

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Oscar Siwali and Mennonite Mission Network's Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to train peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

Western District Conference: Pray for participants leaving this week on a Come and See learning tour of Israel/Palestine, including Byron and Hilda Pellecer and Sandra Martinez from WDC.

This congregation: Pray for Mennonite World Conference as it seeks to nurture the communion of worldwide Anabaptist-related communities of faith and strengthen its fellowship, worship, service, and witness in our world.

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

Woodcut detail from *The Diaspora*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 12, 2017—Second Sunday in Lent

Mar. 5 at BCMC: Attendance 278 . General Fund \$5,275; Living Stones \$585;
Wed. Night Supper \$714.91

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 12, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

LENT 2:
Restore us, O God! We hunger.
GATHERING

Prelude *Lenten Selections* Carter
 Verlene Garber

Introit *When I survey the wondrous cross [HWB 259]*
 Junior Choir; Monica Schmidt, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Lighting the Christ Candle Dawn Yoder Harms and Hugo Boschmann
 L: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,
All: *we gather to worship.*
 L: Curious about God's ways in the world,
All: *we gather to worship.*
 L: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,
All: *we gather to worship.*
 L: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Welcome / prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* **HWB 70**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Mike Claassen

Confession

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd* Goodall
 Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Scripture reading Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-3, 9-10, 16-17
 John Tyson

Sermon *Restore us O God! We wonder what it means to be the people of God* Arli Klassen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *You are holy* **STS 34**
 (purple books in racks)
 First time: in unison with choir
 Second time: in canon with choir
 Percussion: Jonah Schloneger and LaVera Schrag

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory	<i>Resignation</i>	Moyer
*Dedication hymn	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>	HWB 86
*Dedication prayer		

SENDING

*Sending hymn	<i>Je louerai l'Eternel</i> <i>(Praise, I will praise you, Lord)</i>	HWB 76
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*Benediction

*Benediction response	<i>Amen</i>	Rutter
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*Postlude	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>	Manz
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*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)

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 to Arli Klassen from Kitchener, Ontario. Arli is coordinator of regional representatives for Mennonite World Conference. She works with representatives in various continental regions, including North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. She also serves MWC as chief development officer.

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 bulletin covers for Lent include segments from five wood block prints that Bob Regier created in 1962. The prints illustrated a series of articles in *The Mennonite* on the theme of migration. Visit the west wall of the Gathering Place to view the five prints and accompanying artifacts.

Our Lenten Banners illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, lives in Denver, Colorado with her family and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen.

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

- **Andrew Thiesen (BCMC member) senior trombone recital**, March 14, 7:30 pm, Administration Building chapel. Andrew will be performing works by Rachmaninoff, David, Bernstein and Hindemith. Reception follows. Andrew is the son of John and Barbara Thiesen.
- **Bethel College Jazz Combos 1 & 2, Jazz Ensemble II**, March 13, 7 pm, Mojo's Coffee Bar at Bethel College
- **"Kids Make Memories" Activities Evening for children**, March 16, 5:30-7:30 pm, Kauffman Museum. Children can create their own mixed-media installation inspired by the museum's current special exhibit, "Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen." Museum admission is free this evening.
- **"Denise Renee: Mundane and Magic" artist and exhibit reception**, March 16, 6-8 pm, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The exhibit is open through March 30 (a week longer than indicated on posters); the gallery is closed March 18-25 for Bethel's spring break. Denise is John and Judy Kliewer's daughter.

Camp Menno'sah contact info: 620-297-3290; online campmenno'sah.org.

- **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**. March 17-19.
- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat is Apr. 24-26** for retirees of all ages.

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>.

Early registration, which includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card, for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 has been extended to Mar. 23! Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

The Workroom at the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center in North Newton is running low on the following items: men's deodorant (minimum size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max. size 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You are welcome to use Amazon Smile for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a small portion of your purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Items can be brought to MCC at 121 E. 30th in North Newton and left in the After Hours Donation Drop Off at anytime.

