

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: School groups are celebrating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami this weekend. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they return to their home communities tomorrow and begin to share what they learned about civil rights history and current social injustices, and how their faith calls them to respond.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for chaplains in WDC, who minister with hospital patients, residents of retirement centers, college students, domestic violence victims, and others seeking God's healing and hope.

This congregation: Give thanks for volunteers who serve in our community, giving their time and energy to offer hope, compassion and care to others.

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

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



Being Revealed...

Bethel College Mennonite Church

January 15, 2017

Jan. 8 at BCMC: Attendance 249. General Fund \$6,572.64; Living Stones \$135; Caring Fund \$200; BC Scholarship Fund \$100.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 15, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

Belonging, Believing, Becoming in the Light of Epiphany

BELONGING

Prelude *Of the Father's love begotten* Johnson/Held
As with gladness, men of old Moe/Hobby/Wold
 Verlene Garber, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle Suzy and Lucy Burch

Introit Chancel Choir

Call to worship, prayer Duane Friesen, worship leader

***Hymn** *O, for a thousand tongues to sing* **HWB 110**
a capella on verse 3
 (children come forward during hymn)

BELIEVING

Children's conversation Roger Juhnke

Scripture readings: John 1:29-42 Keith Sprunger

Worship music *Of the Father's love begotten* arr. Wohlgemuth
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *Come and See* Dawn Yoder Harms

BECOMING

***Hymn** *Come and See* **HWB 20**

Kingdom report: Newton Community for Racial Justice Sara Dick

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 *Go tell it on the mountain* Manz

***Dedication hymn** *Christ, we do all adore thee* **HWB 105**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Sending hymn** *Lord, let us now depart in peace* **HWB 428**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *O, for a thousand tongues to sing* Lasky

Please remain seated during the benediction and postlude


*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book **STS** = Sing the Story
STJ = Sing the Journey (at the end of the bench)

A note from the Worship Commission: You may have noticed something new! After the prelude, we intentionally light the Christ candle as a way of welcoming God's presence among us as we gather for worship. As we are sent out from worship, we are reminded that we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

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).

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Rupert Hohmann and Carl Andreas at Newton Medical Center.



Youth Events for your calendar

Jan. 20 Lock-in—meet at the church at 7:30 p.m.
 Will conclude at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 21

Feb. 17-19 Snow Camp—Exact times to be determined

June 25-30 DOOR Denver

Mark your calendars for the Jan.29 congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Among the items of business is a proposed bylaw change. Find the proposed bylaw change and background information in the annual financial report booklet and in the Participant Log In section of the BCMC website using "bcmcuser" and "3667" or at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Changes-to-Bylaws-Recommended-by-Church-Board.pdf>.

This Week at BCMC: January 15-22, 2017

The Centering Prayer group that meets every Monday at Bethel College, is coordinating a special prayer event for Inauguration Day, Jan. 20. Anyone is invited to come and go between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to the Administration Building chapel on the Bethel campus to pray for our country, its leaders and the world. Come when you can and stay for as long or short a time as you like. There will be no agenda other than silence, prayer and candle-lighting if desired. If you have questions, please e-mail Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Film and discussion, Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum with a showing of Daryl F. Zanuck's 1949 film *Pinky*, and discussion led by Bethel College faculty Allen Jantz and Kip Wedel.

Register now for Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, Feb. 17 to 19, with a bonus STAR-Lite training event on Feb. 20. The conference theme, *When the Unthinkable Happens*, will address a congregational and community response of dealing with trauma in its many forms. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds. Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization.

Kauffman Museum marks the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail with its Kansas Day celebration, Jan. 28, 1:30-4:30 p.m. with special activities in and around the museum. At 11 a.m. there will be a program by Jim Gray, executive director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame in Krehbiel Auditorium.

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) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, for a link for the spring 2017 course schedule (enrollment deadline Feb 13).

Preschool Story Hour at the Resource Library with Carol Flickinger begins Feb. 15. Sign up today at <https://goo.gl/forms/NNeiVbEyzpzLqksc2> or by calling the WDC offices at 316-283-6300.

Save the date: Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's annual Spring Supper March 23 at Bethel College Student Center/Fine Arts Center. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

The New Hope (Homeless) Shelter is asking for Bibles for their residents to help in the Shelter's Bible-based curriculum for the residents. They are also in need of new bath towels. You can leave these items at the back of the sanctuary and they will be taken to the New Hope Shelter. ~ *Valetta Seymour, BCMC New Hope representative*

January 15, 2017

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—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Epiphany
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Documentary hypotheses of authors of Pentateuch*, Bob Schmidt
- 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—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— Book Review: *The Misunderstood Jew. The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine. Facilitated by Weldon Schloneger
- Sojourners—Chapel—*How music has come down to the Mennonite Church*, Bill Eash

Monday, January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office is closed today; church building is locked

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

5:00 p.m. Governance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, January 17—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 2—Eldine Harder's, 309 Old Colony Ct., North Newton

3:00 p.m. Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Susan Rhoades', 1721 Casey Dr., Newton

Circle 4—Lois Preheim's, 3005 S. Kansas Rd., Newton

Wednesday, January 18

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)

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth **7:15 p.m.** Menno Ringers—Rm B7

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

Thursday, January 19

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

5:30 p.m. Sojourner's Sunday school class get together—Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Friday, January 20

2:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Junior Choir

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

We offer sympathy to Mel and Mary Sue Voth on the death of Mel's brother, Alden H. Voth, Dec. 22, 2016, San Jose, CA. The memorial service is Jan. 21 at Calvary Chapel, San Jose.

