

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving with Mennonite Mission Network.

Western District Conference: As a new year begins, pray for God's vision and guidance for all WDC congregations in their ministry and witness.

This congregation: Let us give thanks for God's presence in 2015 during good times and difficult times. Let us pray for each other that the new year will bind us closer together in God's mission in the world.

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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Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

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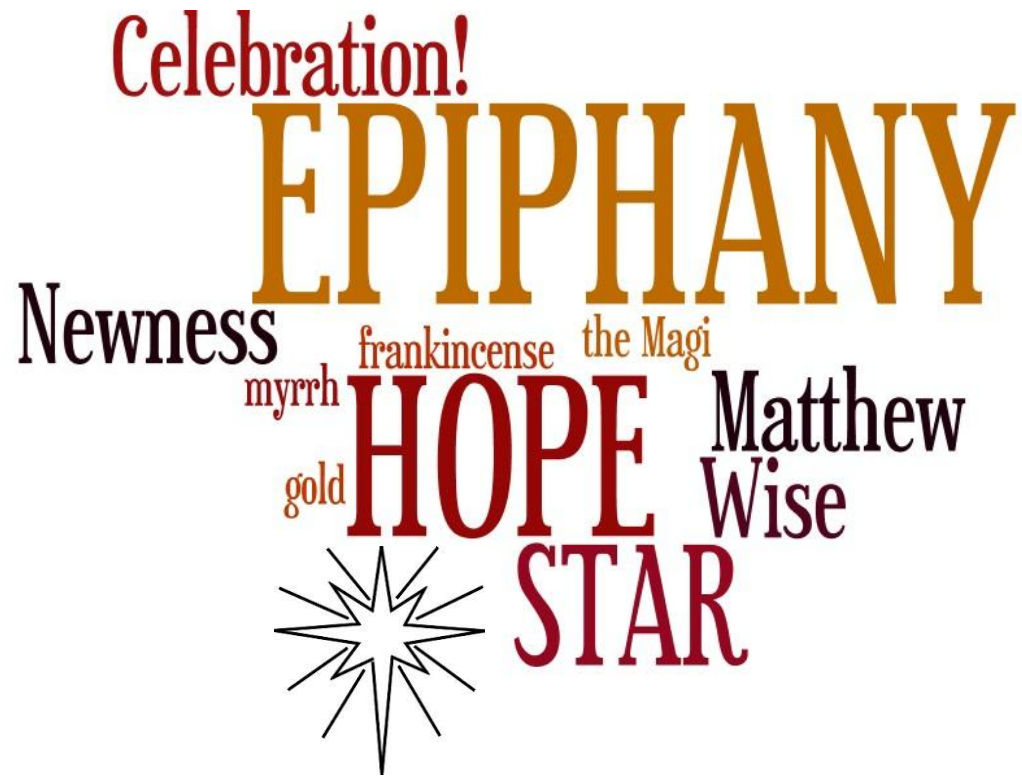
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Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

December 27 at BCMC: Attendance 206. General Fund \$7667; Living Stones \$6,905; Sr Hi Youth \$200; General Fund 2016 \$50; *The Mennonite* \$37; Caring Fund \$150; Organ Fund \$200.



Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 3, 2016

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Epiphany – The Path of Inclusion

GATHERING

Prelude *Adagio* H. Baermann
Allemanda from Cello Suite No. 3 (trans. by A. Giampieri) Bach
Oblivion A. Piazzolla
Sarunas Jankauskas, clarinet

Candle-lighting Lois Brubacher and Anjela Rodriguez
Call to worship / prayer Matthew Schloneger, worship leader

***Hymn** *The first Noel* **HWB 199**
Mark Kreider, pianist
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation Kathy Stucky
Hymn *Morning Star, O cheering sight* **HWB 214**
Aaron Tschetter, leader

Scripture reading Psalm 72:1-8
Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in
righteousness!
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give
deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!**
May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations!
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers
that water the earth!**
In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the
moon be no more!
**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to
the ends of the earth!**

