

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich is taking a leave of absence from the LCC International University campus in Lithuania, where she has worked through Mennonite Mission Network for 19 years. Pray for her as she begins to work with a new LCC program in Georgia, assisting refugees toward a hopeful future.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC pastors, youth sponsors and Sunday school teachers who are preparing for a new season of learning and growing in discipleship, as another school year approaches.

This congregation: Pray for patience as we undergo construction and for the safety of construction workers while they are at BCMC. Give thanks for Annette Lamp who is overseeing this process.

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: 9:00 a.m.–noon on Mon – Fri; 1:00 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

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

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: June Thomsen, june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;
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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

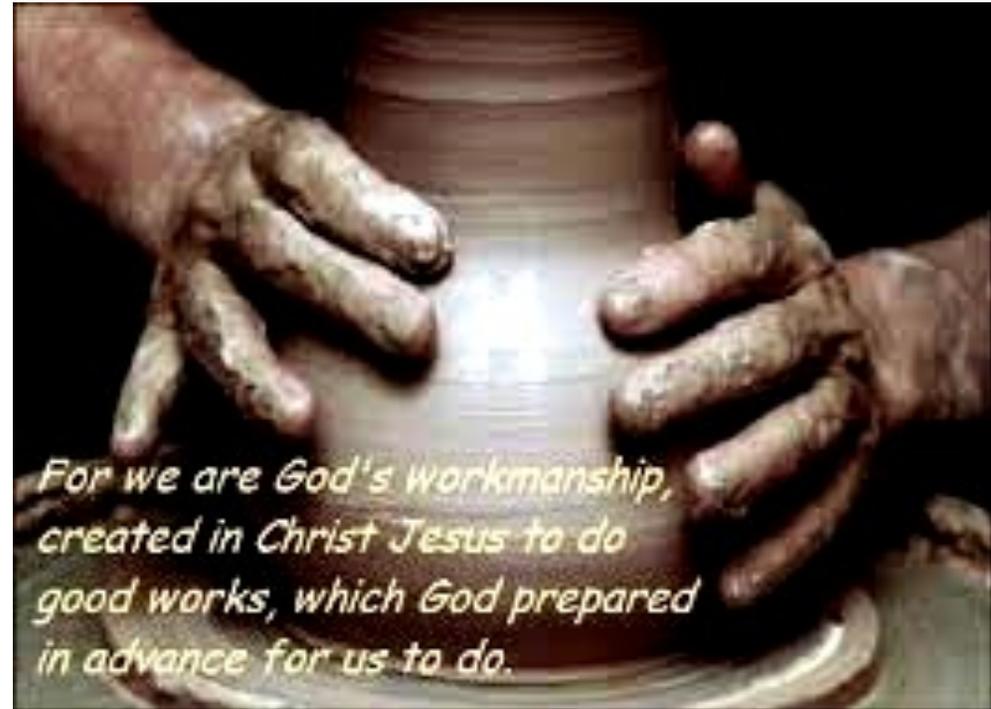
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

Chancel Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider

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

Junior Choir Director: Monica Schmidt



Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 31, 2016

**Bethel College Mennonite Church
July 31, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Worship**

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Pastorale</i> <i>Choral with variations</i>	Bach Walther Nancy Hilty, organist
Introit	<i>Violin Concerto in a minor</i> (1st movement) <i>Minuet 1</i> <i>Allegro</i> <i>Long long ago</i> <i>Song of the wind</i> <i>Twinkle Variations A and Theme</i>	Vivaldi Bach Suzuki Bayly Folk song Suzuki violins
Call to worship, prayer		June Thomsen
*Hymn	<i>We sing to you, O God</i> (children come forward during hymn)	STJ 1

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation		Kathy Stucky
Scripture readings:	Ephesians 2:1-10	Sarah Turner
Worship music	<i>Three Duets for Clarinet and Bassoon</i> <i>Op. 27, No. 1</i>	Beethoven Liz Schrag and Matt Lind
Sermon	<i>Life is like a bumpy ride!</i>	Byron Pellecer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn	<i>Marvelous grace of our loving Lord</i>	HWB 151
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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 *This is my Father’s world* Sheppard/Jordan
People with July birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring Hymnal)

***Dedication hymn** *Take my life, v.1, 3, 6* **HWB 389**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Heart with loving heart united* **HWB 420**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Grand Choeur* Handel

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book	STJ= Sing the Journey
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<p>Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God’s presence at BCMC. <u>Personal hearing devices</u> are at the north sanctuary entrance. <u>The nursery</u> 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).</p>

We welcome Byron Pellecer, Associate Western District Conference Minister as our guest pastor this morning. Byron has served as a church planter in Wichita, KS and currently lives with his wife Hildalejandr in Dallas, TX.

Thank you to Elizabeth Schrag and Matt Lind for providing the worship music and also to the Suzuki strings for their contribution to the worship service this morning.

There is an opening for Cherub Choir Director (grades K-4) . Contact the church office for a full job description or with questions.

Centering Prayer continues every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Taize Evening Song and Healing Prayers is the 3rd Sunday of each month (this month, August 21) from 6-7 p.m. in the nave of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Drive, Newton. All are welcome!
~ Loretta Baumgartner

Faith & Life Bookstore, 606 North Main in Newton, will have a **Church Librarian's Day Sat., Aug. 27** - Hear about new books and staff favorites from the past year and get a sneak peek at upcoming releases. All orders placed by attendees will receive a 25% discount. Library Committees welcome! Lunch will be provided free of charge. Please RSVP by Wed., Aug. 24 to info@faithandlifebookstore.com or 316-283-2210.

Pick-up date for peaches ordered from the Mennonite Central Committee, North Newton, is Aug. 18, between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton.

