

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for pastors who spend time in the militarized zones of eastern Ukraine and for the thousands of displaced people they serve. May God provide for the physical and spiritual resources for those who have suffered so much.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's joy and wisdom to be with Caleb Yoder as he is installed today as pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

This congregation: Please offer prayers for students, faculty and staff in our local college communities that are beginning a new semester.

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 29, 2017

Jan. 22 at BCMC: Attendance 292. General Fund \$19,515.80; Living Stones \$2756.46; Plant Fund \$80.75; Caring Fund \$100; Homeless Shelter \$200.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 29, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

Belonging, Believing, Becoming in the Light of Epiphany

GATHERING

- Prelude** Verlene Garber, organist
- Lighting the Christ candle** Susan Wheeler
- Introit:** *O Lord of love, thou light divine* Palestrina
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist
- Call to worship, prayer** Dawn Yoder Harms, worship leader
- *Hymn** *Over my head* Cherub Choir
William Eash, director; Sharon Koehn, accompanist
STJ 18 (green songbook at end of row)
(congregation joins the last refrain)
- (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Children's conversation** Jill Robb
- Scripture readings:** Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12 Charles Graber
- Worship music** *Of the Father's love begotten* arr. Wohlgemuth
Chancel Choir
- Sermon** Michael Unruh

RESPONDING IN FAITH

- *Hymn** *Blessed are they* **STJ 94**

Kingdom Report: Camp Mennoscah

Michael Unruh

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

People with January birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals.

***Dedication hymn** *Grant us Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Sending song** *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Choral Amen in A* Rutter
Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i> STS = <i>Sing the Story</i> STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i> (at the end of the bench)

Today we welcome Michael Unruh, Executive Director of Camp Mennoscah.

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).

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.

Join the fun at the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton) Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.-Noon, to make an infant gown or two for the infant care kits. These simple gowns provide warmth and comfort to infants around the world. Materials and instructions provided. MCC has a few sewing machines, but you are encouraged to bring your own if possible. Contact Kate Mast if planning to attend or have any questions: katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

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 Western District Conference 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*

Registration opened Jan. 17 for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017, which will be July 4-8 in Orlando, FL, with the theme "Love is a Verb". Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

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>.

January 29, 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—*The documentary hypothesis of the authors of the 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— *MCC's work in Israel/Palestine; The Jesus Trail; Bedouin Communities*, Lee Wheeler.
- Sojourners—Chapel—*BCMC Archives and Family History*, David Haury

11:45 a.m. Senior High Youth Luncheon Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall

12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 30

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

7:30 p.m. Newton Community Chorale—Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 31

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 1

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, February 2


7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, February 5

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

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Marv Dirks is at Halstead Health and Rehab, 915 McNair St., Room 111.



Youth Events for your calendar
Feb. 17-19 Snow Camp—Exact times to be determined
June 25-30 DOOR Denver

The Senior High Youth Group warmly invites the congregation and all visitors to a soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall today at 11:45 a.m. The Senior High Youth Group has always been blessed with generous congregational support, enabling us to experience many exciting ventures. We look forward to future activities! IRS allows charitable deductions for the amount of the contribution in excess of the value of the meal received. The value of the meal today is \$3 per person. To receive a record of your charitable donation, please make a check payable to BCMC and enter Youth Fund in the memo along with the amount that is a charitable contribution. Please bring your own table service.

The congregational meeting is 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>."

We offer sympathy to Margaret and John Hiebert and Virginia and Ron Benninghoff on the death of Margaret's sister-in-law, (Virginia's cousin), Jill Koehn (Mrs. John Koehn), Jan. 25, Shields, KS.

Rosalind and Carl Andreas thank the BCMC community for visits, calls, cards, love and support during Carl's recent hospitalization and in celebration of his 90th birthday this week. You helped Carl find joy with each act of kindness.

Bethel College will host the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship Conference on campus Feb. 10-12. The theme is "Uniting for Social Change: Intersections of Race, Environment, LGBT+ Identities." Organizers of the conference continue to accept financial support for the various costs of the conference. If you would like to contribute to the conference, checks can be written to KIPCOR with ICPF in the memo line. To register for the conference or view further information, please visit: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lecture-series/intercollegiate-peace-fellowship-conference/>

"Getting to Know You" ! Feb. 12 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday! 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, and the goal is to get to know each other better. Sign up will continue today, Jan. 29 at the back of the sanctuary. Food assignments will be in your church box on Feb. 5, February 12 will be "reveal day" and you will finally find out where you are going for Sunday noon dinner. Let's all step outside the box and sign up for a new adventure! ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The Junior High Youth Group will be selling snacks for the annual Super Bowl Sunday snack fundraiser Feb. 5 following worship.



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.

* **My Coins Count** will kick off Feb. 12 during the morning Children's Conversation. So the rest of the congregation doesn't feel left out, we will once again observe the "Fleecing of the Multitude" where members can offer their loose change in support of MCC. Save your coins (bills are also welcome) and join the fun during the special collection Feb. 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. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257 for info and details.

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Feb. 4, 8 a.m. Meet in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Duo piano recital with Karen Bauman Schlabaugh and Susan Gaeddert**, Feb. 5, 3 p.m., Bethel College Chapel.
- **Bethel College Alumni Choir** presents "Shades of Love," Feb. 5, 2 p.m., Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton.
- **Call for singers** – May 7, at Bethel College, the Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis*, also known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*. If interested in joining the choir, contact Dr. William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316, for rehearsal and performance information.