

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served with Mennonite Mission Network since 1985. Pray for C. Paul as he works with more than 50 business chaplains in Paraguay who reach out to employees in the workplace, and pray for Hildi as she provides spiritual direction to help people deepen their faith.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC board, commission and congregation members participating in adaptive leadership training programs at the Kansas Leadership Center, that God would use this experience to equip them more fully for effective ministry.

This congregation: As we think about water and thirst in our worship this morning, pray that we might respect and care for the precious water sources on which our world depends.

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

Mar. 12 at BCMC: Attendance 229. General Fund \$5,255.90; Living Stones \$425; Transfer-General \$235; Transfer-Funeral \$725; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$50; Book Discussion \$10; Howard Buller Memorial \$25; Herman Toevs Memorial \$50.

Woodcut detail from *The Diaspora*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 19, 2017—Third Sunday in Lent

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March 19, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

LENT 3:
Restore us, O God! We thirst.
GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks

Welcome Susan Wheeler

Lighting the Christ Candle /Call to worship

L: In a dry and weary land,

ALL: **Restore us, O God.**

L: Parched and depleted,

ALL: **Restore us, O God.**

L: Longing for your living water,

ALL: **Restore us, O God.**

L: We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning
for you.

*Hymn of praise *What is this place?* **HWB 1**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Confession:
congregation joins in when indicated:
**Restore in us a remembering spirit,
that we may hope in you again.
Renew our hearts, O Lord.
Make us generous in our praise,
that we may worship you anew!**

Response: *There is a green hill far away* Dobrinski
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Scripture reading John 4:4-29 David Le Van

Sermon *Coming to the well* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Rain Down* **STJ 49**
(green books at end of bench)

Communion *In the Garden* arr. Dobrinski
Celtic Farewell Lamb
Chancel Bells

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory

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

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**
(green books at end of bench)

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*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)	

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 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.

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>. For the Western District Conference Assembly, **BCMC is eligible for 18 delegates**; registration fee is reimbursed to delegates. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, vpreheim3527@gmail.com by April 1.

The Andover Organ Series at Hesston College is Mar. 21, 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. Concert features Kevin J. Vaughn, director of music and organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (South Bend, IN), instructor of organ at Goshen College, and adjunct assistant professor of piano and organ at the University of Notre Dame. Free; open to the public.

You are invited to a free screening and discussion of the PBS Frontline film *Being Mortal*, Mar. 31, 10 a.m. to noon. Based on the best-selling book by Dr. Atul Gawande, this documentary explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness and their relationships with the physicians who treat them. Dr. Stephen Cranston will host a discussion on what matters most to patients and families facing difficult treatment decisions and how to have these conversations ahead of a medical crisis. Event takes place at the Newton YMCA, 701 E. Wheatridge Dr. For more information, call (316) 804-6065.

Camp Mennoscah contact info: 620-297-3290; onlinecampmennoscah.org. **Retirees Relaxation Retreat is Apr. 24-26**

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 these 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). Use Amazon Smile for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a portion of purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Items can be brought to MCC at 121 E. 30th, North Newton and left in the After Hours Donation Drop Off at any time.

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

This Week at BCMC: March 19-March 26, 2017

March 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; 1–3rd 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 #2
- 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—*Keepers of the Earth*, Nathan Hart

Monday, March 20—First day of Spring

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

Tuesday, March 21—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 2: Monica Gross' home, 3020 Ivy Drive, North Newton

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

7:00 p.m. Circle 3: Nadine Peters' home, 8 Jasper Court, North Newton

Circle 4: Karen Penner's home, 928 Spruce St., Newton

Wednesday, March 22—No Cherub Choir this week

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

TBD Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

TBD 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 23

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

Saturday, March 25

7:00 p.m. Mentor Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Brent Dungan and Maggie Dungan

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

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania IBA students have their monthly fund raiser by selling tamales; chicken or pork (not spicy). Place your order by Mar. 22. Email Suhelen at suhelen_c@yahoo.com or text (316)227-0090. Pick up your order at 510 SE 2nd Mar. 25 between 4-7 pm.

You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 16. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or church office by Apr. 2. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____



The flowers this morning are in honor of Maxine and Orlando Fast's 68th wedding anniversary. They were married March 20, 1949. Congratulations Maxine and Orlando!

If you like to accessorize on the cheap or dress vintage or reduce your carbon footprint then you (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, 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.

The Education and Service Scholarship Committee thanks all who contributed time, talent and treasure to the **March Madness Supper**. We thank our **Home Team** of BCMC children who made **103 free throws** in support of the BC Scholarship Fund, our **Senior High youth** who kept balls flowing and tallied the score, and our **Bethel College Scholars** who shared reflections on their Bethel College experience. We are overwhelmed by the **congregation's** generosity as contributions to the **BC Scholarship Fund** totaled **\$5,543**. All of us demonstrated our love and support for the learning and growth of all our young people!

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.

There is urgent need of people to add to our list of volunteers for the New Hope Shelter (Homeless Shelter). Many of our volunteers have had to retire, so we need others to replace them. Our next week of serving at the shelter is from Mar. 29 to Apr. 4. Volunteers needed for evening and night shifts as well as providing and serving evening meals. Contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com if you can help or have questions.

The church building will be locked on Saturdays. Staff days off are: Dawn Yoder Harms (Monday), Susan Wheeler (Friday), John Tyson (Monday), Monica Lichti (Saturday), Mike Crawford (Tuesday).

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

• **Denise Renee: Mundane and Magic artist exhibit**, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The exhibit is open through March 30; the gallery is closed March 18-25 for Bethel's spring break. Denise is John and Judy Kliewer's daughter.

• **Bethel College Concert Choir home concert**, Mar. 26, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. The choir is touring in MN, SD, Manitoba, IA, IL and MO during spring break, March 18-25, raising money for MCC. The Home Concert offering will go to defray tour expenses.

• **Mid-Kansas Jazz Workshop Gala Concert** with special guest Wycliffe Gordon, trombone, with the Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I, Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium

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

* **Bohne berrogie bake day** is Apr. 1 at Moundridge High School cafeteria with two shifts, 7 am & 10 am. Call Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or email at bmg@lrmutual.com to volunteer.



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

* **Quilter's Corner** information is on the bulletin board. A drop box for items is in the Gathering Place.

* **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!

* **Craft items** donated to the sale by BCMC members will be displayed Apr. 2. Items may be left at the church; BCMC liaisons will take to sale.

* **Help needed** to detail the donated vehicles for the sale. Volunteer days will be the week of Mar. 26. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257 for info.

* **BCMC liaisons** are Tom and Gayle Jackson 284-2379; John and Judy Kliewer 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday night supper March 22, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. 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. 20. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 22

Number of people attending meal _____

Name: _____