

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: *Eid al Fitr* begins at sundown today. This Muslim holiday marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, which emphasizes empathy for the poor and focuses on the spiritual life. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for workers who are building bridges between Christians and Muslims in many countries.

Western District Conference: Pray for delegates, youth, and others from WDC traveling to Orlando, FL, for Mennonite Church USA convention in early July.

This congregation: As the senior high youth group and leaders John Tyson, Ben Lichti, Bethany and Tim Schrag travel to Denver today to participate in the DOOR program, pray for safe travel and for a meaningful week of connection with each other and the communities they will interact with.

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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john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Phone: 316-283-3667; Day off is Monday

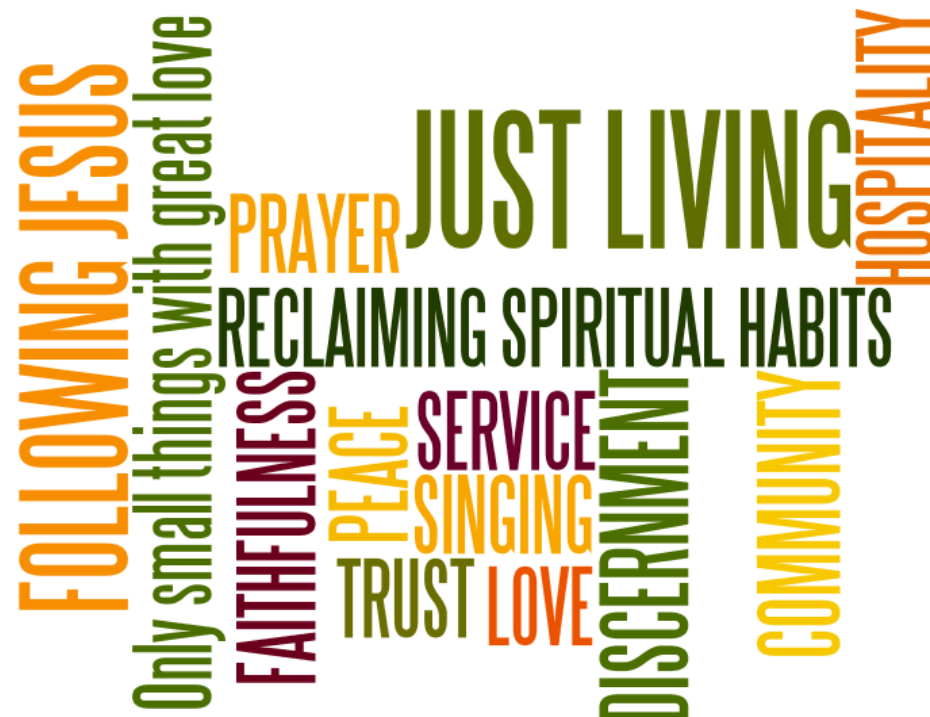
Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

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

Cherub Choir Director: William Eash



Bethel College Mennonite Church

June 25 , 2017

June 18 at BCMC: Attendance 239. General Fund \$10,959.28; Living Stones \$4,285.21; Sr Hi Youth \$25; *Rejoice* \$198.10; Columbarium Fund \$2,000; Transfer-Sunday school \$50; Visual Arts Fund \$1,000; Floyd Bartel Memorial \$30.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
June 25, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Just Living

GATHERING

Prelude *Sonata II* Mendelssohn
Verlene Garber, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle Lucy Burch

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymns of praise *I'll praise my Maker* **HWB 166**
Lord, whose love in humble service **HWB 369**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Barb Koontz

Scripture reading Acts 13:36-37, Mark 2:1-12; Ecclesiastes 9:10
Carol Flickinger

Worship music *This we pray* Althouse
Ron Garber, soloist; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Sermon *Serving the Lord—Partnership in doing God's Work*
Rev. Oscar Siwali

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Lord, you give the great commission* **STJ 63**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Children of the heavenly Father* Bish

People with June birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals

*Dedication hymn

As saints of old

HWB 386

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Thuma mina* **HWB 434**
Ron Garber, leader; Eric Massanari, drum

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Benediction* Althouse
Ron and Verlene Garber

*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)

Today we welcome Rev. Oscar Siwali as our guest preacher. Rev. Siwali is a Mennonite Mission Network partner in South Africa, where he heads the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency or SADRA, based in Cape Town, which works toward the vision of a nonviolent South Africa. During the Sunday school hour Rev. Siwali will be meeting with the Seekers Class in Room 28.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Evelyn and Ralph Lehman's 68th wedding anniversary. They were married June 30, 1949. Congratulations Ralph and Evelyn!

June 25: Just Living / Rev. Oscar Siwali

REFLECT: Do you feel drawn to a particular cause or group of people? What fuels your desire to help? What hinders you from becoming involved?

DO: Learn more about a local effort to bring peace/justice/wholeness to our community. Consider ways you--or our congregation--could become involved.