We offer sympathy to Mike, Stahli, Emma, Alice and Payne Claassen on the death of Mike's father, Alvin M. Claassen, Jan. 8, 2017, Wheat State Manor, Whitewater. The memorial service was Jan. 12 at Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater.

Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., with Regina Shands Stoltzfus, assistant professor for peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen College, speaking on "Renewing the Spirit of Empowerment," Krehbiel Auditorium. **Due to the forecast of ice and other wintry weather, please check the Bethel College web page, www.bethelks.edu, and Facebook page for possible changes or cancellations.** Also a **special history walk** earlier in the day sponsored by Newton Community for Racial Justice (choose from two times, 3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.), starting at the Newton train station (corner of 5th and Main), with storytellers highlighting some of the history of Newton's Mexican-American and African-American communities. Walks include the Santa Fe 5/6 Center (formerly Newton High School) and the Newton Et Cetera Shop (formerly Woolworth's). Storytellers are Raymond Olais, Celio Sandate, Zona Galle, Floyd Edwards (tentative), Winnifred Garnett and Sylvia Kelly. Also featuring Cotton, the Newton Community Children's Choir, and the Azteca Dancers. For information, call Sara Dick at the Newton Et Cetera Shop, 316-283-9461, or Larry Lee, pastor of All Nations Church, 316-288-3548.

Hesston College music faculty members present a recital today Jan. 15, 2 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Free and open to the public. Recital performers: Seth Girton, cello, Howard Glanton and Excier Rodriquez, guitar duo, Ken Rodgers, organ, Matthew Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, Kristin Shaffer, flute, The Sunflower Trio (Ken Rodgers and Matthew and Rebecca Schloneger)

"Getting to Know You" continued! February 12 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday! Please consider signing up as either a host or guest to participate in a fun event to become better acquainted with fellow church attendees. Everyone contributes to the meal, but the goal is to get to know each other a little better—not a color coordinated meal. Sign up will begin today, Jan. 15 at the back of the sanctuary and continue on Jan. 22. Food assignments will be in your church box on Jan. 29. February 12 will be "reveal day" and you will finally find out where you are going for dinner. Let's all step outside the box and sign up for a new adventure! ~ *The Hospitality Commission*



The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is Apr. 7-8.

* **Fellowship Meals** will be Mar. 5 & Mar. 12. Information and sign up forms are located on the bulletin board by the church office. Deadline for registration is Feb. 13.

* **Sunday school classes**, this year's operating budget is \$76,600.00. Bidding forms have been placed in the mailboxes of each class contact person. Decide your class donation and any item on which you wish to bid and contact one of the BCMC sale liaisons with the information. Donations need to be collected before March 9. Your support is greatly appreciated and an integral part of the sale's success.

* **Quilter's Corner** information is available on the bulletin board. A drop box for items is in the Gathering Place.

* **General and Silent Auction Items** that need to be photographed to be included in the sale brochure need to be ready in early February. If you have an item, contact one of your church liaisons.

* **Quilts for the auction** are due at the MCC Center on March 13. Quilts made by BCMC members will be displayed at the church on March 12.

* **BCMC liaisons** are Tom and Gayle Jackson 284-2379; John and Judy Kliever 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.

* **WANTED:** Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and large items of value for the Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Sale. These are tax deductible donations. If you have items with which you don't know what to do, consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257 for info and details.

The 2017 Western District Conference Annual Assembly with the theme, *Rooted and Built Up in Christ* (Colossians 2:6-7), will celebrate WDC's 125th anniversary year. Held Aug. 4-6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Arlington DFW South, in Arlington, TX. Information about Annual Assembly is posted as it becomes available at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. **Invitation for stories:** As a way to kick off the year, the first issue of the WDC newsletter *Garden* in 2017 will plant some "seeds" by featuring several short stories from WDC congregations. Does your congregation have a creative idea to share, or have you recently been present for an interesting experience in witness, worship, faith formation or community building in another congregation? If so, please send in a 100-word story or description to the WDC office at wdc@mennowdc.org, by Jan. 18, for consideration for the Feb/Mar issue of *Garden*.

Habitat for Humanity Open House for our newest home is today, Jan. 15, 2-3 p.m. with a brief dedication at 2:30 p.m. BCMC Contact is Ron Peters. The home is located at 314 E 11th St., Newton.