

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: The Argentina Mennonite Church, a Mennonite Mission Network partner, operates Life School and Little Seeds Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Derrick Ramer, who began as pastor at New Creation Fellowship Church this month.

This congregation: Pray for those who carry the administrative and visioning roles in the congregation: the Governance Committee and Church Board both meet this week. Pray also for Monica Lichti, BCMC administrative assistant.

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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Web site: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen

Chancel Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider

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

Junior Choir Director: Monica Schmidt **Cherub Choir Director:** William Eash

We are
God's
People
and the
Sheep of His
Pasture



**Bethel
College
Mennonite
Church**

Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 28, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Concertino* Tomlin
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *I cannot dance, O love (HWB 45)*
Janzen/Parker; arr. Karen Loucks
LuGene Mueller Isleman, soprano; Karen Loucks, piano;
Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Call to worship, prayer Jonathan Zerger

***Hymn** *Come, let us all unite to sing* **HWB 12**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Helen Nachtigal

Worship Music *O pow'r of love* Tersteegen/Bortniansky;
ed. Walter H. Hohmann; adapted for soprano solo
LuGene Mueller Isleman; Karen Loucks

Scripture reading: Psalm 23, 1-6; John 15:1-5 Maggie Dungen

Sermon *In the house of the Lord...forever* June Thomsen
Psalm 23 Lois Preheim
Psalm 23 Matt and Rebecca Schloneger

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *The King of love my shepherd is* **HWB 170**

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 *My Shephard Will Supply My Need* Moyer

People with August birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring Hymnal)

***Dedication hymn** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

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

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STJ** = *Sing the Journey*

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).

We offer sympathy to the family of Violet Mae Goering Wildeboor. Violet died August 17 at Harbour Senior Living, Monroeville, PA.

Call for all interested singers to join the Chancel Choir Wednesdays, from 7:30-8:30 in the BCMC chancel. Maybe you have considered joining the choir during past seasons, maybe you have thought you didn't have a good enough voice, maybe you just need to experience one rehearsal to see what it is like. In any case, come join us. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way to participate in worship on a regular basis. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

Gardeners are invited to bring extra produce to share with others to a table in the Gathering Space. Drop off produce any time during the week!

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.

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit for \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour). If age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there is a “fall course schedule” link. Enrollment deadline is **Aug. 30**.

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

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** Sept. 4-5
- **Work & Play Camp** and Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting: Sept. 16-21; Sept. 18 is the annual meeting. Register online.
- **Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call.

Laughter is Sacred Space presented by Ted & Co. is on tour and coming to Buhler during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Sun., Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at Buhler High School, 611 N Main St, Buhler; \$2 admission, open to the public. Sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and NAMI-Reno County. Call 620.543.2733 or email bmcpastor@gmail.com for more information. ~ *Willmar T. Harder, pastor of Buhler Mennonite Church*

Western District Conference will host evangelical Christian Palestinian leader Rev. Alex Awad for presentations Sept. 2-6, 2016, in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution on Palestine/Israel. Rev. Awad will lead a session on *Christian Zionism and Theology of the Land* Sat., Sept. 3, 9-11:30 a.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church. On Sun., Sept 4, he will speak in 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and 10:45 a.m. worship at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, and at 7 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite, Wichita. Rev. Awad will also visit Bethel, Hesston and Tabor colleges for presentations. All events free and open to the public. For more information go to: <http://mennowdc.org/rev-alex-awad-palestinian-speaker-september-2-6-2016/>.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be Sat., Sept. 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Brochures are on the bulletin board and available on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Register online or at the site. Contributions for this project from non-bikers should be made payable to: MCC, “Flatlander Bike Ride” on the memo line; send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

"Holy Land" Tour. Contact Peter Goerzen *this week* if you are interested in participating in the next Bethel College tour of the Holy Land, January 3-24, 2017. Contact Peter at pgoerzen@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5356.

