

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network use their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries in the programs of the Mennonite churches in Ecuador. Pray for them as they also serve as coordinators for partnerships with churches in Colombia and the United States.

Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and courage for WDC congregations giving witness to God's love, peace, and justice during this election season.

This congregation: Give thanks for the faithfulness of God and the patience of BCMC staff members through this long interim period. Pray for Interim Pastor June Thomsen as she leaves BCMC, and for Dawn Yoder Harms, as she begins her work this week as Lead Pastor.

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.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Avenue, Box 364,
North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079
Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Web site: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Church office hours: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Mon – Fri; 1:00 –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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Interim Pastor: June Thomsen, june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;
Home phone 316-239-8747—After Oct. 31 email: ibandjune@gmail.com
Day off is Friday; office hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to noon
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler
susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; cell phone 316-706-0887;
day off is Monday
Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,
john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Phone 316-283-3667
Day off is Monday

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church

October 30, 2016

Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 30, 2016
9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* J.S. Bach
 Praeludium und Fuge in D Buxtehude
 Karen Schlabaugh, organist

Introit *Beautiful Saviour* arr. Knowles
 Junior Choir; Monica Schmidt, director

Call to worship, prayer June Thomsen

***Hymn** *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation Jeanette Stucky

Worship music *Sing and Dance, Children of God* Bedford
 Junior Choir

Scripture reading Matthew 20:1-16 Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

Sermon *The Counterculture of Grace* Dr. Perry Bush

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy* **HWB 145**

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 Chorale Prelude on *Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn*
 Buxtehude

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

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Bethel College Philharmonia concert**, today, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.
- **Bethel College’s annual Menno Simons Lectures with Perry Bush**, professor of history at Bluffton (Ohio) University, on the overall topic *American Mennonites, History and the Common Good*. Oct. 30, 8 p.m.; Oct. 31, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Bethel College Visiting Writers Series presents** poet and filmmaker Diane Glancy, Thurs., Nov. 3 & Fri., Nov. 4. Public reception, Nov. 3, 6:30-8 p.m., Mojo’s; convocation presentation, Nov. 4, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Artist reception for “Candles: Paintings by Rachel Foster,”** Nov. 4, 6-8 p.m., Regier Art Gallery
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Nov. 5, 8 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Bethel College Sings**, Nov. 6, 3 p.m., featuring Women’s Chorus, Men’s Ensemble, Woven, Open Road and Concert Choir, Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

- Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats: Nov. 4-6
- Summer Youth Camp Volunteer Christmas: Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m., all summer youth camp volunteers throughout the years are invited to come to Camp for fun, refreshments and white elephant gift exchange for anyone interested. You are welcome to bring something snacky to share. There will be cookies and hot drinks provided. Families invited.

The third annual Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade International Gift Festival will be Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, Dec. 9 and 10; each week-end the hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Western District Conference Office Complex, 2500 N. Main St., North Newton.

The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton Nov. 1-3. There are envelopes in your mail-boxes if you are willing to make a contribution to meat canning. Lowell Stucky will be under the balcony today with sign-up sheets for you to volunteer to work on the canner. There are also plenty of sit-down jobs for the label application process. ~ Lowell Stucky, *BCMC Meat Canning representative*.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity will host its annual fund-raising meal and auction at Faith Mennonite Church, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. See Habitat board members Wade Brubacher, Ron Peters, or Sondra Koontz to make reservations.

Oct. 23 at BCMC: Attendance 253; General Fund \$3179.50; \$810; Wednesday supper \$337; MCC Meat Canning \$1140; General Fund 2017 \$5010.25; *The Mennonite* \$148; Caring Fund \$425; Suzanne Wedel Memorial \$25.

Join in welcoming Dawn Yoder Harms and Doug Harms Nov. 6, 11:45 a.m. with a potluck and brief program in Fellowship Hall.

Beginning November 1, for emails to lead pastor, Dawn Yoder Harms, use email address dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. To email Pastor June Thomsen use ibandjune@gmail.com.

