

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they gather for an annual staff retreat this week.

This congregation: As we enter this New Year, pray that we will grow in love, courage, skill and imagination, even in the face of doubt and struggle.

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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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

January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday

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GATHERING

Prelude Mark Kreider

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence as we open ourselves
to God's presence among us.*

Welcome and Call to worship Dorothy Nickel Friesen

L: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

P: Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

L: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

P: We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.

ALL: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

Opening prayer

*Hymn of praise *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Glen Ediger

Worship music Andrew Thiesen

Scripture readings Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12 Orletta Wiebe

Sermon *Revealed* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Holy Child within the manger* **STS 28**

Prayer of God's people

Offering
People with December birthdays come forward for a blessing,
please bring a hymnal

Offertory
*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 *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**
verses 1 and 3

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *How brightly beams the morning* **HWB 222**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (in rack)
STS= *Sing the Story* (in rack) **STJ**=*Sing the Journey* (at end of bench)

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).

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettias for the Advent season to make the church more festive. The nativities given by Rex and Connie Esau and Ethel Abrahams as well as the wall hanging made by Shirley Harms are in our permanent collection now and we thank them for their gifts. If you haven't picked up your poinsettia yet please do so today.

Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events Jan. 10 from 7-9 pm at Mennonite Central Committee Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton and/or 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 you are interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange for delivery.

Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents The Prison Theater Project, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, Jan. 25, 7 pm at HCF East Unit, 400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson. RSVP to ben@offendervictimministries.org by Jan. 11 to attend. Preceding this event at 5 pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM's Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church, 211 E 5th, Hutchinson. Soup supper provided.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus 2019 season is coming near, and it's time to register. Please send in your registration form to Joe Peters, or the address on the form. If you do not have a form, check out the poster on the church bulletin board. The first rehearsal is Jan. 27, 2019. Come join us. "We sing that others may live!" ~ *Joe Peters, BCMC KMMC Contact*

The Neuf 9K and 2 mile run will be Jan. 12, 2019 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10 am outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register & read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca. Join us for this fun community event!

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 here for service projects in Newton: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin> ~ *Sara Dick*

Mark your calendars for avds (anabaptist vision & discipleship series) at Hesston College, Feb. 1-3, *Growing more like Jesus from the Outside in: Transforming Heart and Mind* with Mark Scandrette, expert in Christian spirituality and founder of ReIMAGINE: A Center of Integral Christian Practice. Conference information can be found at hesston.edu/avds.

The Next Week at BCMC: January 6—13, 2019

Sunday, January 6, 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 13:1-37
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*The world when Christianity began*
- 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—*Helping Haiti with its water challenges*, Lee Wheeler
- Sojourners—*On second thought, our return to Chad*, Susan and Jim Jantzen

4:00 pm New Year Memorial Service to remember those BCMC members and friends who died in 2018—Sanctuary

Monday, January 7

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

7:00 pm Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 8

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Staff meeting—Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

5:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Task Force Group—Rm 14

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

Friday, January 11—6 pm to midnight—Senior High Youth Group Lock In

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

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.

A New Year Memorial Service will take place today at 4 pm in the BCMC sanctuary. This annual service is an occasion to light candles in remembrance of BCMC members and other loved ones who died in 2018. BCMC members, family, friends and community members are all welcome.

We offer sympathy to Elizabeth Schmidt and Gregory Nye and their extended family on the death of Elizabeth's father, Alvin T. Schmidt, December 31, at Kidron Bethel Village. The Celebration of Life service was Jan. 5 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton.

Pray for those in medical care: Orlando Fast, St. Francis, Wichita

Thank you to Mark Kreider for accompanying the congregation on piano today and for Andrew Thiesen for special music. Also, a belated thank you to Suzy Burch and Howard Glanton for their music on classical guitars last Sunday. Thanks also to Nathan Toews and Leidy Muñoz, Mennonite Central Committee country directors to Bolivia for sharing about their work in Bolivia last Sunday and for the gifts they gave to BCMC.

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.

Happy New Year from Matt Schloneger, who is on the board of directors for Opera Kansas, and wishes to personally invite you to attend their 30th anniversary production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, **today, Jan. 6, 3 pm** at Church of the Magdalen, 12626 E 21st St., Wichita. This short opera in English tells a fictional story of an encounter the Three Kings have on their journey. It's a family friendly production (kids under 5 are free) and all are welcome. Tickets are available at <https://operakansasamahl.bpt.me/> and you can get a discount using the code AMAHL if you buy tickets online. Tickets also available at the door. This amazing show has been a part of Wichita holiday tradition for 30 years. It is a great way to cap off the holiday season and to support the local Wichita performing arts culture.

Mark your calendars for a congregation meeting January 27, 2019, 1 pm.

Worship Commission is seeking several persons interested in coordinating the hanging of advent banners. This is a perfect opportunity for those willing to climb a ladder and who can invest a small amount of time each December! If interested, or if you have questions, contact a member of the Worship Commission— Mary Ann Boschmann, Esther Kreider Eash, Roger Juhnke, John Kliewer, Matt Schloneger, or Barbara Thiesen.

Centering Prayer will meet, Jan. 7, 2019. Centering Prayer meets from noon to 1 pm most Mondays at the Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus and is open to anyone. For more information, contact: Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu, or Nathan Koontz, nathan@hutchfmc.org

Bethel College announcements:

- **Kauffman Museum** is closed Mondays, hours 9:30 am-4:30 pm weekdays, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 pm. Visit the current special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920," featuring the collection of the late Ethel Ewert Abrahams. See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.
- **Rachel Pannabecker presents "Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist," a Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program, Jan. 6, 3 pm,** Kauffman Museum. Pannabecker will talk about Abrahams' unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which she believes to be the largest in the United States, and which is now on display as the museum's special exhibit.
- **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,** Fresno, CA, with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan, 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.

Dec. 30 at BCMC Attendance 199. General Fund \$11,415.72; Living Stones \$2,705; Gen Fund-2019 \$1,700; *The Mennonite* \$74; Kitchen-Coffee \$8.