

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** David and Rebekka Stutzman serve in post-Christian Germany through Mennonite Mission Network, South German Mennonite Conference, and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for them as they join people on their life journeys and find relevant ways of being the church.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for WDC pastors gathering this afternoon in McPherson, KS, for financial stewardship education, fellowship, and entertainment sponsored by Everence.

**This congregation:** Give thanks for the work of BCMC's Hospitality Commission, which creates a variety of avenues for us to extend hospitality to each other, including coffee/tea fellowship time, Wednesday night suppers, and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

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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**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



Hospitality: A space  
where change  
can take place

Bethel College Mennonite Church  
February 19, 2017

**Feb. 12 at BCMC:** Attendance 240. General Fund \$5,162.13; Media Supplies \$50; Funeral \$100; Plant Fund \$500; Sr Hi Youth \$100; Jr Hi Fund \$25; Living Stones \$280.

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**February 19, 2017**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**

**HOSPITALITY:**  
**a place where change can take place**

**GATHERING**

Prelude *Gather us in* Behnke  
*Dearest Jesus, we are here* Powell  
*Crown Him with many crowns* arr. Wallace and Head  
 Karen Unruh, organist; Braden Unruh, trumpet

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn *God is here among us* **HWB 16**

Call to worship, prayer David Linscheid

\*Hymn of praise *For the beauty of the earth* **HWB 89**  
 (children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

Children’s conversation Beaty Robb

Scripture reading Luke 10:38-42 Dilores Rempel Suderman

Worship music *Allegretto from Sonata for Trumpet and Piano* Ewazen  
 Braden Unruh and Karen Unruh

Sermon *Beyond Distraction* Dawn Yoder Harms

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *O God, in restless living* **HWB 557**

Prayer of God’s people

Offering

Offertory *Dona Nobis Pacem* Behnke

\*Dedication hymn *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**  
 (green books at the end of the bench)

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *Take thou my hand, O Father* **HWB 581**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response Karen Unruh, organ

\*Postlude *Give to our God immortal praise* Cherwien

\*All who are able are invited to stand

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

**We light the Christ candle to welcome God’s presence among us.** Sent out from worship, 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).

**The memorial service for** LaVonne Platt will be Mar. 16 at 11 a.m. at BCMC. LaVonne died Feb. 8.

**Witness Commission invites you to sign** an open letter to Gov. Brownback regarding the repeal of the Death Penalty. Signatures will appear in the local newspaper. There will be a table in the back of the sanctuary (under the balcony) with the letter for you to sign.

**Save the date!** The church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be May 6 - 7.

**As staff of Mennonite Church USA’s Executive Board,** we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation’s financial support. Our records show that you are among the 25 congregations who gave most generously for our work this past year. May God bless you abundantly. ~ Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director (Full letter from Mennonite Church USA is posted on bulletin board.)

**Thanks to those who have agreed to be BCMC delegates** at the MCUSA Convention in Orlando, FL, July 4-8: Austin Prouty, Serena Wong, Ron Preheim, Lois Preheim, Susan Wheeler, and Dawn Yoder Harms. BCMC is eligible for an additional delegate. If you have interest in serving in this way, please contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Chair, as soon as possible. BCMC will cover the cost of early registration fees (\$299).

## This Week at BCMC: February 19-February 26, 2017

**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. For more information, contact Kathy at 316-283-6300 or [kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org) or find a show clip at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEw5FLfO4Pw>

**Women in Western District and South Central Conferences** are invited to the annual Mennonite Women Spring Supper, Mar. 23, 6 p.m. at Bethel College. Supper provided by Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA). Stories shared by Leah Mueller, Christine Schweitzer, Barbara Krehbiel Gehring and Mary Herr about "Living Faithfully in our Communities". Cost for meal: \$12 payable at the door for BCWA. Make your reservation by Mar. 16 to: [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) or 283-3342 (Marlene V. Faul). Offering will be received for a Mennonite Central Committee women's project (make checks payable to MCC).

**Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28** and includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "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), 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>. As per the WDC Resolutions Policy, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to Annual Assembly (by April 7). Send to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117

**Hopeful Blues, a 5 piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita**, extends an invitation to a benefit concert Mar. 5, 7 p.m., at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W. 4th St. Many of the selections performed originate in the Mennonite Church-USA conference hymnals and songbooks, ranging from traditional to gospel to jazz. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds to be donated to Camp Mennosciah.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's Annual Meeting** is Mar. 12, 2:30 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st St., Newton. Speaker for the program will be Curt Goering, originally of Moundridge. Currently he is with "Center for Victims of Torture," located in St. Paul, MN. The public is invited to attend. Reservations not required and refreshments will be served.

