

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber, serving with MMN, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's direction for the future.

This congregation: Give thanks for God's faithfulness to this congregation over its 121 year history and for the ongoing work of God's Spirit among us.

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

Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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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Bridge Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Susan Jantzen—Day off: Friday
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Admin. Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

November 18, 2018

9:30 am

Remembering God's faithfulness to our congregation

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

Plein Jeu

Trio

From Suite du Deuxieme Ton

Clerambault

Greta Hiebert, organ

Introit

Brethren, we have met to worship

arr. Marker

Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Call to worship, prayer

Jim Robb

*Hymn of praise

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven

HWB 63

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Barb Koontz and Sandee Zerger

Worship music

Let all things now living

arr. Shepperd

Scripture

Excerpts from Joshua 3-4

Dwight Platt

Sermon

An altar of gratitude

Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn

O God, who gives us life

HWB 483

Reception of New Members: Jim Banman, Chuck and Pat Friesen,
Donna Friesen, Marry Ellen and Tim Hodge, Elaine and Steve Schurr

Congregational Response **HWB 794**

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 *Récit de Nazard* Clerambault

*Dedication hymn *What gift can we bring* **HWB 385**

Pony express captains bring packets forward during the dedication hymn

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Lead on, O cloud of Presence* **HWB 419**
Verse 3—in unison

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Caprice sur les Grands Jeux* Clerambault

*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).

Today is the annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service. 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.

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.

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

• **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.

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.

Everence® will host a retirement planning workshop Dec. 1, 9 to 11:30 am on topics of Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Workshop presented by Everence staff at the MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh, Dec. 9, 7 pm.

Newton Treble Clef Vespers will be Dec. 2, 3 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton). Program includes Treble Clef Chorus, Open Road Men's Ensemble from Bethel College, Book of Job, bluegrass and folk band, and Connie Rickard playing saxophone together with Joan Wulf on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited. For questions, contact Janet Ediger at 316- 772-2169.

Nov. 11 at BCMC Attendance 231. General Fund \$6,952; Living Stones \$2,295; Wed supper \$205; MCC Meat Canning \$1,690; Kitchen-Funeral \$25; Sr Hi Youth \$180; Caring Fund \$150; Organ Fund \$500; Kitchen-Coffee \$36; Lou Gomez Memorial \$720.

Bethel College announcements:

- **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.

All are welcome to come meet César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, at a reception Nov. 20, at the Mennonite Church USA offices, 718 N. Main, 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 MWC.

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!*

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is doing a StepUp fundraiser Nov. 27 with individuals coming together to take 1,000,000 steps to help create awareness about CASA and the need to be a voice for children in the foster care system. To be a part of this important mission and learn more about StepUp visit: <https://www.mightycause.com/team/Stepupforcasa> or call CASA board member Kathy Wiens at 316-587-7244.

New Hope Shelter is gathering contact information from those interested in being Secret Santa's. Participants receive a list of three practical gifts for a resident a week before Christmas Eve. Participants can purchase one, two, or three of the gifts. Gifts are presented to the residents on Christmas Eve. Each year has proven to be a touching moment in the lives of those who feel forgotten or discarded. If you would like to be a Secret Santa, contact James at james@newhope-shelter.org.

Sunday, November 18, 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—
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Who were the prophets and what did they say?* John Esau
- 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: The importance of friendship*, Susan Jantzen
- Sojourners—Chapel—*My Poetry*, Emerson Wiens

Monday, November 19

- 2:30 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 6:30-8 pm** Newton Community Children's Choir rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 20—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

- 12:45 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 2:00 pm** Circle 2—Ruth Unruh's, 3001 Ivy Dr. North Newton
- 3:00 pm** Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room
- 5:30 pm** Safe Sanctuaries Task Force—Rm 14
- 7:00 pm** Circle 3—Lois Brubacher's, 6307 N. Hillside Rd., Walton
- 7:00 pm** Circle 4—Mary Ann Boschmann's, 304 Witmarsum W., North Newton
- 7:00 pm** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 21—There are no Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Junior Choir, Cherub Choir, or Menno Ringers rehearsals tonight; Also, No Youth Group Meeting

- 8:00 am** Staff worship planning at Mojo's, Bethel College campus
- 10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, November 22—Happy Thanksgiving!—Office closed; building locked

Friday, November 23—Office will be closed; building will be locked

Sunday, November 25—Thanksgiving Sunday

- 9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen
 - 10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place
 - 10:50 am** Faith Formation
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In preparation for next Sunday's worship, consider a biblical verse or two that have helped you or this congregation through difficult times. These will be for you to simply hold in mind as we consider Psalm 96 together.

The flowers this morning were given by Wendy Jones and family in memory of Martha Koehn.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: David Warkentine, Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita; Bonnie Epp, Newton Medical Center; Monica Gross was treated and released from Newton Medical Center

Next week, the office will be closed and the building locked on Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, and the day after, Nov. 23. The bulletin for Nov. 25 will be printed on Wednesday, Nov. 21. Any announcements for the bulletin must be in the office by Tuesday, Nov. 20.

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, concludes today as neighborhood captains return packets during the offering dedication hymn. Please return any additional intent forms to the church office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a call or letter and want to participate, contact the church office. Information from the intent forms will be combined to determine total commitments for 2019. Based on this, Church Board will recommend a final budget for approval at the congregational meeting Jan. 27, 2019. Thank you for your participation!

The Advent season will soon be here. The fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23, will be the time our children and youth share music and drama. The service begins at 9:30 am. On Dec. 30, with the service starting at 10 am, we will hear from Nathan and Leidy Munoz Toews who serve as MCC Country Representatives in Bolivia. Nathan is the son of Francis and Margaret Toews.

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: _____



Thank you! Thank you! First of all, the Hospitality Commission would like to thank Ben Lichti, Brenda, Turner and Marty Warketine for once again providing our Wednesday Night Suppers. We can't imagine the time and effort that it takes to feed around 90 people weekly for seven weeks. Your skill and service are greatly appreciated for the fellowship time that you provide for so many of us.

Second, Hospitality would like to thank our Fall Kitchen Cleaning Crew who helped with the BCMC deep cleaning this past Monday. Around a dozen of us scrubbed tables, cabinets, chairs, wiped down the accordion curtains, cleaned both refrigerators, worked on the ovens; to name a few of the chores completed. Working together was certainly more agreeable than trying to complete these chores on our own. I think it helped that it was a cold, blustery day – a good day to spiff up the kitchen!

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.

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.

Journey Forward comments from our congregation have been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. This report compiles comments generated from the five Wednesday evening sessions here at BCMC. Copies are available from the office upon request.

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.