This Week at BCMC: August 28-September 4, 2016

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10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; 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—Entering *The Story*
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Does not meet during the summer months
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Will not meet until September 4
- 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— Book: *The New Jim Crow*
- Sojourners—Chapel—Pastor June Thomsen will share about her life and work

7:00 p.m. Annual ice cream and dessert social with Bethel College students BCMC friends are invited to bring a dessert to share. BCMC front lawn unless inclement weather, then Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 29—Staff will have limited access to the BCMC office

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

Tuesday, August 30—Carpet installed in the BCMC office

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

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Staff Worship Planning—Mojo’s Coffee Shop, Bethel College campus

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth—Service project at BCMC

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 1

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

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, September 4

Worship with reflections by Marlene Ewert; John Waltner and George Leary; music by Chancel Bells


Revelations in Wood: The Sculpture of John Gaeddert, 1950-2015, will be the featured exhibit in the Robert W. Regier Art Gallery, Bethel College from Sept. 30-Oct. 28. The public is invited to the opening reception Fri., Sept. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

BCMC's fall congregational meeting will be Sept. 18 at 12:45 p.m. after a congregational potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. If your commission or committee has agenda for consideration at the meeting, contact moderator Sondra Koontz before September 1 when the church board will confirm congregational meeting agenda.

Construction update: Work on the entrance ramp continues. Carpet and asbestos tiles have been removed in the library and new carpet squares have been installed. Work is progressing on re-installing baseboard and shelves in the library. Carpet and asbestos tiles have been removed from Room 14 and new carpet squares have been installed. Improved lighting in the foyer has been completed! Demo in the BCMC office took place Thursday and Friday in preparation for new carpet.

While the library is closed the CD and DVD from Sunday morning worship are still available for check-out. They are on a table in the Gathering Place. Sign the orange card and leave it on the table. Return the CD or DVD to the same place and put the card in its place.
~ *Library Committee*

Invitation to church membership. The Deacon Commission of BCMC invites people who are interested in membership at BCMC to come to an informational meeting **Sun., Sept. 25**, during the Sunday School hour (10:50-11:45). This will be a time of sharing BCMC history, documents and clarifying any questions you may have. We will meet on the “piano” side at the front of the sanctuary. In most cases, you will simply **transfer your membership**. Please contact your former congregation and ask for a letter of transfer to be sent to BCMC. The Sept. 25 session will be the only session you will need to attend. We will plan for a **reception of new members Sun., Oct. 23**, as part of worship. If you desire baptism or more conversation, we will also prepare for that event. We welcome you to the orientation regardless of future plans! Please respond to this invitation by contacting June Thomsen, (june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or 316-283-3667). Your prompt RSVP will assist in the preparation of materials. We are glad you are part of BCMC and invite your future participation.

	August 31: Service project at BCMC
	September 24: Fall Mentor Gathering at Adam and Jill Robb's home, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge
	October 9: Harvest Giving Walk, Goessel

August 21 at BCMC: Attendance 265. General Fund \$5381.50; Living Stones 150; Caring Fund \$305; Transfer-Funeral \$250.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Sat., Sept. 3, 7 a.m. with experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Kauffman Museum hosts, for one afternoon only, the traveling exhibit “A Place for All People” that celebrates the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Sat., Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. At 3 p.m., director Annette LeZotte will present a program on how the national museum developed and how it changes the visual landscape of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Western District Conference's Fall Reference Council gathering will be Sat., Oct 22, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX, on the theme *Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban Context*. Following last Spring's Reference Council gathering focused on the rural church, the Oct 22 event will include story-telling and table conversation about urban opportunities and challenges, and how urban and rural congregations in WDC can learn from each other as partners in God's mission. All WDC congregation members, commission/board members, and staff are invited! Plan now to attend, and watch for more information about the schedule. If you are interested in car-pooling, contact the WDC office.

MCC Central States is hiring a Workroom Supervisor to oversee the processing of material aid donations and coordinate the collecting, assembling and distribution of relief kits, which requires the supervision of volunteers. It requires a person with energy, ideas, organizational skills and people skills. To see a full job description and to apply, mcc.org/serve-cs-mrc, call 316.283.2720 or email heidihuber@mcc.org

The Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following items: large bars of laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors; all items used to complete relief kits, infant care kits and sewing kits. Items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or make monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Questions, call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information. Do not bring items to the church.

Urgent Need - Come to the Mennonite Central Committee Kit Bag Assembly Party Fri., Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at MCC (121 E. 30th), lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. **Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP.** Indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit.