

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

Western District Conference: Pray for immigrants and refugees within WDC congregations and communities, and for congregations seeking faithful response to their needs and concerns.

This congregation: Give thanks for the many people who have contributed generously of their time, talent, energy, and financial resources to make the MCC Relief Sale possible. Pray that the proceeds from this sale will alleviate suffering of brothers and sisters around the 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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Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
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

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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

Mar. 26 at BCMC: Attendance 228. General Fund \$4,081; Living Stones \$305; Kitchen Fund \$15; Wed Supper \$315; Media Supplies \$65; MCC Sale \$100; Flower Fund \$35; Transfer-Funeral \$857.78; Visual Arts Fund \$500; Charlotte Rutschman Mem. \$10; LaVonne Platt Mem. \$25.

Woodcut detail from *The Crucifixion*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
April 2, 2017—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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April 2, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship

**Restore us, O God!
We Breathe.**

GATHERING

Prelude *Lamb of God, pure and sinless* arr. Cherwien
Herzlich tut mich verlangen J.S. Bach
In the garden Wood
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Kyrie* (from *Missa brevis in G*)
Mozart
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist
Grace Bradfield and Callie Ross, violins

Welcome Darlene Dick, worship leader

Call to worship/ Lighting the Christ Candle

L: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

L: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

L: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

L: Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

*Gathering hymn: *Holy Spirit, come with power* **HWB 26**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation *My coins count* Tom Jackson

Scripture reading Ezekiel 37:1-6

Confession

Response *Agnus Dei* Mozart
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading John 11:1-45 George and Jeanette Leary

Sermon *The Promise of Despair* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* **STS 121**
(purple book in rack)

Prayer of God’s people

Offering

Offertory *Sanctus* Mozart

*Dedication hymn *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *O God, who gives us life* **HWB 483**

*Benediction

Benediction response *Benedictus* Mozart
(congregation please be seated)

*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.

Giving shape to this morning’s worship service is Mozart’s *Missa brevis in G*, sung by the Chancel Choir. Thanks to director William Eash and the choir for their generous musical offering.

The rose this morning is to celebrate the birth of Lawrence Allen Kohlman on March 28 to Megan and Brad Kohlman. Congratulations Megan, Brad, and Lincoln!

Lenten Hymn Sing —You are welcome to participate in a Lenten Hymn Sing during the Sunday school hour this morning, led by Dawn Yoder Harms and Verlene Garber in the sanctuary

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.

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>.

Western District Women in Mission is bringing an event to central Kansas, *Sister Care: Level 2 "Going Deeper" week-end retreat* (a program of Mennonite Women USA) led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener May 5-7 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Complete registration form and email it to Darlene Powers. (address on form) Register soon as space is limited. Brochures and registration forms on bulletin board.

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.
- **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.

Thanks to your congregation's participation in Offender/Victim Ministries Valentine's Day event; 1100 letters have been delivered and 236 Prisoner Care Kits are ready to go. This cooperative effort between OVM and Mennonite Central Committee Central States benefits men incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

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

This Week at BCMC: April 2-April 9, 2017

April 2, 2017

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place; coffee, tea, water available

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

Lenten Hymn Sing—Sanctuary

- 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—Lenten Hymn Sing in Sanctuary
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Lenten Hymn Sing in Sanctuary
- 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— Lenten Hymn Sing in Sanctuary
- Sojourners—Chapel—Lenten Hymn Sing in Sanctuary

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

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

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

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

2:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—Rm 14

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, April 6

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m. Children are invited to The Gathering Place to receive palm branches

9:30 a.m. Worship with stories, scripture and song; music by Chancel Bells and Cherub Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation
All children, youth, parents, and teachers are welcome to a pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall during the second hour. The brunch is sponsored by Faith Formation Commission.

The BCMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is May 6-7. Information and Registration Forms are in your mailboxes today.

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: _____



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, daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen, lives in Denver, CO with her family.

We offer sympathy to the family of Edythe Entz. Edythe died March 25 at Kidron Bethel Village. Her memorial service was Apr. 1 at BCMC.

The family of Herman Toevs would like to thank everyone who sent cards and contributions to the memorial fund and prayers for the family.

~ Christine, Jason and Joshua Toevs

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be Apr. 23, in the sanctuary, at 12:45 after a potluck lunch. The Senior High Youth group will provide desserts as a fundraiser. There will be election of church board and commission members. If your commission or committee has agenda for consideration at the meeting, contact moderator Sondra Koontz before Apr. 6 when the church board will confirm congregational meeting agenda.

Financial Report. Unofficial results for the annual fund show that expenses are \$21,000 more than income for the first quarter. While we have been short by about \$11,000 at this time for the last several years, this deficit is unusually high. Many of you will be receiving a quarterly contribution report during the following week. ~ Richard Friesen, Treasurer

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.

The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool is Apr. 10, 7 pm, Room 14. BCMC is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

- **Bethel College's Student Government Association** and Kauffman Museum invite the community for lawn games, sidewalk chalk art (chalk provided), grilled hot dogs and more, Apr. 9, 2:30-4:30 pm outside the museum, as part of Bethel's 2nd Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.
- **Bethel College Women's Chorus** spring concert, Apr. 9, 4 pm, Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **Bethel College forensics** nationals showcase (post-tournament this year), Apr. 10, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium; featuring Bethel's nationals team: Heather Chaney, Akiyaa Hagen, Shekhinah Jones, Emily Kondziola, Jacob Miller and Clinton Unruh.

Youth Events for your calendar:



- April 8, 10 am—2 pm** MCC Sale service
- April 12** DOOR Denver payments due
- April 16, 6:45 am** Easter Sunday sunrise gathering @ Prouty's
- May 6-7** Church Retreat
- June 25-30** DOOR Denver

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is Apr. 7-8. See you there!



- * **My Coins Count** campaign comes to an end today. Thanks to all who have participated in this important event. The collection trailer is in the foyer after the worship service if you care to make a final donation. The quarter bank is in the Gathering Place.
- * **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 is under the balcony. Thank you to those who have helped fill BCMC's quotas. Opportunities remain. Don't miss out on this last Sunday to sign up!
- * **Craft items** donated to the sale by BCMC members are on display in the Gathering Place this morning. Items may be left at the church and the BCMC liaisons will deliver them to the sale April 7.
- * **BCM 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 Apr. 5, 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., Apr. 3. Cost is \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for Apr. 5

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____