

Bethel College Baccalaureate Sunday—May 21, 2017
Bethel College Mennonite Church
Announcements

This Week at BCMC: May 21—May 28, 2017

Sunday, May 21—There will be no Sunday School

Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

Thursday, May 25

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B7 Safe Sanctuaries—Rm 14

Sunday, May 28—No Sunday school for junior and senior youth

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

Staff: Pastor John Tyson will be on vacation May 26-29. Administrative Assistant Monica Lichti will be on vacation May 23-30.

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

Please note that there will be no Sunday School for children and youth on May 28. Sunday School for children and youth is on hiatus until August. The Faith Formation Commission appreciates a wonderful year of teaching and learning in Sunday School. Please give thanks for teachers, helpers, sponsors, and wonderful children and youth!

Commission and committee chairs mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual orientation for all chairs on June 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in BCMC Room 14. This is a time to discuss the program year, budgeting, using handbooks and the website as resource, and making your group's voice heard within the BCMC structure. **Please RSVP to the church office by May 29.**

What are your plans for the future? Do you plan to have a niche in the Columbarium, scatter your ashes in the proposed Garden of Memory and Hope or purchase a memorial plaque or paver? The Church Board has placed a survey in your mailbox to gather information for a proposal that will be voted on at a future congregational meeting. Everyone is urged to return a survey by May 28, 2017. Additional information is available online at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/survey/.

The display case and prints from Bob Regier's *Migration Series* will be removed June 5. If you would still like to place an order for a print, please contact Monica Lichti in the church office. All prints will be available by the end of June. We have already sold many prints and appreciate your support of this project. ~ *Visual Arts Committee*

Come play bells for fun! If you've been away from playing handbells for a few years or would like to try them for the first time, here's your chance. During June, we'll form a short-commitment bell group for just a few weeks. We'll have an opportunity to play in church on June 25, if we feel ready. But, no pressure. This is about having fun and trying something new! Email if you're interested – vadasnider@cox.net

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>. **BCMC is eligible for 18 delegates**; registration fee is reimbursed to delegates. The WDC is considering chartering a bus for transportation to the assembly. The Gifts Discernment Committee has appointed nine delegates but needs nine more! If interested in serving as a delegate, contact Vern Preheim, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, as soon as possible, at vpreheim3527@gmail.com or 316-283-4018.

Bethel College seeks a full-time director of development. Bachelor's degree required with 3-5 years' experience in funds solicitation or a combination of transferable experience. Send cover letter, resume and three professional references to: Fred Goering (interim vice president for advancement), fgoering@bethelks.edu; see full job description at www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/

The public is invited to "Walk Sand Creek Trail Day," part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, June 3 dawn to dusk (6 am-8 pm), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

Children ages 3-8 are invited to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library June 14 through July 26 (not July 5). Register **today** (space is limited*) at <https://goo.gl/forms/kQwNSzI9Bw8rr1q03> or by emailing/calling the library crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

May 29 and 30, 8 pm, the History Channel will broadcast a two-part special on "America: The Promised Land." The May 30 program will have a segment focusing on Bernhard Warkentin, Turkey Red Wheat, and the 1870s Mennonite immigration to Kansas. The Warkentin story is featured as one important example of why different immigrants came to the United States and their impact." For information go to: <http://www.history.com/shows/America-promised-land>. Mennonites in this area may be interested in viewing this program to see how the Mennonite migration fits into the broader context of the many immigrant groups who came to the United States. Of course, we also welcome you to visit the Warkentin House.
~ *David Haurly president Warkentin House Association*

A Community Conversation on Immigration hosted by Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E 1st, will be June 3, 10-11:30 am. It will be a moderated panel discussion with Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative), with a question and answer time to follow. Discussion will focus on the panelists' perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County. Questions about the event, contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org

Everence Financial provides information about retirement income with a *Retirement income* seminar June 5, 7 pm at the Hesston Everence office. Reserve a spot with Michelle Ramer: michelle.ramer@everence.com or (620) 327-4043.

Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, Et Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, June 7, from 5-7 pm in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton. Check mcc.org/volunteer-bbq for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen, 316.283.2720, patsydirksen@mcc.org.

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed another school year. Thirty-six children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank BCMC for being one of those supporting churches through monetary donations, the use of the facilities, secretarial and custodial services and a welcoming attitude toward our program. It is nice to have a home here! We want to acknowledge the service of Ted Mueller as BCMC's representative on our board. Ted is stepping down this year after having served in this capacity for 15 years. We are grateful for his very capable leadership as chair for many of those years. Jeanette Stucky, Barb Voran, Bonnie Krehbiel, Lela Schmidt, Stahl Claassen, Annette Lamp, Cynthia Linscheid and Margaret Toews have served as teachers, helpers, and substitutes this year. These volunteers help make it possible for us to continue to provide an affordable preschool experience to families who need it most. We also are grateful for the matching grant that we received from this church through the Everence Sharing Fund. A big thanks to Monica Lichti and Mike Crawford for their extra duties related to our being housed here at BCMC. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look forward to another year!
~ *Jeanette Leary, Director*

A Mini Comforter Blitz will be June 2, 1-8 pm and June 3, 8 am to noon, at the Mennonite Central Committee, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Pieced comforter tops will be tied and bound, and then distributed by MCC. Bring a snack to share with others, and a sack lunch if staying over a mealtime. Drinks are furnished. If you need childcare, please RSVP to Kara Klingenberg at 620-983-9003. See bulletin board for info.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Margrit Kipfer Barrón as she compiles a book-study of Luke's Gospel to introduce non-Christian readers to Jesus. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission meeting this week, as they provide support and accountability to leaders in our congregations.

This congregation: Pray for those who are preparing to lead Vacation Bible School May 30-June 2, as well as the children who will be attending.

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; 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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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

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

May 14 at BCMC: Attendance 267. General Fund \$15,640; Living Stones \$701.67; Kitchen Fund \$25; Media Supplies \$5; Transfer-Gen. \$5,000; Visual Arts Fund \$300; Church Retreat \$955.50; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$160.50