

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they meet for a retreat this week at Camp Mennoscah.

This congregation: Pray for all who continue to grieve the death of family members and friends during this past year, and give thanks for God’s comfort, strength, and healing love that permeates our lives.

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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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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



Being Revealed...

Bethel College Mennonite Church

January 8, 2017

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9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Wer nur den lieben Gott [HWB 576]* J.S. Bach
 In dir ist Freude [HWB 114] J.S. Bach
 Karen Unruh, organist

Lighting of the Christ Candle John Tyson

Introit: congregational hymn *There is a place of quiet rest* **HWB 5**

Call to worship, prayer Eric Massanari

***Hymn** *All beautiful the march of days* **HWB 159**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation John Tyson

Scripture readings Matthew 3:13-17 Lil Peters

Worship music *How Great Thou Art* arr. Dobrinski
 Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Sermon *The Beloved* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Jesus, be the center* **STS 31**

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 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Manz

***Dedication hymn** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HWB 71**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Sending Hymn** *Holy Child within the manger* **STS 28**

Benediction

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Fleischer

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)

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).

John Tyson will be out of the office Jan. 10-13. John is participating in a program for young clergy and community innovators at the Center for Courage and Renewal in Atlanta, GA.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Marvin Dirks at Kidron Bethel; Rupert Hohmann 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

Jan. 1 at BCMC: Attendance 189. General Fund \$9,568; Living Stones \$1,650; Homeless Shelter \$250

Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. All are welcome, with no previous experience required. For information, Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

What's So Funny about Money?, a Ted and Company show, will be at the McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main, McPherson, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. Show is open to the public by donation to benefit the WDC Matching Fund, assisting pastors with financial challenges. Thanks to Everence for their sponsorship. For more information, contact Kathy at 316-283-6300 or kathynd@mennowdc.org or find a show clip at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEw5FLfO4Pw>

Registration for the 2017 season for Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus has begun. If you have not sung in the chorus before and have some interest, contact Joe Peters or complete a registration form found on the poster on the bulletin board. The blessings of participating are many. "We sing that others may live" supporting MCC. ~ *Joe Peters, KMMC contact*

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).

Coming this summer: MennoTalks! A new feature for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017, the talks will feature 20 slides for 20 seconds each in a fast-paced presentation on topics such as "Celebrating Women," "Race, Religion and Justice" and "Global and Local Peacemaking." Come to Orlando July 4-7 to experience this and much more. For additional information, visit: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennotalks/>.

Correction from Prairie View on the Lunch & Learn announcement: Jan. 17 is an incorrect date and the event is for clergy and chaplains only on Jan.31, 12-1:15 p.m., 1901 E 1st St, Newton.

Everence Financial presents an informational webinar, by Andrea Bontrager Unzicker, Managing Director for Everence Financial Advisors in Central Kansas, on the topic of *Women and Money* Feb. 2, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Designed to address the distinctive financial needs of women, the presentation will include information on saving and investing for the future (including retirement) and getting started on a sound financial plan. To register, go to everence.com/kansas or contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 ordarlene.buller@everence.com.

This Week at BCMC: January 8-15, 2017

January 8, 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—Meet in front of sanctuary
- 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 Review: *The Misunderstood Jew. The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine. Facilitated by Weldon Schloneger
- Sojourners—Chapel—Bluestem PACE with James Krehbiel

4:00 p.m. New Year Memorial Service—Sanctuary **During this annual BCMC service**, candles will be lit for BCMC members and loved ones who have died during 2016. Family, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

Monday, January 9

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

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 10

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

3:30 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 23 **7:00 p.m.** Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 11

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

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

Thursday, January 12

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting—Rm 14

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

Sunday, January 15

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

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*.



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.
- * **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.

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.

Friends of the MLA presentation, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., with Ben Goossen, "Mennonites at War: Military Service, Ethnic Cleansing and Global Migrations During and After the First World War," at Kauffman Museum.

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. Also a **special history walk** earlier in the day (choose from two start times, 3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.), starting at the Newton train station (corner of 5th and Main), with tour leaders Larry Lee and Michelle Armster.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sun., Feb. 5, 3 p.m. (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.

Members of the Bethel College presidential search committee will meet on campus Jan. 9, to hold listening sessions with a variety of groups, including current faculty and staff, students and local alumni. Interested alumni and former faculty and staff members are invited to meet with the committee at 11 a.m. in Will Academic Center Room 108. For more information, e-mail rbarrera@bethelks.edu. The search committee welcomes questions and comments at any time at pressearch@bethelks.edu

Camp Mennoscah is welcoming 2017 with several projects and a full schedule of camps and retreats with work on the kitchen renovation, adding a fifth boys cabin and the new playground structure to be in place before the summer youth camps start. Keep updated on Facebook and at www.campmennoscah.org! **Grocery stores in Harvey County and surrounding areas** are beginning to carry Best Choice items. Collect the UPC code off Best Choice items, give them to Camp Mennoscah, and the camp will send them to Best Choice. Camp receives a \$30 check for every 1000 labels sent in. Contact Camp at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. More information at <http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate/>