenings beginning October 3 from 6:30 – 7:25 pm, in Fellowship Hall, you are invited to interact with the same questions that the Future Church Summit at MCUSA's Orlando gathering discussed at the summer 2017 convention. We will then compare our comments with the outcomes of the Orlando gathering. Join the discussion – your input is important. Facilitated by several leaders from the Open Circle Sunday School Class.

**Thank you** for the wonderful visits and cards and all of your thoughts and prayers. They are greatly appreciated! ~ *Elsie Flaming*

**Cindy Prouty Ratts**, of rural Newton, and Todd Simmons, of Hillsboro, were married on Sept. 4, 2018, in the historic Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro, KS. Mike Barter, pastor of the Grace Community Church in Hillsboro, officiated the ceremony. A traditional faspas followed the wedding. Congratulations Cindy and Todd!

**Wednesday evening suppers** are coming October 3 thru November 14. Plan now to join your friends in Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6 pm for good food and conversation. To plan efficiently and prepare appropriate amounts for each menu, it is important that reservations for supper are turned into the church office by Monday prior to the Wednesday meal. Reservations can be made by completing a form that will appear in the bulletin and placing it in the offering, or by calling or emailing the church office. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in the coming weeks.

**See the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play** in Bavaria, Germany in 2020 with tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Mennonite Church. This ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the *Oberammergau Passion Play* will be Aug. 15-25, 2020. The *Passion Play* first held in 1634 is held every ten years. Tour includes the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. Tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at [www.travelwithweldon.com](http://www.travelwithweldon.com) or contact Pastor Weldon for a brochure or information at [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) or 402-202-9276.

**A Generosity and Estate Planning workshop will be hosted by Everence**, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. Speakers are Michele Hershberger, attorney Cynthia Wiens, Arlan Yoder CPA, and representatives from Bluestem communities. Place: The Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct, Newton. Reserve a spot by contacting Sandy Popp at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [sandy.popp@everence.com](mailto:sandy.popp@everence.com)