

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: This week, the Council of International Anabaptist Ministries will gather at Mennonite Central Committee's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA. MMN requests prayer for the leaders of North American and global mission agencies as they seek to collaborate in doing God's work in the world.

Western District Conference: Pray for interim and transitional pastors guiding WDC congregations during times of change, visioning, and preparation for future leadership.

This congregation: Give thanks for volunteers who serve in our community, giving their time and energy to offer hope, compassion and care to others.

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

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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

January 13, 2019

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January 13, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Pachelbel
Verlene Garber, organ
*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Introit *Lord, for thy tender mercies sake* Farrant
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Florence Schloneger

*Hymns of praise *Come, thou Almighty King* **HWB 41**
Holy Spirit, come with power **HWB 26**
(children come forward during second hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Marlene Ewert

Worship music *I heard the voice of Jesus say* arr. Dengler
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Luke 3:1-3, 7-14, 18-23a John Sheriff

Sermon *Together, the Three* Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *God is working his purpose out* **HWB 638**
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* Bach

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

*Dedication hymn *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30**
verses 1, 2, and 4

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *My life flows on* **HWB 580**

*Benediction *Not one sparrow is forgotten* arr. Hawley

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* Bach

*All who are able are invited to stand

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. Per-
sonal 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 activi-
ty bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

**Mark your calendars for a congregation meeting January 27, 2019,
1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.**

The Next Week at BCMC: January 13—20, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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—Mark 14:1-25
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Christianity 0-300 AD*
- 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—*Conversations on Conscious Aging & Conscious Dying*, Eric Massanari
- Sojourners—*Bible Study on Luke*, Patty Shelly

Monday, January 14

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7:00 pm Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, January 15—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 pm Circle 2—Louise Thieszen's, 2903 Bluestem Ct., North Newton

3:00 pm Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

7:00 pm Circle 3—Aldine Sprunger's, 3006 Ivy Drive, North Newton

7:00 pm Circle 4—Karen Penner's, 928 Spruce St., Newton

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 am Staff meeting—Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

5:00 pm Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

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

7:15 pm Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, January 17

3:00 pm Witness Commission—Rm 14

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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

Everence continues the retirement workshop series in 2019, starting with *Make Medicare an easy step*, Jan. 14, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Jan. 15, 2 pm in Menno Hall. Haylie Berning, director of the Bethel College Academy for Performing Arts dance program, will talk about the effectiveness of movement for Parkinson's Disease and share a sample class of 15-20 minutes of movement. All are welcome.

Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events Jan. 21 from 1-5 pm at OVM, 900 N. Poplar, Newton. Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on Feb. 14. If interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange for delivery.

Newton Community for Racial Justice's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2019. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Newton Community for Racial Justice invites you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up for service projects in Newton by going to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin> ~ Sara Dick

Join us for an Mennonite Central Committee Lunch & Learn with John Sharp Jan. 30 from 12 pm-1pm at MCC in North Newton, 121 E. 30th St. John will share his presentation, *Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story*. MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March 2017. MJ served with MCC in the Congo prior to his work with the U.N. John is passionate about telling MJ's story and he and his wife Michelle's journey with him. John will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event by Jan. 25 to patsydirksen@mcc.org. Lunch will be catered by Mojo's Coffee Bar, please list food sensitivities when you RSVP.

Happy Birthday to Mary Ann Gertsen who is celebrating her 91st birthday today!

Please remember in prayer those in medical care last week:

Norma Johnson and Mel Voth, Newton Medical Center.

Nathan Toews and Leidy Muñoz thank the congregation for welcoming them these past weeks. This week we became aware that the latest Mennonite Central Committee publication Common Place features MCC work in Bolivia. You are encouraged to take a moment to read that issue and remember the work in prayer.

Senior High Youth group members will be serving a Soup and Dessert lunch Sun., Jan 27 in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for their trip to MennoCon19 (convention) in Kansas City this summer. Their target goal for this meal is \$4,000. If you are interested in donating bread for this event, please be in touch with Ben Lichti (benlichti@gmail.com).

Giving for 2018 was \$491,651 compared to expenses of \$489,579, adding \$2,072 to the general fund balance. Expenses included the additional \$7,000 to Mennonite Church USA agencies and a bonus to all benevolences according to church policy. Thanks to all! Additional information will be available at the January 27 congregational meeting.
~ *Richard Friesen, treasurer*

Thank you to the BCMC congregation for your support of the recent Advent Project benefiting New Hope Shelter. During the month of December, a total of 308 items were donated and delivered to the shelter. In addition, BCMC members also helped provide and serve evening meals and provided volunteers for the week of Christmas. A special thanks to Valetta Seymour, our BCMC liaison, for coordinating meals and volunteers and for her assistance with the Advent Project. ~ *BCMC Witness Commission*

You are invited Sun., Feb. 10, 4 pm, to hear Susan and Jim Jantzen share thoughts and images from their return journey back to Chad which took place last January to their location of Mennonite Central Committee service 30 years ago. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

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

Bethel College announcements:

- **Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr, from Wichita, [Jan. 21, 7 pm](#), Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.
- **Reading by poet Jean Janzen** from Fresno, CA, with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan who is from San Francisco, [Jan. 24, 7 pm](#), Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Reception follows in the Regier Art Gallery, where there will be a display of artist books inspired by Janzen's writing.
- **Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, Jan. 26, 11 am**— program featuring middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman, Krehbiel Auditorium; **starting at 11:30 am**—food trucks and tractor/truck/car show, museum parking lot; **1-4 pm**—special activities and programs in and around the museum on “Collectors, Collecting, Collections.” See the Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- **Camp is accepting applicants for a quarter-time** (10 hours/week) custodial-housekeeping position. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for further information.
- **Camp is searching for folks 18 and older** to be part of our summer leadership family. Camp needs lifeguards, music leaders, crafts leaders, office and media assistants, naturalists, and grounds/maintenance. Apply online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps.
- **Online registration for 2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats** will open [Jan. 12](#). Go to www.campmennoscah.org to register for retreats: Scrapbook and Crafts, Family Weekend, Retirees Retreat.

“Choices”, a play by Gretchen Eick will be presented at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, [Jan. 26, 7 pm](#), admission is free. It is a story that came to Gretchen during her time of teaching in Bosnia this past year, along with her husband, Rev. Mike Poage. They are active with the Peace Committee of Lorraine Avenue. In the play a young Bosnian woman with a university degree, who can't find work, meets a Bosnian-American man wishing to be connected to his birth culture. Each must make choices including what religion and country mean to them. Additionally, a Hallal meal from Omar's Kitchen will be available at 6 pm for a donation. To reserve a meal – contact office@lorraine.church or call 316-682-4555.

Jan. 6 at BCMC Attendance 231. General Fund \$24,540; Living Stones \$1,980; Plant Fund \$135; *The Mennonite* \$37; Kitchen-Coffee \$7