



Announcements for Sunday, October 7, 2018

The Next Week at BCMC: October 7-14, 2018

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No services at BCMC this Sunday – BCMC and Bethel College combine services for the inauguration of President Jonathan Gering in Memorial Hall at Bethel College

Monday, October 8

2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care (This will be delayed until later in the week.)

6:30 pm Playschool Board—Rm 14

Tuesday, October 9

12:45 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living (This will be delayed until later in the week.)

3:30 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 21

Wednesday, October 10

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

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

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

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth —Rm 22

7:15 pm Journey Club—Rm B8 **7:15 pm** Junior High Club—Rm 26

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, October 11

9:00 am Transition Task Force—Rm 14

7:00 pm Search Committee—Rm 14

Saturday, October 13

8:00 am Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojos, Bethel College campus

Sunday, October 14—BCMC Celebrates World Communion Day

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Cherub Choir; Communion will be served

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

Staff: Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be out of town Oct 17-23. Monica Lichti will be on vacation Oct. 9-15. During these days of October 9-15, the office will be open in the mornings and closed in the afternoons.

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.

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.

An orientation to the congregation and reception of members is being planned for this fall. If you are interested in deepening your connection to Bethel College Mennonite Church by becoming a member, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

Eldine and I want to express our thanks and appreciation for the prayers and expressions of concern during my recent hospitalizations. ~ *Paul Harder*

We offer sympathy to LaVera Schrag on the death of her brother, Delmer D. Schrag, Sept. 30, Pretty Prairie, KS. The memorial service was Oct. 7 at the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie.

BCMC will again be providing volunteers and meals at New Hope Shelter the week of Oct. 10-16. If you are willing to help by volunteering or providing all or part of a meal, contact Valetta Seymour : 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to provide a service to some of the most vulnerable in our community. It could be a chance for mentor/mentee pairs to spend valuable time together in service.

Mark your calendars for October 14! A bit more than a week away! This year's event will be at P&M Pumpkin Ranch, rural Moundridge. Convinced of the importance of intergenerational fun and relationship, Faith Formation Commission has purchased 50 tickets and reserved 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 today, 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.

Rachel Waltner Goossen (Washburn University), daughter of Lenore Waltner, will be the guest lecturer of this year's Menno Simons Lectures, Oct. 21, 7 pm at Bethel College. The series topic is "Sexual Identities and Leaders in the Faith," with additional lectures Oct. 22, at 11 am and 7 pm; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Dr. Goossen will be preaching at BCMC on Sunday, Oct. 21, 9:30 am.

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 performed 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 Ajquejay Suastegui, 281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org.

Schloss Trachselwald: The Conversion of a Prison Tower of Anabaptist Persecution into an Anabaptist Museum is the title of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association fall banquet Oct. 18, 6 pm, Bethel College Memorial Hall, with speakers Don and Joanne Hess Siegrist. Dinner is \$20 per plate. RSVP by phone or text to Barbara Stucky at 620-386-0186 before Oct. 12. All are welcome. The Siegrists will speak Oct. 19, 11 am, at Bethel College Convocation, Krehbiel Auditorium, on *Building a Bridge Back to Switzerland*. Free and open to the public.

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

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

· **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4.

ALL NEW WOMEN'S RETREAT AT RMMC! Women's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will be March 15-17, 2019! Retreat, hike, explore, rest, fellowship, laugh, and more. The weekend is geared towards women ages 18 and older with worship sessions led by Anita Amstutz. She will guide each session along themes from her book, "Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath", calling us back to the living waters that Jesus offered the Woman at the Well. Some weekend activities include: a relaxed schedule, hikes, crochet & knit corner, beekeeping conversations, worship times, great food, puzzles / board games, coffee and coloring, chair massage, volunteer projects opportunities, and more! Register online today (www.rmmc.org).

Bethel College announcements:

· **Menno Simons Lecture with Rachel Waltner Goossen, Washburn University, Oct. 21, 7 pm.** The series topic is "Sexual Identities and Leaders in the Faith," with additional lectures Oct. 22, at 11 am and 7 pm; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College.

· **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).

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.

<p>Sept. 30 at BCMC Attendance: 234. General Fund: \$11,377.36; Mennonite Disaster Service \$200; Living Stones \$2,413.12; Kitchen-Coffee \$8.</p>
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