

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for the joy Alisha and Joshua Garber find as they participate in the ministries of the Barcelona Mennonite Church and share the good news of Jesus with the wider community in Spain. Pray that they may find a balance between serving others and nurturing family relationships.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board meeting next Saturday, as they lead WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.

This congregation: Give thanks for the rich intergenerational connection in our congregation, and pray that this connection might be strengthened.

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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079
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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

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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

November 11, 2018

9:30 am

Remembering who we are: an intergenerational community

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

*For the fruit of all creation
Thanks be to Thee*

arr. Jane Holstine
G.F. Handel/arr. Carter
Katie Hoody, piano

Introit

*My life flows on [HWB 580]
I'll fly away*

Lowry
Brumley
Cherub Choir; Addie Regier, director; Sharon Koehn, accompanist
Junior Choir; William Eash, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer

Susan Wheeler

*Hymn of praise

*Let the whole creation cry
(children come forward during hymn)*

HWB 51

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Dave Linscheid

Worship music

There are many gifts

Shelly

Verse 1: Lily Schloneger, Abby Koontz, Anne Koontz, Mara Oswald

Verse 2: Maisie Brubacher, Lucy Burch, Emma Gering

Verse 3: Small ensembles

Congregation please join on the refrain

Scripture reading

Exodus 2:11-3:8a, 10; Exodus 4:18-20; Exodus 18:1-27
Caleb Koontz and Ben Gering

Sermon

Jethro and Moses

Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Litany of Thanksgiving for the Seasons of Life

Give thanks to the Lord, our God, who has created all life.

God's love is forever.

Open our eyes to the joys and gifts from all the seasons of life.

Thank you, God, for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectiously joyful, who are trusting receivers of God's grace.

We thank and praise you, God, for children.

Thank you, Lord, for the young who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their energies.

We thank and praise you, God, for the young.

For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks, dear Lord; for steady hands and hearts that offer experience to us all.

We thank and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.

For those grown up and grown old, dear Lord, we celebrate your special gift. We give thanks for joys seen only through the eyes of those who are wise in their age, whose stories of life lived can enrich all our lives.

We give thanks and praise, dear Lord, for those who have grown old.

Guide our lives, Lord, so that in each stage of life we recognize the special presence of your Spirit— in our own season and in the lives of each other, young, old or in between.

In each season, we are your created ones.

Your love enfolds us all. AMEN

—adapted from prayer by Sarah Hipps

*Hymn *Lord of our growing years* **HWB 479**

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 *This is my Father's world* arr. Shehi

*Dedication hymn *Praise with joy the world's Creator* **STJ 16**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *God of the Bible* **STJ 27**

Verses 1 & 2 and refrain sung by congregation

Verse 3: Abby Koontz, Mara Oswald, congregation join on the refrain

Verse 4: Lily Schloneger, Anne Koontz, congregation join on the refrain

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Aria (from Suite no. 8)* G.F. Handel

*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.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee is looking for couples to join the canning crew this year. This is a fully-supported short-term volunteer position that will travel in the U.S. and Canada between Jan and May 2019. For more information and/or to apply for the Canner Operator position, visit mcc.org/serve or contact Heidi Huber: heidihuber@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

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.

Camp Mennosciah : online: campmennosciah.org or 620-297-3290

- **Those interested in being on summer staff or counseling** for the 2019 summer at any of the MCA camps are invited to come to Skate South in Wichita Nov. 13, from 7-9 pm. Raffle drawing for camp swag at 8 pm! Sponsored by Camp Mennosciah, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Camp Friedenswald, Menno Haven and Amigo Centre.
- **Camp invites those interested in being on summer staff** to Papa John's in Newton, Nov. 14, 6:15 pm-ish. Can't make it? Check out the information and online application at campmennosciah.org under Summer Youth Camps. Or call 620-297-3290 to speak to Olivia!
- **Christmas Gathering for all Camp Mennosciah volunteers** (counselors, program directors, cooks, nurses, staffers.) Dec. 15, 2:30 pm for conversation, cookies, games and fun. Families invited to join.

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. **BCMC has established a special fund** so that resources will be available when details are known and a final purchase decision is made. A number of memorial gifts have been added to the BCMC Hymnal Fund.

