

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

Western District Conference: Pray for students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.

This congregation: Pray for our congregation and its leaders during this season of pastoral transition.

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
March 24, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

LENT 3: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast
God Pours Out Life-Giving Drink

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude

Amazing Grace
What wondrous love is this

arr. Christine Shehi
arr. Jeanne Cotter
Katie Hoody

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

Introit

In the Garden

arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Welcome and Call to worship (based on Psalm 63)

Dale Schrag

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.

All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.

***In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and
you uphold us.***

*Hymn of praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HWB 37

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Rebecca Schloneger

Worship music

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Moglebust
Chancel Bells

Scripture readings

Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9

Heather Zerger

Sermon

Holy Longing

Dawn Yoder Harms

The Warkentin House Association Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House Apr. 28, 3 pm. Following a brief business meeting, September River, featuring Doug and Jude Krehbiel, will perform. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required, and donations will be accepted. All are welcome.

Mennonite Central Committee Lunch & Learn on April 2, at MCC in North Newton. Together with Mennonite Mission Network, they will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA's a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Lunch will be provided, by donation, RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316-283-2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at Mennonite Central Committee, North Newton, Apr. 9 at 7 pm. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

Everence will hold Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson in April. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; enrollment details and deadlines. North Newton presentation: 3179 N. Main St., Apr. 2, 6:30 pm. Hutchinson presentation: 524 E. 30th Ave., Apr. 11, 6:30 pm. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

 **You are invited to share an Easter lily** for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 21. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or church office by Apr. 7. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

The Next Week at BCMC: March 24—March 31, 2019

Sunday, March 24, 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—*Between Generations*
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Lectionary-3rd Sunday in Lent
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Catacombs Class—Its Mission and Future—Review of the year and planning for next year*
- **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—*Immigration*
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Between Generations*, Rosalind Andreas, facilitator

Monday, March 25—The church office will be closed today

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

4:00 pm Visual Art Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 am Staff meeting—Rm 14 **10 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper —Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall—Baskets for Bethel College

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

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

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, March 28

10:00 am Newsletter Team Meeting—Rm 14

Friday, March 29

11:30 am Peace Connections Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 31—Lent 4

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

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Adult Sunday School elective in the sanctuary with Dr. Joel Gaber. Dr. Garber will lecture on the music of J. Harold Moyer and Moyer's composition of the oratorio, *Job*.

Our Lenten Banners illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, lives in Denver, CO with her family and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen.

Lent-at-Home booklets are available in the Gathering Place. Please feel free to take a copy! Songs, readings and activities are offered for each week, making this resource adaptable for all ages.


Mark your calendars: April 5-7, Candidating Weekend for Renee Epp Reimer, candidate for Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. More details to follow.

BCMC Women and Girls and their friends: save the date for the Women's and Girl's Banquet sponsored by the BCMC Women's Fellowship, Apr. 16, 6 pm in the BCMC Fellowship Hall.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Jerry Buller, Newton Medical Center.

Staff: Pastor Susan Jantzen is out of the office until March 27.

Marles Preheim and family would like to express thanks for all the kindnesses shown to us in recent weeks, following Norma's death. We are grateful for such a supportive congregational community.

 **If you have you been wishing for an opportunity to shoot some baskets** for a good cause, join the Education and Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) for the 3rd annual Baskets for Bethel fundraiser during and after Wednesday night supper, March 27. ESSC raises money to help support our students at Bethel College and our goal this year is \$5000. All ages are invited to shoot baskets and earn money for the ESSC fund. Hear from current Bethel students about their experiences. Win Bethel souvenirs! Let Margaret Toews or another ESSC member (Aaron Tschetter, Carol Flickinger) know if you would like to participate! We want to encourage high school seniors to apply for scholarship funds to Bethel or other Mennonite schools for the 2019-2020 academic year, and for young adults considering service opportunities to apply as well. See Monica or an ESSC member for an application.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Mar.27, 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., Mar.25. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 27

Number attending meal ___ Name: _____

VBS for 2019 is coming! Faith Formation is excited about plans for the morning VBS sessions which begin Tues., May 28, and go through Fri. morning, May 31. A Sunday morning celebration of the week will be June 2. Details coming soon.

We have found that various doors to the church are occasionally blocked open (with a stick, etc.) and have been open all night. If you need to be in the church after hours, when the church is normally locked, please let the church office know.



The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 12-13

•**Sign up at the table** under the balcony after worship today or on another Sun., through Apr. 7, to donate baked goods or to volunteer at the sale.

•**Help make bohne beroggi and verenike** April 6 in Moundridge and April 9 in Hillsboro. Ask a BCMC liaison for more information.

•**My Coins Count** continues through April 7. Anyone may drop quarters in the Coin Tower in the Gathering Place. Adults, put your coins (and bills) in the jar in your Sunday school room or under the balcony. Children will return their coin-filled bottles during worship Apr. 7.

•**Handcrafted items by BCMC members** will be displayed Sun., April 7. Please bring your woodwork, sewn items, needlework and other creations that day, or arrange with a liaison for pickup in advance. After church, the liaisons will pack them up to deliver to the sale the following weekend.

•**Run for Relief** registration forms are on the church bulletin board, due by March 29.

•**More sale information** is on Facebook and at <https://kansas.mccsale.org>. This year's BCMC liaisons are Cynthia and Dave Linscheid; Ada and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen; and Peggy Souder and Nate Dyck.

We have openings for two more delegates to represent BCMC at the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention this coming July 2-6 in Kansas City. If you would like to help facilitate positive change in MC USA, consider this invitation to become a BCMC delegate to this convention. Registration fee is covered by BCMC. Get complete information about the convention at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org>. Contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, as soon as possible for more information.

BCMC's retreat at Camp Mennoscah is coming up in a few weeks on **May 4 and 5**. We will partner again with First Mennonite of Halstead for the weekend, but unlike in years past, **there will still be a worship service at BCMC on that Sunday**. Plan to come for the day on Saturday, for the day on Sunday, or make a weekend of it! More details coming soon; watch your boxes for a registration form! Questions, contact Adam Robb.