

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mennonite Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for participants and leaders who have gathered this weekend for the WDC Women and Girls' retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

This congregation: Pray for those grieving the recent death of loved ones. And on this day of national remembrance, pray for healthy relationships between Moslems and Christians in this country and around 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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Church office hours: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Mon – Fri; 1:30 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

Building is locked on weekdays at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled ;

Saturdays—building is locked at noon; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.

Notary public service is available in the church office

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Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church

September 11, 2016

Sept. 4 at BCMC: Attendance 250. Gen. Fund \$12,008.54; Living Stones \$4,985; Plant Fund \$500; Evelyn Frey Mem. \$5; Ruth Linscheid Mem. \$1,020.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 11, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Praise to the Lord* Bach
Come thou fount Miller/Burkhardt
Verlene Garber, organist

***Opening Hymn** *I sing the mighty power of God* **HWB 46**
Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Chancel Choir and Youth
William Eash and Monica Schmidt, directors
Please join in singing the final verse

Call to worship, prayer Jim Robb

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Kathy Campbell

Worship Music *A Prayer for Mercy* Pote
Junior Choir; Monica Schmidt, director

Scripture reading Luke 15:1-10 Ben Kreider

Sermon *Losing God* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**

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 *The Lord is my shepherd* arr. Childs
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Andrew Thiesen, trombone

***Dedication hymn** *Lord, thou dost love* **HWB 387**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Like a mother who has born us* **STJ 91**

***Benediction** *I sing the mighty power of God – reprise* **HWB 46**
Please join in singing the final verse

***Benediction response**

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

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i>
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The flowers this morning are in memory of Marie Snider. The memorial for Marie is Thurs., Sept. 15, 4 p.m. at BCMC.

Now is the time for your feedback for John Tyson's first term review. Responses are requested no later than Sun., Sept. 18, from members and attendees, youth and adults alike. We encourage you to respond on-line. If you prefer, paper copies are available near the mailboxes. Instructions on filling out the on-line survey are available in your mailbox. Thank you for your help with this evaluation.

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. Congregational meeting minutes will be summarized, not read, at the meeting. If you wish to read the full documents, they are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and on BCMC's website under "Resources - Congregational Documents." Agendas will be in your mailboxes next Sunday.

The Deacon Commission 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're glad you are part of BCMC and invite your future participation.

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

- **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.

Bethel College is currently hosting “Building Bridges” in the Regier Art Gallery with works by Iraqi and Palestinian refugee artists for sale by silent auction, with proceeds going to support the artists. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., 2-4 p.m. “Building Bridges” is an effort by New York City-based Common Humanity and local groups. Common Humanity director Mel Lehman speaks at Bethel, Sept. 21, during Life Enrichment, and Sept. 23, 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium – the last day to place bids, and the date of the exhibit’s closing reception.

Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride is Sept. 17, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Brochures 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 from non-bikers should be made payable to: MCC, “Flatlander Bike Ride” on memo line; send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

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, 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.

The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence is Sept. 25, Tabor Mennonite Church with a hymn sing and fasha at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and sing songs of peace and lament together in memory of those who have died from senseless gun violence. The event is in cooperation with a national organization, a faith based group, Faiths United (<http://concert.faithsunited.org/>), Questions about the hymn sing at Tabor, contact the church (620-367-2318 or tabor@tabormennonite.org)

At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 80 prisoners who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries’ M-2 Program, there is the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 19, 12 p.m. at Hutch Correctional Facility or Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Hesston College, Kropf Center, Room 160. Contact Ben Kreider for more information 316-281-5244 or ben@offendervictimministries.org.

*Commissioned by the congregation of Medford United Methodist Church, Medford, New Jersey,
in honor of Carol A. Reilly, celebrating forty years of music ministry*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Choirs: *I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where e'er I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies! There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

All:



Choirs: *We sing the mighty power of God!*

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This Week at BCMC: September 11-September 18, 2016

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10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; coffee and 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—*The Story*
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—*New SS Year—Summer reflections; looking ahead*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*About Orthodoxy*, Don Lemons
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Book study, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*, J. 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—*Why does Abraham still belong to our story*, Duane Friesen

Monday, September 12

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

4:00 p.m. Leadership Task Force Meeting—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 13

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

2:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14; Finance Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, September 14

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

9:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Life Enrichment—Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth—Music, Conversation, Snacks

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—B7

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

Thursday, September 15

11:30 a.m. Sojourner's Sunday school class luncheon—Breadbasket, 219 N. Main

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

4:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Marie Snider—Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting—Rm 14

Witness Commission—Rm B7

Friday, September 16—Community Playschool Open House at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 18—Peace Sunday—Peace Sunday is observed on the Sunday closest to the United Nations' International Day of Peace Sept. 21.

Witness Commission is coordinating BCMC's Peace Sunday worship service for next Sunday, Sept. 18. Dennis Koehn will be our guest. His message on 'Peacemaking and Polarization' will be followed by an elective Sunday school time of questions in the sanctuary. Music by Chancel Choir

11:45 a.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall—All are invited

12:45 p.m. Fall Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

Women's Fellowship General Meeting for all women Tues., Sept. 20, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Patricia Shelly, *Abraham and Spouse: A Jewish, Muslim and Christian View*.

Please consider becoming a volunteer at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. HCHS needs more volunteers, and the commitment comes up only every 3 months. The next volunteer orientations are Sept. 13 and Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Questions, contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536, or seymour2314@gmail.com. Check the church bulletin board for HCHS needs which can be delivered any day to the shelter at 900 W. Broadway, Building 7. The next week for BCMC to provide volunteers is Oct. 26 to Nov. 1.

You are invited to participate in the 4th annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk to raise funds for hunger relief, Sun., Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m. leaving from Tabor Mennonite Church. BCMC will participate in this event in lieu of the Newton CROP Walk, which is not occurring this year. Mark your calendars and contact Amy Tyson (jatyson121@gmail.com or 319-750-8747) to sign up to participate in the 2 or 6 mile walk. Donations will go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk.

Western District Conference Reference Council will be at Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with scripture reflections by Lois Barrett, storytelling and table conversations on the theme *Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban Context*. Lunch provided; contributions invited to help cover expenses. If interested in carpooling from Kansas call WDC, 283-6300. Hotel suggestions at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016fallReference>. RSVP to WDC by October 10.

Bethel College's Office of Alumni Relations is hosting the Thresher Golf Classic, Sat., Sept. 17, at Sand Creek Station in Newton. The deadline to register (yourself or a team) has been extended to Sept. 12. Cost is \$90 per player. Call 316-284-5251 to sign up.

KIPCOR Film Series opens the 2016-17 year with *On the Bride's Side*, Sun., Sept. 18, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, which examines what faces those trying to escape Syria and Lebanon for Europe; talk-back follows with Jennifer Doran-Pena, executive director, International Rescue Committee, Wichita.



Sept. 24: Fall Mentor Gathering at Adam and Jill Robb's home, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge
Oct. 9: Harvest Giving Walk, Goessel