

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: A Mennonite Mission Network family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.

Western District Conference: Pray for pastor Jaime Cazares whose ordination will be celebrated at Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, 510 SE 2nd, Newton at 3 p.m. today. All are welcome!

This congregation: As we begin this season of Lent, pray that God's steadfast love for all people, everywhere, becomes the compass that guides our lives.

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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Junior Choir Director: Monica Schmidt **Cherub Choir Director:** William Eash

Woodcut detail from *The Departure of Abraham*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 5, 2017—First Sunday in Lent

Feb. 26 at BCMC: Attendance 232. General Fund \$2,905; Living Stones \$305; Transfer-General \$490.24; Book Discussion \$30; Margaret Friesen Memorial \$65.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 5, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship

LENT 1:
Restore us, O God! We hunger.
GATHERING

Prelude *Little Prelude and Fugue in E minor* J.S. Bach
Variations to Come, Come, Ye Saints Ashdown
 Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Jesus Stand Among Us* Filitz
 Chancel Choir; director William Eash; accompanist Verlene Garber

Lighting the Christ Candle / Call to worship Brad Kohlman and
 Alice Claassen

L: In the midst of myriad distractions, we gather, longing for you.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of temptation to live in fear, we gather, trusting in you.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of the challenges of daily living, we gather, craving your presence.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

Welcome / Prayer Brad Kohlman

*Hymn of praise *We sing to you, O God* **STJ 1**
 (green books at the end of the bench)
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Worship Music *Longing for light* Cherub Choir
 soloists: Mara Oswald, Lily Schloneger, Anne Koontz
 William Eash, director; Sharon Koehn, accompanist

Confession

Response *You are all we have* **STJ 29**

Scripture reading Matthew 4:1-11 Joshua Brubacher

Worship Music *War Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit* Buxtehude
 Chancel Choir; Grace Bradfield and Callie Ross, violins
 (see translation on bulletin insert)

Sermon *Lenten Wilderness* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I am weak and I need thy strength* **HWB 553**

Prayer of God's people

Offering
 Offertory *Holy, Holy, Holy* Farlee

*Dedication hymn *Heilig, heilig, heilig* **HWB 75**
 (feel free to sing in German or English)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Come, come ye saints* **HWB 425**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Amen* Rutter

*Postlude

*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 flowers this morning are in honor of Walter Jost.

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.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group meets Mar. 7, 2 p.m. in Menno Hall. Danika Bielek will lead the group in movement and music.

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.

Bethel College and Kauffman Museum announcements:

- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert**, Mar. 5, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall.
- **Bethel College spring musical**, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Mar. 9-11, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium (ticket purchase required)
- **Andrew Thiesen senior trombone recital**, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Administration Building chapel
- **Bethel College Jazz Combos 1 & 2, Jazz Ensemble II**, March 15, 7 p.m., Mojo's Coffee Bar at Bethel College

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

- **Youth Volunteer Weekend**, March 10-11, for those in grades 7-12.
- **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**. March 17-19.
- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat is Apr. 24-26** for retirees of all ages.

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). 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).

Hopeful Blues, a 5 piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, will have a benefit concert for Camp Mennoscah, Mar. 5, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W. 4th St.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's Annual Meeting is Mar. 12, 2:30 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st St., Newton. Details on bulletin board. Public is invited. Reservations not required.

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: March 5-March 12, 2017

March 5, 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—Luke 2:22-38: *To see, to proclaim, and to bless*, Eric Mas-sanari
 - Catacombs—Rm B5—*A year with MCC in Honduras*, Benjamin Kreider
 - 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—*The Miracle(s)*, Steve and Lynn Schmidt
- 6:30 p.m.** Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

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

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 8

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)

6:30 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 23

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 9

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's on the Bethel College campus

11:00 a.m. Charlotte Rutschman Memorial—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Arli Klassen; music by Chancel Choir

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit

Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit
So soll Israel sagen.
Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit
Wir hätten müssen verzagen,
Die so ein armes Häuflein sind,
Veracht' son so viel Menschenkind,
Die an uns setzen alle.

Auf uns ist so Zornig ihr Sinn,
Wo Gott das hättzugeben,
Verschlungen hätten sie un shin
Mit ganzen Leib und Leben;
Wir wärn als die ein Flut ersäuft
Und über die gross Wasser läuft
Und mit Gewalt verschwemmet.

Gott Lob und Dank, der nicht zugab,

Dass ihr Schlund uns möcht fangen
Wie ein Vogel des Stricks kömmt a,
Ist unsre Seel entgangen:
Strick ist entzwei, und wir sind frei;
Des Herren name steht uns bei.

Buxtehude

If God were not with us at this time,
So should Israel say,
If God were not with us at this time,
we would have had to lose heart
since we are such a poor little flock
despised by so much of mankind,
Who all set themselves against us.

Their furious wrath, did God permit,
would surely have consumed us,
And as a deep and yawning pit
with life and limb entombed us.
Like people over whom dark water roll
their wrath would have engulfed our soul
And, like a flood, overwhelmed us.

Praise and thanks to God, who did not
allow
That they could not devour us;
our souls, like birds, escaped their net,
they could not overpower us.
the snare is torn in two and we are free
The name of the Lord stands by us

We offer sympathy to Roger and Shari Rutschman and family on the death of Roger's mother, Charlotte Rutschman, Feb. 28. Charlotte was a resident of Kidron Bethel Village. Her memorial will be Sat., Mar. 11, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to Loretta and Dan Baumgartner on the death of Loretta's brother, Paul Hilty of Versailles, MO on Feb 27. Mr. Hilty's funeral will be Mar. 3 at the Family Worship Center in Versailles.

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

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler will be out of town from Mar. 4-6.

Make a Joyful Song: Celebrating the Legacy of Walter Jost is the theme of the Newton Chorale's 40th season concert 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.

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.

BCMC's March Madness Supper on Wednesday March 15, promises fun while growing the **BCMC Bethel College Scholarship Fund**. Each year BCMC budgets \$500 per semester in education scholarships for our students who attend Mennonite colleges or universities. Given our historic relationship with Bethel College, BCMC adds **an additional \$500** per semester for each student who chooses to attend Bethel. The Education and Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) raises those funds annually. With seven students planning to attend Bethel College in 2017-18, the fund must grow to **\$7000**. Join us March 15 to support our **preK-grade 8 children shooting free throws for \$** and hear stories from current Bethel College scholars.

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 p.m. to honor the ministry of the AMBS-Kansas Center. There will be words of gratitude and blessing at 4 p.m. The center provided numerous continuing education events for congregational and pastoral leaders over the last three years.

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



- * **Hey Kids**, how is your My Coins Count collection progressing? Bottles will be returned during a special offering Sun., Apr. 2. Let's fill 'em up!
- * **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 will be displayed at BCMC March 12.
- * **Comforter Blitz** dates are Mar. 6, 7, 8. Check bulletin board for info
- * **Run For Relief** information and forms are on the bulletin board.
- * **Sign up sheets** for baked goods and volunteer opportunities will be on tables under the balcony next Sunday. 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.

It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper March 8 with serving line open from 6 p.m.—6:15 p.m. 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 email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Mar. 6. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 8

Number of people attending meal _____

Name: _____