Worship music *Sonata* (arr. by L. Merriman) Handel
I. Andante grazioso
II. Allegro

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Sarunas Jankauskas
Sermon *A gift for the world* Brad Born
Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30 (purple)**

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

***Dedication hymn** *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**
verses 1, 2, 3 only

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* **STS 32 (purple)**

***Benediction and Sharing the Light**

***Benediction response**
(Please pass the *Sing the Journey*—green—books to the center)

***Postlude**
*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i> STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i> STS = <i>Sing the Story</i>

We welcome Sarunas Jankauskas to BCMC and thank him for the prelude and worship music this morning. A native of Lithuania, clarinetist Sarunas Jankauskas enjoys a versatile performance career as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician as well as a contemporary music artist. Currently, he is the principal clarinetist of the Wichita Symphony and member of the Lieurance Woodwind Quintet. Mr. Jankauskas has performed throughout the United States and Europe in a variety of concert settings. In 2012, Dr. Jankauskas joined the School of Music at Wichita State University as the Assistant Professor of Clarinet. Previously he served on faculty at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, TX. He started his formal musical studies at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre and, after moving to the United States, received degrees from Grand Valley State University, Rice University and, most recently, from The University of Texas at Austin.

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update. Moderator Jim Robb reported that the completed BCMC Congregational Information Form is now on the Western District Conference website would be placed in the BCMC Library. Three copies are now available in the library. The Lead Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting this next week. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*

Register for Rural Ministry Discussion Group: AMBS-Kansas Center's Rural Ministry Discussion Group (both in-person which begins Jan. 12 and is facilitated by Dorothy Nickel Friesen and online which begins Jan. 14 and is facilitated by S. Roy Kaufman). Size of the group is limited, so register as soon as possible to ensure participation. For information, see: <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/rural-ministry-discussion-group.cfm>

Sister-Care Seminar, *Equipping Women for Caring Ministry*, will be in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, Fri., Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 30, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Presenters will be Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen. Reservation of \$45 due before Jan. 11 or \$50 after the 11th made payable to WDW, Nancy Krehbiel, 1563 Cimarron Rd, McPherson, KS 67640 (620-245-2471). Hosted by Western District Mennonite Women. Forms are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Questions: Marlene Faul, 216-283-3342

A CPR Training Course will be offered at BCMC, Sat., Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. till noon, cost underwritten by the Deacon Commission. Ushers, SS teachers and others are encouraged to take the class. How to use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) will also be taught. Upon completion of the course, a "Certified Community CPR" certificate will be granted. Contact Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or email: marlene.violet@gmail.com

Contact Joe Peters if you wish more information or registration forms on the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. Phone: 316-283-8529.

Save the date! Church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be April 30 - May 1.

Camp Mennoscah announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or www.campmennoscah.org)

- Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are open for registrations. Go to www.campmennoscah.org, click on online registration to sign up. We've added crafts to this retreat, so if you are a crafter, you're welcome to join us!
- Camp Mennoscah is offering a Youth Volunteer Weekend for young people in grades 7-12, March 11-12, led by Patrick Loganbill and Rachel Miller. Online registration now available on the website. Limited space.

This Week at BCMC: January 3-10, 2016

Today—January 3, 2016

- 10:30 a.m.** Children's snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available
10:50 a.m. Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!
 - Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3rd grade in B3; 4 – 5th grade in B8
 - Junior High students (6 – 8th grade) – Room 26
 - Senior High students – Room 22—*Can I ask that?* John Tyson
 - Agape— Fellowship Hall—Potluck brunch
 - Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
 - Catacombs—Rm B-5
 - Fellowship—Under the balcony
 - Fine Arts—Rm 24
 - Issues & Christianity—Rm 23— *Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
 - Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
 - Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
 - Seekers—Rm 21— *Mennonite Mission Network: Missio Dei: Understanding Islam*
 - Sojourners—Chapel—Open Forum
 - Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center**7:00 p.m.** New Year Memorial and Communion Service—Sanctuary

Monday, Jan. 4

- 2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm B-7

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- 1:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
3:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- 6:30 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee—Rm 14
Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)
7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22
7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B-7
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center
8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, Jan. 7

- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
5:00 p.m. Bethel College Relations Team—Mojo's Coffee Shop
7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, Jan. 9

- 8:00 a.m.** Mennonite Men's Breakfast—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table
Youthful Men's Coffee—Mojo's Coffee Shop
10:00 a.m. Pancake Feed—Fellowship Hall

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Sunday, Jan. 10

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

3:00 p.m. Sunflower Trio Concert—Sanctuary

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 Time with Children, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

New Year Memorial and Communion service will take place today, Jan. 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. During the service, candles will be lit for BCMC members and loved ones who have died during 2015, and communion will be observed. Family, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

The Sunflower Trio will present a concert celebrating the life and work of Dr. J. Harold Moyer (1927-2012), long-time Professor of Music at Bethel College, **3 p.m., Sun., Jan. 10** at BCMC. The concert will feature the release of The Sunflower Trio's new recording *Reflections: The Music of J. Harold Moyer*. An offering will be taken to support the BCMC Organ Fund/Living Stones. C.D.s will be available for sale.

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias for the Christmas season. They added a festive feel to the church. If you have not taken your poinsettia home you may still do so. **Thank you to** Brenda Turner for making the paper cranes for the children's story and that also decorated the sanctuary this Christmas. ~ *Carol Buller, Decoration Committee*

Congratulations to Nathan Toews, son of Francis and Margaret Toews, **and Leidy Viviana Muñoz** who are to be married on January 9, 2016, in the Berna Mennonite Church, Bogotá, Colombia. Following the wedding they will both be working with MCC in Bolivia.

We offer sympathy to David, Heidi, Ben and Mark Kreider; Esther Kreider Eash and William Eash and their families on the death of Robert Kreider, December 27 at his home in North Newton. The memorial service was Sat., Jan. 3, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton.

We offer sympathy to Paul and Shirley Harms and family on the death of Paul's brother, Dr. G. Lester Harms, Dec. 24, 2015 in Bellevue, WA. Memorial services will be Jan. 9, Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Bonnie Goering has returned to Kidron Bethel.

The expressions of compassion, love and concern directed to our family as we mourn the loss of grandson Zachary once again demonstrates the deep reservoir of love and care that resides in our church family. Thank you for surrounding us at this time. ~ *Bob and Vernetta Regier*

For the Chancel Bell Choir—save the date: St. Knut's Day Dinner Party in the home of Marlene Faul, 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton, Sun., Jan. 10, 6:00 p.m. Bring candle.

The BCMC winter congregational meeting will be Sun., Jan. 24, 12:45 p.m. following a fundraiser soup luncheon served by the Senior High Youth. Financial Report booklets will be in church mailboxes on Sun., Jan. 17.

Spotlight on Senior High:

January 22 – Lock-in (TBD)

January 24 – Soup Fundraiser

Many Senior High students are involved in various school activities during this season, feel free to go and support them!

Spotlight on Children & Emerging Youth:

January 22-24 – RMMC Junior High Snow Camp

Sunday school electives in January 2016:

- **Jan. 10** - Ben Goossen: "From Aryanism to Multiculturalism: Mennonite Ethnicity and German Nationalism," examining the historic relationship between Nazi racial science and the Mennonite church. Goossen, who is a member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka and a PhD student at Harvard University, first presented this material in July at the Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA. Presentation will be in the sanctuary.
- **Jan. 17** - Dave Osborne from Hesston College will present an historical and religious context of the spread of ISIS. Dave spent ten years with MCC in the Middle East, including Egypt and Jordan, and has kept in touch with the changes in the Middle East over the decades. Dave is the International Student adviser at Hesston College and every year travels extensively for the college. The power point presentation will be in the sanctuary.

Mennonite Men's breakfast is Jan. 9, 8 a.m., Kidron Bethel Harvest Table followed by a presentation by John Esau at 8:30 a.m. in Menno Hall, *Reflections on the Origins and Development of the Kidron Campus*, the meaning and significance of the Kidron Bethel (Bluestem) Development.