Thanks to the more than 100 families that have already turned in the Getting Acquainted sheet for the Dawn Yoder Harms and Doug Harms booklet. They are wonderful and I'm sure the booklet will be greatly appreciated. For those of you who haven't turned yours in yet, it isn't too late. We will extend the deadline. Please deposit them in the box in the window by the mailboxes. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Hospitality Commission. (*Jeanette Leary, Kathryn Simmons, Frank Nachtigal, Margo Schrag, Barb Voran*)

The Hospitality Commission would like to announce a focus on hospitality for the month of November! Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, and especially to help our new pastor learn names, we ask that you wear a name tag at church during the month of November. Watch the bulletin each week in November for other simple suggestions for sharing hospitality with one another. Thanks! ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

Caring Fund Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Caring Fund, which offers assistance to both congregational and community members. The Caring Fund currently needs to be bolstered by your contributions so that the Deacon commission can continue to administer aid to others.

It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Nov. 2 with serving line open from 6 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Egg casserole, sausage links, fresh fruit, coffee cake. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Oct. 31. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. ***Bethel College students eat free.*** Please bring your own table service if possible.

Meal reservation(s) for November 2

Number of people attending meal _____ Name _____

***Dedication hymn**

Lord of all good

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Litany of Release and Blessing**

Sondra Koontz, Congregational Chair

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Western District Conference

Congregational chair: Today we give thanks for the interim pastoral ministry of June Thomsen. We mark this day as the ending of this temporary role with Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Congregation: We give thanks for God's faithfulness in providing for our needs during this interim time.

Congregational chair: This is a time of many feelings: sadness, joy, anticipation, loss, satisfaction. Farewells are difficult, but we have journeyed together and we give God thanks for you and your ministry.

Pastor: It has been a great privilege to serve Bethel College Mennonite Church—even for a short time. I also want to give thanks for God's faithfulness to me, for your generous acceptance, and for all I have learned during my time with you. I pray that you will continue to grow in faith together.

Congregation: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength. We will love our neighbors as ourselves. We will bear with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Western District Conference representative: God has provided for you through June's ministry. As this interim pastoral relationship concludes, do you as Bethel College Mennonite Church release June from her pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With God's help, we do. We give thanks for faithful and fruitful ministry.

Western District Conference representative: June, do you release the congregation from turning to you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Pastor: With God's help, I do. I will be returning to my place at First Mennonite Church. I have full confidence that your new Lead Pastor will continue the equipping ministry so that the body of Christ may be built up until you attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Congregational chair: We bless you, June, and pray that God will give you fruitful ministry as you retire—again—from public ministry.

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Congregation: Now may the God of peace make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scriptures used with adaptation: I Corinthians 3:11; Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Ephesians 4:2-3, 12-13; Hebrews 13:20-21

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

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Toccata in F Major* Buxtehude

*All who are able are invited to stand

All BCMC members are requested to remain after the postlude to hear a report from WDC consultant Marvin Zehr and to vote by ballot on the following:

CHURCH BOARD MOTION

...that BCMC hire John Tyson as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation for a three-year term.

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ= Sing the Journey

We welcome Dr. Perry Bush this morning. Perry Bush is professor of history at Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH and the author of four books, *Two Kingdoms, Two Loyalties: Mennonite Pacifism in Modern America*, *Rust Belt Resistance: How a Small Community Took on Big Oil and Won*, and, most recently, *Peace, Progress and the Professor: The Mennonite History of C. Henry Smith*. Dr. Bush has published in both popular and scholarly journals such as *Sojourners*, *Peace and Change*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* and *Fides et Historia*. He lives in Bluffton where he is a member of First Mennonite Church. He and his wife Elysia are the parents of three adult children.

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

Daylight savings time is ending Sunday, November 6. Set your clocks back one hour.

October 30, 2016

10:30 a.m. All BCMC members are requested to remain after the benediction and postlude to hear a report from Western District Conference consultant Marvin Zehr concerning Pastor John Tyson's term

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

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- 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—*Confession of Faith* roundtable: *Scripture*, article 4
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Session with Dr. Perry Bush, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 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— DVD-*John Paul Lederach: The Colombia Peace Accord*
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Getting help: The value and availability of support groups* with Orlyn Zehr

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

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

6:30 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 2

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 p.m. Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club with Doug Siemens and LuAnn Zook—Rm 26
Venture Club with Matt Schloneger—Rm B-8

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

Thursday, November 3

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

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Western District Conference Pastor Kathy Dunn; music by Chancel Bells; Pony Express kick-off; acceptance of new members; installation of Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

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

11:45 a.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall — Everyone is welcome!