

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with MMN as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, as they network congregations and provide resources for faithful responses to immigration concerns.

This congregation: Pray for our congregation's children and youth and all those among us who invest time and energy in nurturing their faith.

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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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

Sept. 16 at BCMC Attendance: 252. General Fund \$10,322.67; Living Stones \$650; Plant Fund \$62.50; Transfer-Funeral \$435; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$500; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$40; Kitchen-Coffee \$17.75; Lois Deckert Mem. \$355; Rupert Hohmann Mem. \$415.



Bethel College Mennonite Church September 23, 2018

Remembering who we are:
People of God's Mercy and Blessing

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 *Be Thou My Vision / Abide With Me* arr. Lorie Line
Katie Hoody, piano

Introit *Jesus, I will ponder now* arr. Sandra Eithun
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Call to worship, prayer Lou Gomez

*Hymn of praise *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* **HWB 50**

*Hymn *Oh, have you not heard* **HWB 606**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Susan Jantzen

Worship music *Amazing Grace* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Scripture reading Numbers 6:23-26; Matthew 4:23-5:12 Abe Turner

Sermon *May the Lord Bless You* Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I heard the voice of Jesus say* **HWB 493**

Kingdom Report *Camp Mennoscah* Michael Unruh,
Executive Director, Camp Mennoscah

Prayer of God's people

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo

*Dedication hymn *Give thanks for life* **STJ 108**
(verses 1-3)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *O Power of love* **HWB 593**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Go, my friends, in grace* Chancel Bells

*Postlude *Gigue (Suite No. 1)* Johann Ludwig Krebs

*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.

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 was in your mailboxes.

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>. Postal address is: National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, Attn: RPI Comment, Docket 05-2018-01, 2530 Crystal Dr., Suite 1000, Room #1029, Arlington, VA, 22202.

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.

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!

Bethel College Music and Theater present *Little Women* - Fri., Oct. 5, 7:30 pm, Sat., Oct. 6, 3:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 7, 3 pm. Krehbiel Auditorium Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible (noncredit): Oct 24 - Dec 11, an online AMBS short course taught by Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., and Drew Strait, Ph.D., will study six biblical passages and reflect together on what they contribute to the practice of peace and justice today. Cost \$200 before Oct. 3; \$250 after. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

You are invited to the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, Oct. 6, from 7:30-9 am. Proceeds by donation will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund. (Kidron Bethel Village · 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton)

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

- **Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Dedicate The Whale playground, Sept. 23, 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 at campmennoscah.org.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4. Register online at campmennoscah.org!

Everence® will offer its retirement workshop, *Your Medicare options*, Oct. 2, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop presented by Everence staff and held at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Refreshments served. Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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

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.

Prayers for Peace, a service planned by the Newton Mennonite churches, will be Sun., Oct. 7, 7 pm at New Creation Mennonite Fellowship. You are all invited to this time of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection.

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/

Sunday, September 23, 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**; 3–4th grade in **B3**; 5–8th grade in **Room 26**
- Senior High students—Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Gospel of Mark 6:30-56*
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*The merger of Mennonite World Review and The Mennonite*, Paul Schrag
- 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—*Follow up on Jalane Schmidt's presentation*
- Sojourners—Chapel—Richard Siemens

Monday, September 24

8 am to 12 noon Bethel College Choral Fest—Sanctuary

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

7:00 pm Library Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 25

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

Wednesday, September 26

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 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 27

2:00 pm Bereavement Group—Rm 23

4:30 pm Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Friday, September 28

12:00 noon WDC Low German Task Force—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 30

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Jordan Miller, Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit Chair; music by Menno Ringers

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Session in the sanctuary with Jordan Miller

11:45 am Potluck in Fellowship Hall—Everyone is invited!

12:45 pm **Congregational meeting in the sanctuary**

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).

An opportunity to support Camp Mennoscah's ministry: Camp Mennoscah is an important faith formation ministry to this congregation--25 children and youth went to camp this past summer! Camp Mennoscah's general fund allows camp to provide the staff, facilities, and activities that foster this faith growth. Between now and the end of the year, all new, renewed, and increased gifts to camp's general fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$8,000. Donations can be contributed directly to Camp Mennoscah at PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111 or online at www.campmennoscah.org.

Youth Group Fundraiser: Menno's Best Coffee, 12oz bag for \$15. Details and order sheet in the Gathering Place after the service, or ask any youth group member. Funds will be used to go to Convention next summer.

Receiving medical care this week: Paul Harder, Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita; Brad Burch, St. Francis, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Virginia and Ron Benninghoff and their extended family on the death of Virginia's brother, Stanley Joe Koehn, Sept. 6, Manhattan, KS. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Thank you to Calen Rupp, Broderick Stohs, Elizabeth Tran, and Laura Tran from Bethel College and Doug Harms, and Ron Preheim from the BCMC Facilities Committee for clean up around the BCMC building last Wednesday. Calen, Broderick, Elizabeth and Laura were at BCMC for Bethel College Service Day and Doug and Ron were their co-workers and supervisors!

Thank you very much for the cards, calls, words of encouragement and prayers following my recent surgery. Medically I seem to be progressing but physically I am still dealing with extreme pain. I am told that this is a part of the recovery process. I have struggled with this condition for what seems like a long time and you have supported me during this time as well. I am truly grateful and thankful for your show of support. I wish God's richest blessings on each of you! ~ *Marilyn Stucky*

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.

"God's Care and Blessing" is the theme of the fall quarter's SS lessons for Kindergarten through 8th grade, with Numbers 6:24-26 as a theme verse. Numbers 6:24-26 is one of our scriptures for today.

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.

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.

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.

It is once again time for the annual BCMC Pumpkin Patch event! This year's event will be Sun., Oct. 14 at P&M Pumpkin Ranch, rural Moundridge. The Faith Formation Commission will be purchasing 50 tickets and reserving a campsite, at no cost to attendees! We'll have hot dogs and s'mores for roasting, and hope you can make it out to join us for this fun event! Tickets will be available at the gate from 3-3:30 pm on the day of the event, so if you'd like free admission, we'll hope to see you then. The event is come-and-go, but P&M closes at 7. If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Robb.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Oct. 19, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be served, meatless burritos available by request, followed by a program with a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, IBA graduation of Casa Betania students, students testimonies, and greetings from director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. Questions: contact Violeta Ajquejaj Suastegui, 281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org.