

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the UK Mennonite Trust (previously the London Mennonite Centre) as it provides resources for Anabaptism in the United Kingdom. Pray for chairperson Stuart Murray Williams as he mentors the next generation of Anabaptist leaders.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Alex Awad, Palestinian Christian leader hosted by WDC for a visit to central Kansas this weekend, speaking today at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

**This congregation:** As we mark another Labor Day weekend, let's give thanks for the gift of meaningful work, whether paid or volunteer, and for rest from work, whether in retirement, or for the weekend.

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

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**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

**Aug. 28 at BCMC:** Attendance 255. Gen. Fund \$5,854.78; Living Stones \$790.



## Bethel College Mennonite Church

### September 4, 2016

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 4, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Worship**

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**TIME FOR WORSHIP**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                      Manz  
    *Christe Sanctorum*                                      Cherwien  
    *Toccata*    Walond  
    Karen Unruh, organist

**Call to worship, prayer**    June Thomsen

**\*Hymn**                      *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*                      **HWB 50**  
    (children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Children’s conversation**    Erin Brubacher

**Worship music**                      *Here I Am, Lord*                                      arr. Tucker  
    Chancel Bells

**Scripture readings**      The creation story, HWB 806, Colossians 3:23  
    Erich Boschmann and June Thomsen

**Sharing**                      *The Sunday/Monday Connection*  
    George Leary, educator  
    *Take, O take me as I am* (sung twice) **STJ 81**  
    Marlene Ewert, therapist  
    *Take, O take me as I am* (sung twice) **STJ 81**  
    John Waltner, civil servant  
    *Take, O take me as I am* (sung twice) **STJ 81**

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**Prayer of God’s people**    **HWB 804**

**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**

*When We Are Living*

arr. McChesney  
 Chancel Bells

<p><i>When We Are Living</i></p> <p>When we are living it is in Christ Jesus          And when we're dying it is in the Lord          Both in our living and in our dying          We belong to God we belong to God</p> <p>Through all our living we our fruits          must give          Good works of service are for offering          When we are giving or when receiving          We belong to God we belong to God</p>	<p>'Mid times of sorrow and in times of          pain          When sensing beauty or in love's          embrace          Whether we suffer or sing rejoicing          We belong to God we belong to God</p> <p>Across this wide world we shall always          find          Those who are crying with no peace of          mind          But when we help them or when we          feed them          We belong to God we belong to God          We belong to God we belong to God</p>
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**\*Dedication hymn**                      *Lord of all good*                                      **STJ 60**

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn**                      *God, who stretched*                                      **HWB 414**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude**    *Fanfare*                                      Lemmens

\*All who are able are invited to stand

<b>HWB</b> = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	<b>STJ</b> = <i>Sing the Journey</i>
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**We offer sympathy to** Conrad Snider and Vada Snider and family on the death of their mother, Marie Snider, August 30. The memorial service for Marie will be September 15 at BCMC. More details will follow.

**We offer sympathy to** Ada and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen, Tina (Schmidt-Tieszen), Daniel and Adaline Graber and Alison Schmidt-Tieszen on the death of Ada’s mother, Ruth Schmidt, August 29 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service is today, 3 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church.

**We offer sympathy to** Amy, John and Levi Tyson on the death of Amy’s grandmother, Phyllis Harper, Sept. 1, Ames, IA. Amy, John and Levi have traveled to Ames to be with Amy’s family.

**Camp Mennoscah Announcements**—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org); [www.campmennoscah.org](http://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](http://www.campmennoscah.org) or call.
- **Camp is looking for volunteers** for projects, including the kitchen/dining hall renovations. If interested in volunteering, send your name, email address, and information about skills you have to email above. You will be added to a database and contacted as needs arise.

*Laughter is Sacred Space* presented by Ted & Co. is on tour and coming to Buhler during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, today, 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](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com) for more information. ~ *Willmar T. Harder, pastor of Buhler Mennonite Church*

**Western District Conference hosts** evangelical Christian Palestinian leader Rev. Alex Awad for presentations in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution on Palestine/Israel. Rev. Awad will speak today, Sept 4, 9:45 a.m. in 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 info: <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](http://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.

**The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence is** Sun., 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 called Faiths United (<http://concert.faithsunited.org/>), a faith based group that is inviting all persons across America to sing/speak out against gun violence on that Sunday. If you have questions about the hymn sing at Tabor, feel free to contact the church (620-367-2318, [tabor@tabormennonite.org](mailto:tabor@tabormennonite.org))

## This Week at BCMC: September 4-September 11, 2016

### September 4, 2016

**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; 1–3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4–5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6–8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22—*The Story*
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Class will resume on September 11
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Constantine and church history*, Keith Sprunger
- 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—*Stories of Abraham and his sons*, Duane Friesen

**Monday, September 5—Labor Day—Office will be closed; church building will be locked**

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

### Tuesday, September 6

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

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

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

### Wednesday, September 7

**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—Newton Youth Group Gathering at Faith Mennonite Church

**7:15 p.m.** Menno Ringers—B7

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

### Thursday, September 8—Community Playschool starts today!

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

### Saturday, September 10

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Coffee— Mojo's on the Bethel College campus

### Sunday, September 11

Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir, Youth, Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

**3:30 p.m.** Worship at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall with Pastor Susan Wheeler and Ruth Unruh, piano

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**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** LaVonne Platt, Newton Medical Center.

**The flowers this morning are to celebrate** Paul and Shirley Harms' 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Paul and Shirley!

**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 Sept. 18 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."

**Construction update:** Work on the entrance ramp continues. The office has new carpet. The library will be ready to "check out" on September 11.

**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.

**If you would like to have a copy of the Psalm 23 adaptations** that have been shared during the sermon series on Psalm 23, send an email to june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch, and copies will be placed in your-church mailbox.



September 7: Newton Youth Group Gathering at Faith Mennonite Church  
September 24: Fall Mentor Gathering at Adam and Jill Robb's home, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge  
October 9: Harvest Giving Walk, Goessel

**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! If interested in car-pooling, contact the WDC office. Please RSVP to WDC by October 10.

**Villa Partners invites everyone to the annual Villa Days celebration** at Schowalter Villa Sept. 9 and 10. Events include a bake sale, Friday night dinner, homemade ice cream and entertainment at Water's Edge, and breakfast and a live auction on Saturday at Dyck Arboretum. Many vintage items, beautiful quilts and gift certificates will be available for bid. For a schedule and more information, visit [www.svilla.org](http://www.svilla.org) or call 620-327-3497.

**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.

**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.

**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 Fri., Sept. 23, 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium – the last day to place bids, and the date of the exhibit's closing reception.

**Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Sept. 5 (Labor Day)**, but continues most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus.