

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Requests prayer for a new conference in Ecuador, *Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador*. Pray for members as they establish healthy leadership patterns to respond to the needs of their congregations and the many refugees who seek to build a new future.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week, and give thanks for the generosity of congregations, donors and volunteers who support conference and congregational ministries through gifts of time, prayer and financial contributions.

This congregation: Give thanks for the opportunity to join our financial gifts with the ministry of this congregation. Pray for the Pony Express process as envelopes begin circulating after November 4.

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:** Addie Regier



Bethel College Mennonite Church

October 28, 2018

9:30 am

Remembering who we are: people of God's generosity

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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Diemer
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *What is this place? [HWB 1]*
Junior Choir; William Eash, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Bill Swartley

*Hymn of praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **HWB 37**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Evelyn Lehman

Worship music *Amazing Grace* Lubboff
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Scripture reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Lillian Peters
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Sermon *An alternative script* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

Kingdom Report: *Pony Express* Al Peters

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

God of the Bible

Junior Choir

Verse 3—Abigail Koontz, Mara Oswald

Verse 4—Lily Schloneger, Anne Koontz

Verse 5—Maisie Brubacher, Lucy Burch, Emma Gering

*People with October birthdays come forward
for a blessing, please bring a hymnal*

*Dedication hymn *Praise God, the Source of life* **HWB 95**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Now thank we all our God* **HWB 86**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Not one sparrow is forgotten*

arr. William Hawley
Chancel Choir

*Postlude *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word* J.S. Bach

*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).

You are invited to Harvey County Habitat for Humanity's annual fundraiser, Nov. 15, 6:30 pm, Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson. Get your free ticket from Ron Peters, Sondra Koontz, or Sylvia Bartel. Great food and fellowship. Music by Book of Jobb. Exciting auction.

Join Mennonite Central Committee on an epic trekking journey through Nepal, Apr. 1-19, 2019. This is a 12 day hiking tour through Nepal to see how MCC partner organization Shanti Nepal is working with community strengths at the grassroots level to address vulnerabilities to natural disasters and visit KOSHISH to see how they're supporting mental health and rehabilitation for those living with severe trauma and psychosocial distress. MCC is seeking college students, trauma studies researchers and practitioners, mental health professionals, engineers and ANYONE who enjoys hiking and is interested in learning more about what resilience looks like in the context of MCC in Nepal! Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org; see mcc.org/nepal-learning-tour for info.

A Loaded Conversation an invitation to talk about guns: Guns are part of our lives, whether or not we own or use them. With encouragement and input from pastors and others in the church, MCC U.S. has created this resource to help congregations stay at the table to address the topic of guns. This print resource includes a conversation guide, ways to engage, Bible studies and worship resources. Download the resource and find more ways to engage on the topic at mcc.org/loaded-conversations.

You are invited to the Chicken BBQ at Tabor Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Nov. 1, 5-7 pm with BBQ chicken, baked beans, slaw & ice cream. Donations go to Mennonite Men Join Hands Program & Tabor Building Project.

Mark your calendars: The 2019 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held July 26-27 at Bethel College in North Newton.

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org. Every voice matters. Every dollar counts.

Oct. 21 at BCMC Attendance: 248. General Fund \$11,384; Living Stones \$1,055; Wed. supper \$431; MCC Meat Canning \$132.95; Sr Hi Youth \$105; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$200; Kitchen-Coffee \$15.93

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Oct. 31, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office, 316-283-3667 or email the office by 10 am Mon., Oct. 29. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Oct. 31**
Number attending meal ___ Name: _____



Everence will hold an informative workshop Nov. 5, 6:30 pm. *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 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.

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

- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**—Nov. 2-4.
- **Christmas Gathering for all Camp Mennoscah volunteers** (counselors, program directors, cooks, nurses, staffers.) Dec. 15, 2:30 pm for conversation, cookies, games and fun. Families invited to join.
- **Camp is looking for people to help host weekends** which means helping with dishes, starting the campfire, making popcorn, or other things when groups are at camp. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call.

The KIPCOR Film Series continues Sun, Nov. 4, 2 pm (note the earlier-than-usual time,) with "Digital Disconnect." A look at how commercialization and capitalism have radically altered the original purpose of the Internet, and even poses a threat to Democracy itself. The afternoon will conclude with a post-film discussion with Jennifer Cole, co-founder of DepICT Media in Wichita.

The Western District Conference Israel-Palestine Task Force encourages you to get to know your Jewish neighbors as our Mennonite Church USA delegate resolution, "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine" invites us to do. You have an opportunity to take a fun first step by attending Congregation Emmanu-El's Deli Day. Enjoy some New York-style Jewish cuisine and take a tour of the synagogue, Nov. 11, 11 am-5 pm (dine-in 11 am-2 pm), 7011 E Central, Wichita. Call 316-684-5148 with questions.