This Week at BCMC: March 12-March 19, 2017

March 12, 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 Lent with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Reformation: This changed everything*—DVD #1
- 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 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28— *The 500th anniversary of the reformation from an Anabaptist's Perspective*, Jim Mininger
- Sojourners—Chapel—*MCC to the Rescue* with Dale Horst

Monday, March 13

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

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

Tuesday, March 14

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

2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm B7

Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 15—March Madness at BCMC Tonight!

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 p.m. **Wednesday night supper 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)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, March 16

11:00 a.m. LaVonne Platt Memorial Service—Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

5:30 p.m. Sojourner's Sunday school class gathering in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Bells

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's Annual Meeting is Mar. 12, 2:30 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 429 E.1st St., Newton.

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

We offer sympathy to Edie Krehbiel and her family on the death of Edie's brother, Herman Toevs, March 5 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service for Herman was Fri., March 10 at BCMC.

Note from the P.A. Committee: One of the church's hand-held microphones is missing. If you find this microphone, please call the church office or bring it to the church office. Also, we are down to only two of the Personal Hearing Devices. If you have any information on where the other devices might be, please let the office know.

Do you like a bargain? Do you like to accessorize on the cheap or dress yourself in vintage double-knit? Do you like to reduce your carbon footprint? All BCMC girls and women are invited to be part of a thrift fashion show at the Women and Girls event Apr. 18, 6 pm. If you'd like to be on the "runway" that evening with your thrifty fashion, please contact Newton Et Cetera Shop general manager Sara Dick (283-9461 or manager@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 3. Reservations for the event (meal + fun!) are due April 11 to Nancy Hilty.

If you are Spring cleaning, bring your clean, gently-used clothing to the Newton Et Cetera Shop! We welcome all styles and sizes of clothing, but could especially use children's clothing. Your donated items help us support those in need.

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

* **Bohne berrogie bake day** is Apr. 1 at the Moundridge High School cafeteria with two shifts, 7 am and 10 am. To volunteer, call, Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or email at bmj@lrmutual.com. Please wear a head covering.

* **My Coins Count** campaign continues through April 2. Visit the quarter bank in the Gathering Place, the collection jars in the adult Sunday School classes and encourage your children and grandchildren to add to their banks to be collected during the morning worship service on April 2.

* **Quilter's Corner** information is 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 are displayed at BCMC today.

* **Run For Relief** information and forms are on the bulletin board.

* **Sign up sheets** for baked goods and volunteer opportunities are on tables under the balcony. 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.



BCMC's March Madness Supper Wednesday March 15 promises fun while growing the **BCMC Bethel College Scholarship Fund**. Each year BCMC budgets \$500 per semester for our students who attend Mennonite colleges or universities. The congregation raises an **additional \$500** per semester for our students attending Bethel. Seven students plan to attend Bethel College in 2017-18 so the fund must grow to **\$7,000**. Checks should be made out to BCMC with Bethel College Scholarship on the memo line. The children of BCMC will shoot **free throws for donations to the scholarship fund**. Afterwards, stick around to hear stories from current Bethel College scholars. Wear your favorite team's t-shirt! Suggested meal donation is \$4 per person or \$12 per family as usual.

The Faith Formation Commission is organizing a mentor/student event for Sat., Mar. 25 from 7- 8:30 pm. We will have snacks, games, and time for mentor pairs to catch up! The event will be in Fellowship Hall. Announcements about the event will be made to the students, but mentors are encouraged to invite their mentees to attend the event.

Vacation Bible School at BCMC will take place May 30 - June 2!

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Western District Conference will host a reception at the Western District Offices, 2517 N. Main St., North Newton, Mar. 12, 3:30-4:30 pm, to honor the ministry of the AMBS-Kansas Center. There will be words of gratitude and blessing at 4 pm. The center provided numerous continuing education events for congregational and pastoral leaders over the last three years.

Women in Western District and South Central Conferences are invited to the annual Mennonite Women Spring Supper, Mar. 23, 6 pm at Bethel College. Supper provided by Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA). 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).

It's Supper Time and March Madness Time at BCMC! Wednesday night supper March 15 with serving line open from 6 pm—6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office at 316-283-3667 or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org by 10 am Mon., Mar. 13. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 15

Number of people attending meal _____

Name: _____