

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this Friday.

This congregation: Give thanks for Bethel College, and pray that we may discern ways to seek, serve and grow together with the college community.

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; 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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Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider

Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Mar. 19 at BCMC: Attendance 251. General Fund \$8,422; Living Stones \$923.67; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$6,493; Wed. Supper \$367; Transfer-General \$100; Transfer-Funeral \$426.19; Book Discussion \$20; Margaret Friesen Mem. \$440; Herman Toevs Mem. \$265; Charlotte Rutschman Mem. \$20.

Woodcut detail from *Crossing the Red Sea*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 26, 2017—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 26, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

LENT 4:
Restore us, O God! We see.
GATHERING

Prelude *Gethsemane* (HWB #240) Cherwien
Partita on Stabat Mater Dolorosa (HWB #245) Douglas
 Nancy Hilty, organist

Welcome Dale Schrag

Call to worship / Lighting the Christ Candle Jonah Schloneger
 L: Here in this place we gather to worship.
All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*
 L: Here in this place we gather to see you.
All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*
 L: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.
All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*
 L: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

*Gathering hymn *Spirit divine, inspire our prayers* **HWB 30**
 (verses 1-4)
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Rachel Pannebecker

Confession
 Response: *Abre mis ojos* **STS 65**
 Sing in your preferred language (purple book in rack)
 Verses 1-3 and 5
 Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Scripture reading John 9:1-41 Tim Hodge and Dale Schrag

Worship music *Bright morning stars* Traditional
 Brent and Maggie Dungan

Sermon *Into New Sight* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Open my eyes, that I may see* **HWB 517**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Meditation for Passiontide* (HWB #244) Eliot
 People with March birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals.

*Dedication hymn *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

*Dedication prayer with birthday blessing

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *In the Cross of Christ* Conkey/Bingham
 *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 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.

We offer sympathy to Berta Miller on the death of her sister, Mary Ann Ruth (Selzer) Miller, March 18, Twin Falls, Idaho. The memorial for Mary Ann was March 25 at the Filer Mennonite Church, Filer, Idaho.

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 at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. For the WDC Assembly **BCMC is eligible for 18 delegates**; registration fee is reimbursed to delegates. If interested in serving as a delegate, contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, by April 1, at vpreheim3527@gmail.com

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 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. The book by Dr. Gawande and the *Being Mortal* DVD are in the BCMC library for check-out.

Camp Mennoscah contact info: 620-297-3290; online campmennoscah.org or; olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is Apr. 24-26
- **Kitchen staff is needed** for summer youth camps. Weeks available are June 11-17, June 25-29, and July 9-13.
- **Gather with Camp Mennoscah**, Apr. 3, 5:30-8:30 pm at Mojo's Coffee Bar for an evening of conversation. Let us know you are coming on Facebook or join us whenever you decide.
- **Camp Mennoscah is taking suggestions** for the name of the new boys' cabin. These should be names that connect with the other boys' cabins, which are Horseshoe, Waspnest, Sunrise, and Waldorf. Send your suggestions to the contact info listed above.
- **Apr. 9, around 2:30 pm come help put in the dam on the river.** Meet at the sports shack for instructions. The dam will go in regardless of the weather, unless it is unsafe to do so.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning two trips this spring and summer. The first is a May 6 day trip through parts of Marion, Harvey and McPherson Counties. At this writing there is still room on this tour. The second trip is the "Goodwill Tour to Freeman", a 3 day tour starting July 18. See bulletin board for more details. If you have an interest in either of these trips, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

In observation of the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I, Kauffman and the Bethel College history club, CLIO, will show the 1932 film *A Farewell to Arms*, Apr. 6, 6:30 pm at Kauffman Museum. A light meal will be provided (free although donations accepted) at 6 pm.

March 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—Lectionary texts for Lent with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Reformation: This changed everything*—DVD #3
- 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—*Our Story*, Don and Caroline Penner

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

6:45 p.m. Wednesday night program—Conversation with the Creation Care Committee—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 30

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, April 2

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

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation — Lenten Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

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

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler will be out of town from March 31-April 4.

Denise Renee: Mundane and Magic, an exhibit of fiber art, in the Regier Gallery, Fine Arts Center through Mar. 30, Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 am -5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm. (closed Mar. 26). Denise is the daughter of Judy and John Kliever.

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: _____



Dwight, Kamala, Richard, Juliet and the extended family of LaVonne Platt thank the congregation for the support and help given over the last years of LaVonne's illness and death. The good food given was always welcome but even more the empathy shown helped raise spirits and give comfort. It takes a caring community to weather a storm and this community has been there to give support.

If you like to accessorize on the cheap or dress vintage or reduce your carbon footprint, then all women and girls are invited to be part of a thrift fashion show at the Women and Girls event Apr. 18, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. 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, 316-804-4376 or nhilty@cox.net. Cost of meal: \$7 for adults; ages 6-12 are \$5 and ages 5 and under free.

Western District Conference is facilitating a meeting Mar. 30, 7 pm for congregations who are involved in or wish to be involved in ministries to refugees and/or immigrants. Local persons in the Newton area can gather in the WDC office, and those from a distance who want to participate can request a video conference link for this meeting by contacting: wdc@mennowdc.org Refreshments provided!

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

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:

- **Bethel College Concert Choir home concert**, Mar. 26, 7 pm, Memorial Hall. 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 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Apr. 1, 8 am with Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel, meet at museum parking lot

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 Valletta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com if you can help or have questions.

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 will end Sun., Apr. 2. Children bring their juice bottle banks to be collected during the Children's Conversation. Congregation members can also bring coins and the quarter bank will be out in the Gathering Place. It's a little shy of full so let's work on that!
- * **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 Kliever 284-9985; Dave and Cynthia Linscheid 316-727-6966.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday night supper March 29, 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 fice@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org by 10 am Mon., Mar. 27. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 29

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____