

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.

Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for faithfulness through all seasons of our lives.

This congregation: Give thanks and pray for our new minister, Dawn Yoder Harms, as she preaches this morning. Let's count our blessings every day this week!

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.–12:30 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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;
Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 316-212-1847; Day off is Friday

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

November 20, 2016

Nov. 13 at BCMC: Attendance 255. General Fund \$3,292; Living Stones \$3,210; Wed. Night Supper \$387; MCC Meat Canning \$225; General Fund 2017 \$5000; *The Mennonite* \$148; Caring Fund \$800.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 20, 2016
9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Come, let us join our cheerful songs* Powell
 We plow the fields and scatter Powell
 Nun danket alle Gott Karg-Elert
 Karen Unruh, organist

Introit *Now thank we all our God [HWB 86]* Crüger
 Junior Choir; Monica Schmidt, director

Call to worship, prayer Dale Schrag

***Hymn** *Praise to God, immortal praise* **HWB 91**
 Lord, should rising whirlwinds **HWB 92**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert

Scripture readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Judy Kliewer

Worship music *How can I keep from singing* Burkhardt
 Junior Choir

Sermon *Grace-filled Giving* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Take my life and let it be* **HWB 389**
 a cappella

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.

Pony Express captains come forward during the offering with their neighborhood packets

Offertory *Come, ye thankful people, come* Hobby

***Dedication hymn** *God, whose farm is all creation* **HWB 391**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Thuma Mina* **HWB 434**
 William Eash, leader
 Eric Massanari and Jonah Schloneger, drums

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *A rejoicing* Fedak

*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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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).

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2017 budget, concludes today as neighborhood captains return packets during the offering dedication hymn. Please return any additional intent forms to the church office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a packet and want to participate, please contact the church office. Information from the forms will be combined to determine total commitments for 2017. Based on this, Church Board will recommend a final budget for approval at the congregational meeting on January 29, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

Thank you to all who worked with the Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning process. Thank you also to all who donated money to this outreach effort to help people in physical need. Our assignment of working is done for this year. Money is still needed to buy meat and products to help other people willing to work on this effort. Envelopes are by the window near the mailboxes to contribute to this important project. Please consider. ~ Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning representative

Erica Stoltzfus and James Goerzen of Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, invite people to join them in their trip to North Dakota to participate in the ongoing protests led by the people from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe against the building of Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). They will leave the Newton area and drive to North Dakota Thurs., Nov. 24, spend Friday and Saturday participating in the protests, and return to the Newton area Sun., Nov. 27. If interested in joining Erica and James, contact Erica at stoltzfus1359@gmail.com and/or James at jamesdgoerzen@gmail.com.

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.

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston, 7 p.m., Dec. 12 with Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller: (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Bethel College announcements:

- ***Kids Make Memories post-Thanksgiving family activity***, Fri.-Sun., Nov. 25-27, (9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fri.; 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.), Kauffman Museum. Come during regular museum hours and children can construct mixed-media memory installations. Regular museum admission charged.
- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah**, Nov. 30, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church ; scores provided.
- **Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles 1 & 2**, Fri., Dec. 2, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Five Places of Christmas:** Bethel College Women's Association will join with Kauffman Museum for this annual holiday event, Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Homemade candy and baked goods for sale, performances by Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts students, pictures with Mrs. Santa, music on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-Van der Smissen parlor organ at 3 p.m., and free admission to the museum, including the special exhibit *Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen*.
- **Organ recital with David Cason**, Dec. 4, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College (*note change in date from some printed calendars*)
- **Annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College**, Dec. 4, 8 p.m.

Celebrate Advent with your kids! Stop by the Conference Resource Library Makerspace to explore Advent with an Advent coloring poster and make a scratch-off paper ornament.

November 20, 2016

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place ; coffee, tea, water available

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—Book Study, *Lord Willing?* By Jessica Kelley
- Catacombs—Rm B-5— *Thanksgiving Bible Study* with Dawn Yoder Harms
- 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— *A Short Term Medical Mission Trip to Ecuador*, Bill Swartley
- Sojourners—Chapel—*What's KIPCOR up to these days*, Gary Flory

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23—No Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Menno Bells Chancel Bells, or Chancel Choir this Wednesday

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day—Office will be closed; Building will be locked—Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Friday, November 25—Office will be closed

Sunday, November 27

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir

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

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

Advent begins next Sunday! In church mailboxes today are fliers listing scripture readings, worship schedules, and special events for the season of Advent and Christmas.

Staff and Office: Pastor John Tyson will be out of the office from Nov. 22-26. The office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the building will be locked. The office will also be closed the day after Thanksgiving.

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 will be wearing name tags through the month of November. **Today, as part of hospitality month, share with someone near you during the coffee time between first and second hours about something for which you are thankful. Next week we invite you to look for three people before or after worship that you don't know well, and welcome them.**

~ *The Hospitality Commission*

Automatic door openers have been installed on the front (west) entrance! The button on the column outside opens the south door and the button on the foyer wall inside opens the north door.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme *Love is a Verb*. A new flier provides more details on speakers and other events. Consider donating to the Convention Scholarship Fund or partnering with a congregation that can't afford to send people on its own, and think about ways you can show love to your family, friends and community. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter. **BCMC is entitled to six delegates plus one alternate. If you are interested in being a delegate** contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee Chair by Dec. 15. Registration begins Jan. 17, 2017. Early registration costs \$299 which the church will reimburse to delegates.

The Hospitality Commission continues to equip the church kitchen with items for use at events held here at the church. Occasionally, we get requests from folks who would like to use this equipment outside of the church for a Sunday school, family or other social event. While we would love to accommodate all of these requests, we have found that it is difficult to keep track of items and to maintain the condition of some items. However, we do have a limited number of items that will be available for check out. There is a sign out sheet posted on the freezer in the kitchen with the list of the items. Please respect the work that goes into maintaining our kitchen and follow the directions listed there.



Nov. 23: Break for Thanksgiving
Nov. 30: Cards and gift packages (Choir at 8:00 p.m.)
Dec. 7: Caroling and gift giving (Choir at 8:00 p.m.)
Dec. 11: Christmas Party at Tim & Bethany's

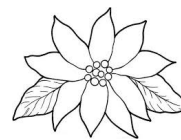
Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Caring Fund, which offers assistance to both congregational and community members. The Caring Fund currently needs to be bolstered by your contributions so that the Deacon Commission can continue to administer aid to others.

Prayer Network is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the 41 people who already are on the prayer network.

The Bethel College Women's Association Council needs your help in providing Christmas cookies, peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, candy, and other Christmas baked goods to sell at the 5 Places of Christmas, Dec. 3. This year, we will be joining with the Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Please bring your goodies to the Kauffman Museum Fri., Dec. 2 during museum hours or Saturday morning 8-10. Thank you for your help!!

Harvest of Love Campaign is Nov. 1-Dec. 31. The Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are working together to sponsor the Harvest of Love Campaign in Harvey Co. Goals this year are for 30,000 pounds of nonperishable food and \$30,000 to be used as assistance funds. Checks should be payable to Harvest of Love, 208 W. 6th, Newton, KS, 67114. Bring food to BCMC and place on the bench in the south entrance.

Families with children: Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of "Come, Walk in the Light of Day," a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org for family worship from Nov. 27 to Jan. 6. Choose the activities that work best for your family.



You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 4**. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 p.m. or 11 p.m. program.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____