You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St.) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network worker Wayne and Jeannie Larson Nov 14 from 2-3 pm. We will have coffee, and hear a presentation from Wayne about work in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

The Next Week at BCMC: October 28-November 4, 2018

Sunday, October 28, 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—*OT: Ezra & Nehemiah*, Dr. Douglas Miller
 - Catacombs—Rm B5—*The Pastor Wears a Skirt*, book by Dorothy Nickel Friesen
 - 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—*An Indigenous Learning Community*—follow up with Michelle Armster
 - Sojourners—Chapel—*Who were the prophets and what did they say?* John Esau

10:50 am Membership Orientation in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30

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

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

6:30 pm Search Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, October 31

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

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night suppers—Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Discussion—*What does the future church look like?*—Fellowship Hall

Junior Choir, Cherub Choir, Journey Club, and Junior High Club will NOT meet tonight.

7:00 pm Senior High Youth —Rm 22

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Not meeting

Thursday, November 1

9:00 am Transition Task Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, November 4

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Safwat Marzouk; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

4:00 pm Bethel Sings—Sanctuary

BCMC Staff: Pastor Susan Jantzen will be out of the office from Oct 24-28.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Rosalind Andreas, Newton Medical Center. Shirley Harms is receiving hospice care.

Safwat Marzouk from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will preach at BCMC Nov. 4. Safwat is Associate Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and will speak from Ruth 2, focusing on the interactions between hosts and migrants. Safwat is in the area for the Bethel College Bible Lecture series Nov. 4 and 5.

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.

Thank you to Harold and Esther Thieszen and family for the gift of the 16 foot trombone rank of pipes for the organ, which was installed last week.

What does the future church look like? How do we see ourselves in relation to other U.S. Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations? This is the last discussion, this Wednesday, (Oct. 31), 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.

“Offering cards” are available to place in the offering plate during worship, particularly for those who give electronically or through annual contributions. Take as many cards as serve your needs from the small display between the mailboxes in the Gathering Place. You might want to place extras with your name tags.

The Pony Express is BCMC's way to express support for the 2019 budget. Today Pastor Dawn introduces the theme, *Remembering Who We Are: People of God's Generosity*, in her sermon. Next Sunday, a packet of materials will begin circulating from one home to another in over 30 neighborhoods. Prayerfully anticipate your intentions to give financially in 2019. If you are a newer participant, learn more about stewardship at BCMC at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/> and the Pony Express at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/pony-express/>. Let the church office know if you would like to be included.

It's fall clean up time in the BCMC kitchen. On Nov. 12 from 12:30 pm to 4ish, the Hospitality Commission is looking for help to deep clean the kitchen. It's always more fun in a group and when it's not your kitchen! Sign up in the back of the church for whatever time you have to offer. Thank you!

You are invited to be present on the Bethel College campus as groups from this congregation. Our support as representatives of BCMC strengthens the campus community and keeps us *growing* as well. Call Brad Kohlman 316-284-5357 if you would like your BCMC group announced at a *sporting event!*

Bethel College announcements:

- **In the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** “Listening Across Time,” works in mixed media by Rachel Epp Buller, through Nov. 2. Gallery hours: 9 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri., 2-4 pm Sunday (closed Oct. 15, 16 and 17 for fall break).
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Nov. 3, 8 am.** Meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton, with experienced birders leading a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Bethel Sings**, featuring the Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Woven, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists, Nov. 4, 4 pm. Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **Staley Lecture with Safwat Marzouk, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Nov. 4, 7 pm,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (2nd lecture Mon., Nov. 5, 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium)

Service assignment openings at Mennonite Central Committee's Washington office: Legislative and Communications Assistant (2 year assignment, starting Jan 2, 2019) This position involves working on public policy advocacy and the MCC Washington office's public communications. The link to full assignment description: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/legislative-communications-assistant> *Deadline for receiving letters and resumes is Nov. 9.* Internships (3-4 months, starting Jan 14, 2019) The MCC Washington Office is also offering 2 unpaid, half time (.5FTE) internships a **Domestic Affairs Intern** and an **International Affairs Intern**. To read more about internships, go to the link: <http://washington.mcc.org/advocate/internships> These Winter/Spring internships would run from Jan. to Apr. Contact heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

BCMC and Faith Church are responsible for providing volunteers and evening meals to New Hope Shelter Dec. 19 to 25. How can we best respond to this commitment during this most special time of Holy Week? If your family, SS class, or small group, would like to contribute in some way, please contact Valetta Seymour at seymour2314@gmail.com, or 620-217-7536.