The Next Week at BCMC: November 11-November 18, 2018

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 special time of the year? 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.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Organ Recital: Hentus van Rooyen, Nov. 11, 4 pm** Ad Building Chapel
- **Bethel College Women's Ensemble Fall Concert, Nov. 18, 4 pm**, Administration Building chapel
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Nov. 30, 7:30 pm** with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, Memorial Hall
- **Now in the Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center:** "Terms" by Stephanie Lanter, through Dec. 6. Gallery hours: 9 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri., 2-4 pm, Sunday (closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving break).
- **Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA)** invites you to enjoy Five Places of Christmas Dec. 1, 10 am-4 pm, at Bethel College, Luyken Fine Art Center. BCWA's theme is "Star of Bethlehem." Children (and those young at heart) can make their own star ornaments, and there will be homemade candies, peppernuts, baked goods, and handcrafted gifts. Other locations are Warkentin House, Carriage Factory Gallery, Kauffman Museum, and Harvey County Historical Society Museum and Archives. Please help with your presence and donations of baked goods, peppernuts and candies. Donations can be delivered to Luyken Fine Art Center Nov. 30 from 3-5 pm Or Dec. 1 from 8-10 am.

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.

César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, will visit Kansas in November. All are welcome to meet him at a reception Nov. 20, at the Mennonite Church USA offices at 718 North Main Street, Newton. Refreshments served from 9:30-11:30 am, and at 10 am. César will speak about Mennonite World Conference. Over 100 Anabaptist/Mennonite-related national churches, including Mennonite Church USA, are members or associate members of Mennonite World Conference.

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!*

Sunday, November 11, 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 9:2-29*
- Catacombs—Rm B5—B ook discussion (*I hear the Reaper's Song*, Stambaugh)
- 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— *Growing Old in Christ in a Therapeutic Culture*, Susan Jantzen
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Who was Amos and what did he say?* John Esau

Monday, November 12

12:30 pm Kitchen Clean-up Time

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

Tuesday, November 13

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

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

2:30 pm Transition Team—Rm 23

6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, November 14

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 Cherub Choir—Rm 24 and Junior Choir—Rm 28

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth —Rm 22

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

Thursday, November 15

3:00 pm Witness Commission—Rm B7

4:00 pm Visitation Team—Rm 14

6:30 pm Search Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, November 18

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

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

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).

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: David Warkentine, Newton Medical Center; Lois Reimer, Surgicare of Wichita

We offer sympathy to Brad, Suzy, Lucy, and Faith Burch on the death of Brad's grandmother, Mary Jane Janzen, Nov. 6, at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service will be Nov. 13 at Koerner Heights Church.

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.

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2019 budget, is on its way. Packets of materials are circulating in local neighborhoods and materials were mailed to non-resident members. If you do not receive a call or a letter and want to participate, please contact the church office. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 18, when captains return packets during worship. If you are not in a neighborhood group, please return your intent form to the church office by Nov. 18.

Annual Fund Update: At the end of October, expenses for the year were \$2,607 more than income. This is a significant improvement over the \$11,620 deficit at the end of August because of strong September giving. The challenge to the congregation for November and December is not only to meet the regular 2018 budget but to exceed expenses for the year by an additional \$7,000. As approved by the congregation in January, this would restore benevolences to various Mennonite Church USA agencies to the level of our 2017 budget that were cut from the 2018 budget.

You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Worship Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$7.50 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 2** Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia Dec. 23 after the Children's Christmas program in the morning or after the Christmas Eve, 11 pm program; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 30.

Donor: _____
In memory of: _____
Or in honor of: _____



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!

The BCMC Timeline welcomes your contributions. We encourage you to remember what events or memories have been important to you in your connection to our church. Place photos, memorabilia or short hand-written notes in the basket on the podium. Photos will be mounted, small items will be attached and hand-written notes will be typed up and attached. We look forward to a full Timeline to show what's been important to us over many years. Questions? Contact Austin Prouty at prouty.austin@gmail.com or at (316) 217-3922.

Newton area churches work time for the Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner is Nov. 14-17. There were envelopes in your mailboxes if you wish to make a contribution to this project. Lowell Stucky will be under the balcony today with sign up sheets for volunteers to work on the canner assembly line. There are also sit down jobs for the label application process. Work starts at 9:45 am Nov. 14
~ Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning representative

The annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund will be Nov. 18. The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service which celebrates Thanksgiving. Money collected is used to help those in the larger community who find themselves in need. The Deacons are thankful for your generosity and your willingness to share with others.

"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.

It's the last Wednesday Supper at BCMC! Nov. 14, 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., Nov 12. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for Nov. 14

Number attending meal ____ Name: _____



Nov. 4 at BCMC Attendance 238. General Fund \$12,415.50; Living Stones \$2,865; Wed. supper \$290; Media Supplies \$10; MCC Meat Canning \$525; Sr Hi Youth \$420; Caring Fund \$250; Transfer-Funeral \$375; Kitchen-Coffee \$31.