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

- **Thank you to the campers and volunteers!** What a blessing to have so many people at Camp Mennoscah this summer! The summer would have been bland and boring without these people! Thank you for making this a great summer of worship and community.
- **The annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater.
- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** is Sept. 4-5, for all who are affected by mental illness. Brochure at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats.
- **Work & Play Camp** and Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting have joined together for five days of making Camp Mennoscah better. Put Sept. 16-21 on your calendar; Sept. 18 is the annual meeting. Tasks for all ages and skills will be available. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org

Call for seminar proposals: If you have an exciting ministry or interesting resource to share with others attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention, July 4-8, 2017, in Orlando, FL, the Mennonite Church USA convention planners have begun collecting seminar proposals. For more information and to submit seminar proposals, see <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/seminars/> At the bottom of the page is a link to the submission form. Proposals are due by August 12, 2016.

This Week at BCMC: July 31-August 7, 2016

July 31, 2016

10:30 a.m. There are no Children's Sunday school classes for the month of July

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; water available

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

- Adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary: Western District Conference Church Planting with Byron Pellecer
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Does not meet during the summer months
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Will attend adult elective
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—A study of the book, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by John Shelby Spong
- 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—Dennis Koehn on Billy Graham and ML King Jr.
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet in July; members may attend elective

Monday, August 1

2:30 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

Tuesday, August 2

1:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

3:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Junior Sunday School Orientation—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Music Staff Orientation—Rm 14

Thursday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, August 7

Worship with sermon by June Thomsen; music by Nancy Mueller; music by Alahna Wheat; Adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary: BCMC delegates to the Western District Conference Assembly Report; During the Sunday school hour there will be a Junior Sunday School Orientation in Fellowship Hall

There will be two orientation opportunities for Sunday School teachers. An orientation will be offered Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 PM and at 10:50 AM on Sunday, August 7. Both gatherings will be in Fellowship Hall.

Staff: Monica Lichti will be out of the office Friday, August 5.

Living Stones Update—Entrance Ramp Update: Construction on the new entrance ramp began Tuesday, July 26. This will make the front entrance inaccessible for the next several weeks. Please plan to use one of the other entrances for the building. Thanks for your cooperation during this process.

BCMC will be helping at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter from August 3 to 9, and we still very much need volunteers. Please notify Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or email seymour2314@gmail.com if you can help. HCHS has also made a list of some of their needs: Sliced bread, Snack items for lunches, Sinus/allergy medications, Melatonin, Black sharpies, PineSol, Brown paper lunch bags, 50 gallon trash bags, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, coffee, non-dairy coffee creamer. If you can help with any of these items, items can be delivered to HCHS at 900 W. Broadway, Bldg. 7.

The Deacon Commission is inviting contributions to the **above-budget Caring Fund** to assist congregation and community members with current needs such as utility and rent expenses, food or other emergencies. Contributions may be put in the regular offering, with checks made out to BCMC and designated “Caring Fund.”

The Decoration Committee invites you to provide flowers for a Sunday morning of your choice. You may pick a Sunday that is meaningful for you. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your participation. ~ *Carol Buller, chair*

You are invited to contribute non-perishable food for the local Salvation Army food pantry. On the first Sunday of the month, bring items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance.

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 14th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground at Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 26-27. Arrive Fri. 6:30 p.m. or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear. If staying overnight, bring breakfast food to share. Contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967; dave.linscheid@gmail.com

Fill out a Mennoscah Retreat Feedback sheet (bright pink) and place in Adam Robb’s or Suzanne Burch’s mailbox. Feedback sheets are on the ledge in the Gathering Place. If you did not attend retreat, you can still fill out a form with your suggestions.

Stop in the library to see 22 new books ready to be checked out. Pick up a copy of the list or see it on the church website. ~ *Library Committee*

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring a Thrift Shop Coordinator. This position will start in August and the location is flexible within the 16-state Central States region. The Thrift Shop Coordinator will encourage shop operations to grow profitability annually, to assist with problem solving in daily operations, to encourage and advocate for board development and sound policies, and to nurture manager skill development while offering and promoting MCC Thrift Shop Network resources. The work schedule is 40 hours per week. Full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/thrift-shop-coordinator-cs>. Contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee invites you on a Learning Tour to Haiti Oct 31-Nov 8, 2016. On this *Soil to Table MCC Learning Tour*, participants will meet Haitian farmers, marketers and cooks, and learn the importance of food in everyday life, from the soil up. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or at 316-283-2720 for more information.

The annual Womens/Girls Retreat planned by Western District Conference and South Central Conference will be at Camp Mennoscah September 9 - 11. Katherine Goerzen, pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, will be the featured speaker on *Blessed, Beautiful, and Beloved*. New this year are giant coloring sheets (bring your crayons, colored pencils, or markers) and catered meals. Music will be provided by Cousins Four. Activities are available for girls age 3rd grade through high school. Registration forms and a retreat flyer are on the church bulletin board. Deadline for registration is August 22. Come for part or all of the retreat which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch.

Alumni and friends of Hesston College are invited to participate in an event with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra and Hesston College choirs at Alcove Spring Historic Park in Marshall County, KS, near Marysville, Sept. 4. Orchestra on the Oregon Trail is an afternoon experience with music and activities for all ages, with the concert following at 7 p.m. The orchestra and vocal guests span the musical spectrum of bluegrass, country western, Americana and more. A buffet dinner will be served for an additional charge. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under and should be purchased as soon as possible. Go to www.OOOT.org to buy tickets and for more information.

July 24 at BCMC: Attendance 201. General Fund \$3,045.65; Living Stones \$5,340; Caring Fund \$225; Library Reserve Fund \$65.
