

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members participating in a Hispanic women's gathering in Dallas this weekend.

This congregation: Pray for those who are experiencing hostility in our communities, who feel unwelcome and unsafe because of their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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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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;

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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

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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

Feb. 19 at BCMC: Attendance 233. General Fund \$9112; Living Stones \$891.67; BCMC Chancel Bells \$50; MCC \$170; Special Programs \$10; Caring Fund \$50; Transfer-Funeral \$690.31.



Hospitality: A space
where change
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Bethel College Mennonite Church
February 26, 2017

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9:30 a.m. Worship

HOSPITALITY:
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GATHERING

Prelude Three Settings of *Son of God, Eternal Savior* Burkhardt
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Manz
Karen Unruh, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit *God has come to every nation* Bedford
Junior Choir; Monica Schmidt, director
LaVera Schrag, accompanist; Emma Claassen, tambourine

Call to worship, prayer Carol Flickinger

*Hymn of praise *I'll praise my Maker* **HWB 166**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Francis Toews

Scripture reading Deuteronomy 10:12-22 & Matthew 25:35 Doug Harms

Worship music *Alleluia, O come and praise the Lord* Bach; arr. Hill
Junior Choir; Rebecca Schloneger and Kristin Janzen, violins

Sermon *Jesus the Stranger* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Andante from Sonata VI* Mendelssohn
People with February birthdays are invited to come forward
during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals.

*Dedication hymn *Praise God from whom* **HWB 119**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *God of the Bible* **STJ 27**
(green books at the end of the bench)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Oh, how good is Christ the Lord*
traditional tune of Puerto Rico

*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)	

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).

Receiving medical care this week: Rupert Hohmann at Kidron Bethel Village; Stan Eitzen at Asbury Park, Newton.

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

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.

Ash Wednesday service information and the first Wednesday Night Supper: 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.

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

Make a Joyful Song: Celebrating the Legacy of Walter Jost is the theme of the Newton Chorale's 40th season concert Sun., Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Director Renae Schmidt Peters has included many of Jost's favorite works, including Harold Moyer's "Songs of Faith." Admission free with offering taken to help cover concert expenses.

The Charles Olson Memorial Scholarship presents The Great Plains Jazz Orchestra in concert under the direction of Keith Woolery, Feb. 26, 3 p.m., Newton High School Auditorium. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

You are invited to join Life Enrichment, Mar. 8, 11:30 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium to hear a compelling story by Floyd Bledsoe who will speak about his 16-year incarceration in maximum security for a murder he did not commit. Floyd, along with inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area, sang five concerts with the Prison Arts Chorus in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery, a presentation by Karin Kaufman Wall, peace and justice education coordinator with MCC Central States, will be 8 p.m., Mar. 3, at Mennonite Central Committee Central States office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Her presentation is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to attend the business meeting at 7 p.m. or to come at 8 for Karin's presentation.

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: \$12 payable at the door for BCWA. Make reservation by Mar. 16 to: westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or 283-3342 (Marlene V. Faul). Offering 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. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

Hopeful Blues, a 5 piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, will have a benefit concert Mar. 5, 7 p.m., at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W. 4th St. An offering will be taken with all proceeds to be donated to Camp Mennoscak.

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. Public is invited. Reservations not required; refreshments served.

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>.

This Week at BCMC: February 26-March 5, 2017

February 26, 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—Deuteronomy 32:48,-34:12: *All the blessing we will not see*, Eric Massanari
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Politics and the new administration*, class discussion
- 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— *The mechanism and processes of making moral judgement*, John Pannabecker.
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Health, Wholeness, and Family Systems*, Susan Wheeler

Monday, February 27

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

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

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

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 p.m. **Wednesday night suppers begin in Fellowship Hall**

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth **7:15 p.m.** Junior High Club (Rm 26) and Venture Club (Rm B8) (Junior High Club and Venture Club leaders will accompany children to the Ash Wednesday service)

7:15 p.m. **Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary**

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

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

Saturday, March 4

1:00—4:00 p.m. Newton Chorale dress rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5

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

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

6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

Food, Fun & Free Throws! Come to **BCMC's March Madness Supper on Wednesday March 15, 2017.** Watch BCMC's Home Team: our Pre-K through eighth graders assisted by our high school and college students! Pledge bucks for buckets made. Cheer Home Team members shooting free throws. Hear BCMC Bethel College Scholars' stories. Mark your calendars now. Pick up Home Team Sign Up Forms and Pledge Forms at the March 1 Supper or at the back of the sanctuary through March 12. Proceeds (after food costs) support the BCMC Bethel College Scholarship Fund. Hosted by the Education and Service Scholarship and Hospitality Committees.

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).

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 for \$10 per copy or "rent."** For more information, contact John Tyson.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites applications to their annual Local Giving grant process. Grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com and must be submitted by April 7 by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com. More than \$20,000 will be awarded to selected groups by June 2017, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

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

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

- **Rachel Epp Buller**, *Documenting and Imagining Memory through Art*, Feb. 26, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Building on the current special exhibit "Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen," Rachel Epp Buller will address how works by contemporary artists Susan Hiller, Christian Boltanski and Felix Gonzalez-Torres evoke ideas of memory and memorialization through photographs and other historical artifacts.
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk** with Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel Mar. 4, 7:30 a.m. Meet in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert**, Mar. 5, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall. Featuring music by Stucky, Gilmore, Mahler, Buxtehude and Wagner, with special guest Soyoun Chun, voice.

Camp Mennoscah contact info: 620-297-3290; onlinecampmennoscah.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!



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

- * **BCMC Adult Sunday school classes** have pledged a record \$4,840.00 to help offset the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale expense budget! A special thank you to all for your generosity and support.
- * **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.
- * **Sign up sheets** for baked goods and volunteer opportunities will be placed on tables under the balcony beginning in March. Visit and sign up often!
- * **BCMC liaisons** are Tom and Gayle Jackson 284-2379; John and Judy Kliever 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.



Youth Events for your calendar: June 25-30 DOOR Denver