### February 19, 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; 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22—*The Story*
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Genesis 18:1-15: Experiencing new birth in old age*, Eric Massanari
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Can a philosopher be a Christian?* Marion Deckert
- 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— *A Mennonite Journey*, Jack and Lorraine Neufeld
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Does Being a Mennonite Matter? Part 3*, Dale Schrag

### Monday, February 20

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

**6:00 p.m.** Mid Kansas Investment Club Dinner—Fellowship Hall

**7:00 p.m.** Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, February 21—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

**2:00 p.m.** Circle 2—Mildren Voran's, 2913 Wildwood Way, North Newton

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

**7:00 p.m.** Circle 3—Lenore Waltner's, 20 Lakewood Circle, North Newton  
Circle 4—Carol Peters', 2917 Wildwood Way, North Newton

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

### Wednesday, February 22

**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

### Friday, February 23

**6-9 p.m.** Community Playschool Family Night—Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 26

**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

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**Everyone is invited to the Mennonite Central Committee Community Engagement event, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.** Hesston Mennonite Church The focus of the event will be immigration, including an in-depth look at MCC Central State's new Immigration program.

**Receiving medical care this week:** Rupert Hohmann at Newton Medical Center.

**Thank you to everyone who participated** in the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Hospitality Commission sponsored event last Sunday noon. There was overwhelming response that this event was beneficial for getting to know one another and for making connections with others from our congregation. We will plan to maintain it as a regular function in our calendar. In the meantime, we encourage you to extend the hand of fellowship and hospitality to someone you may not know well. Share a simple meal and remember that "hospitality requires not grand gestures, but open hearts." (from *Radical Hospitality*, by Daniel Homan and Lonni Pratt).

**Invitation to church membership.** If you have interest in deepening your commitment to Bethel College Mennonite Church through church membership, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms (316-283-3667; dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). An orientation to the congregation and reception of members is being planned for this spring.

**Your generous contributions to our Super Bowl Snack Sale** totaled more than \$1000--a new record! Thanks for supporting us so much. It means a lot. ~ *BCMC's 6th, 7th and 8th graders*

**Looking for something to read? Interested in discussing it with others?** Consider joining a book study during this season of Lent facilitated by John Tyson. The study will focus on *Way of Love: Recovering the Heart of Christianity* by Norman Wirzba, Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke Divinity School. Weaving together testimonials, historical references, and scripture, *Way of Love* asks, "Why does Christianity matter if it isn't about love?" The book study will meet for conversation on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning on March 4 and ending on April 1 - you do not have to be at each gathering to participate. **Copies of the book will be available in the office for sale or "rent" for \$10 per copy.** For more information, contact John Tyson.

**Ash Wednesday service information:** March 1 is the first Spring Wednesday night supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by an Ash Wednesday service beginning at 7:15. This will be a service for all ages, including children. Following the children's choir practices from 6:30-7:15, Venture Club and Junior Youth leaders will accompany children to the service.



### **Youth Events for your calendar**

**Feb. 17-19** Eleven Senior High Youth, Pastor John Tyson, and sponsors Ben Lichti, Bethany Schrag and Tim Schrag are in Colorado this weekend at Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

**June 25-30** DOOR Denver

**Pastor Jaime Cazares' ordination service** will be at Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, 510 SE 2nd, Newton, Sun., March 5, 3 p.m. All welcome!

### **Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:**

- **KIPCOR Film Series presents *Do Not Resist***, a documentary by Craig Atkinson about police militarization in the U.S. since 9/11, Feb. 19, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Reception for *Hidden Forces: The Kansas People's History Project***, a collection of prints of the "untold" stories of Kansas history, with organizer Dave Loewenstein, Lawrence, present; Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m., Regier Art Gallery. Exhibit remains through Feb. 24, (Sundays, 2-4 p.m.; weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Feb. 23.)

**Camp Mennoscah contact info:** 620-297-3290; online campmennoscah.org.

- **There will be a hymn sing and dessert auction fundraiser** for the new playground structure (to replace "the whale") Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. All are invited.
- **Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 10-11**, for those in grades 7-12. The Friday evening-Saturday retreat is a time of worship, service, and fellowship. Camp will provide counselors, meals, music (whatever the weather). Contact info listed above.
- **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat.** Two retreats at Camp Mennoscah on March 3-5 and March 17-19. Register soon!
- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat is Apr. 24-26** for retirees of all ages for fellowship, worship, and learning.



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

- \* **My Coins Count** kickoff was a huge success. Our team collected \$341.92. Thank you for your enthusiastic response. Adult SS classes will have collection jars placed in the classrooms for weekly coin contributions. You may also visit the quarter bank in the "Gathering Place" during our morning coffee time.
- \* **Quilter's Corner** information is available on the bulletin board. A drop box for items is in the Gathering Place.
- \* **Quilts for the auction** are due at the MCC Center on March 13. Quilts made by BCMC members will be displayed at BCMC March 12.
- \* **Comforter Blitz** dates are Mar. 6, 7, 8. Check the bulletin board for additional information.
- \* **Run For Relief** information and forms are located on the bulletin board.
- \* **BCMC liaisons** are Tom and Gayle Jackson 284-2379; John and Judy Kliever 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.