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 final Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert for this season is: today, 3 pm at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW 8th Ave, Topeka.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning the "Goodwill Tour to Freeman", a three day tour starting July 18. See bulletin board for more details. If you have an interest in this trip, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

The annual Womens/Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be Sept. 8-10 with the theme "Together: Rooted and Reaching" led by Barb Krehbiel Gehring. We will also be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women. Watch for more details and registration in July. Save the date!

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring a Donor Relations Associate, responsible for assisting in implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact in order to meet the budgeted income goals of MCC. This position is open within the 16-state MCC CS region. To see a full job description and to apply, visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>.

If you are curious about Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world, sign up for a MCC Learning Tour to Haiti, Oct 21-28 and/or Palestine/Israel, Nov 3-14, 2017. For more information contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for the Jackson, MS unit. The term begins late July with orientation and participants begin their service term in August. If you or someone you know is interested, visit www.MennoniteMission.net or contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

Uncle Carl's Camps, day camps at Kauffman Museum, have a few openings left for Home Sweet Home Ceramics Workshop, mornings July 11-14 and July 21, with David Long, Bethel College professor of art. The ceramics workshop is for teenagers 13-18 (finished Grades 7-12). Information and registration forms are available at the museum (corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton) or on its website, www.bethelks.edu/kauffman (look for the Uncle Carl's Camps logo at the top left) – or contact Andi Schmidt Andres at Kauffman Museum, 316-283-1612 or asa@bethelks.edu.

This Week at BCMC: June 25—July 2, 2017

Sunday, June 25

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place; ice water available

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

Sunday school for children and youth is on hiatus until August 20.

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Does not meet during the summer months
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Reflections from a Calvin Institute "Vital Worship Grant" Recipient, Terri Gaeddert*
- 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—A conversation with Rev. Oscar Siwali
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during summer months

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

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

Wednesday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, June 29

9:30 a.m. Funeral Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, July 2

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Matt Schloneger

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

New Hope Shelter is having a Kickball Tournament/ice cream social fundraiser July 15. They are wanting teams of 15 with any mix of ages and genders to come and compete. Registration information is on the bulletin board. Check it out and consider getting a team together and having some fun for a good cause.

Staff: John Tyson will be out of the office starting today until July 1 as he accompanies the BCMC Senior High Youth Group to DOOR Denver.

Larry and Margaret Goering will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on July 2 from 2-4 pm at the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. They would be pleased to have you join them in the celebration. ~ *The children of Margaret and Larry*

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards and for your presence at Helen Bertrand's 80th birthday celebration at Kidron Bethel.
~ *Helen Bertrand and Karen Bertrand*

Income for the annual fund was down in May after an April recovery. The net loss in May was \$8,505 bringing the loss for the year to \$18,796. ~ *Richard Friesen, Treasurer*

Prayer Network is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the people who already are on the prayer network.

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. A bus has been chartered from North Newton to Arlington, TX for the WDC Annual Assembly. It departs from Kauffman Museum on the morning of August 4, and can also pick up riders at the Best Western in Park City. Anticipated return to North Newton is 8 pm, August 6. Complete information about Annual Assembly, the chartered bus option, and online registration is at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. Seats available until filled. 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.

As part of WDC's 125th anniversary in 2017, congregations are invited to share stories of their history to post on the WDC website. Check out the stories already posted, at <http://mennowdc.org/congregation-history-stories/>. To submit a story about BCMC, go to <http://mennowdc.org/wdcs-125-year-anniversary-is-in-2017/> to find several questions for response. This ongoing project provides a way to learn more about other congregations, and be inspired to live faithfully in the future.

Al Peters would like to know whether you have a new North Newton neighbor! As the only church in North Newton, BCMC has a tradition of welcoming new NN neighbors with an informational brochure and a tasty goody. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Al at 316-804-7141 or alnaptrs@mainstaycomm.net. The Hospitality Commission would greatly appreciate it.

- **Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps** run through the last week of July and there are openings for those going into grade 3 through senior high. Some of the age groups only have one camp week left--don't miss out! Call 620-297-3290 or register online at campmennoscah.org. Limited scholarship funds are available.
- **Everyone is invited July 29-30 for Family Weekend.** Register using contact information underlined and listed above.
- **Young Adult Weekend** is August 4-6.

Kauffman Museum bird walk, July 1, 6:30 am with birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel; meet at the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

The Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center is running low on towels for MCC relief and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed. Bring donations to 121 E. 30th, North Newton, or purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Contact Kate Mast with questions: 316-283-2720 or katemast@mcc.org.

You are invited to celebrate July 4 at the Fireworks Extravaganza at 8 pm, July 4, at Kidron Bethel Village. The fireworks show begins at dusk. Hotdogs, beverages and snacks will be available. Evening includes kids' games, opportunity quilt drawing, bake sale and ice cream sundae sales. Bring your lawn chairs. Flashlights are recommended for navigating to and from parking areas. Information: 316-836-4863

Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., July 3, but continues to meet most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.



Youth Events for your calendar:
June 25-July 1 **DOOR Denver**