

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Trinity Baptist Church in Ukraine is hosting a summer camp for adults with disabilities. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for this ministry as participants don't get opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. "War has made life even more difficult for people with disabilities and their families," she said.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations to witness faithfully to God's justice, salvation and peace in the face of political, economic and cultural divisions in our nation.

This congregation: Pray for the MC USA Convention July 4-8 in Orlando: for safety for travelers, hearts open to learning from each other, wisdom in discernment, and receptiveness to God's Spirit as we imagine the future together. BCMC delegates are Dawn Yoder Harms, Susan Wheeler, Austin Prouty, Serena Wong, Ron Preheim, and Lois Preheim, chair.

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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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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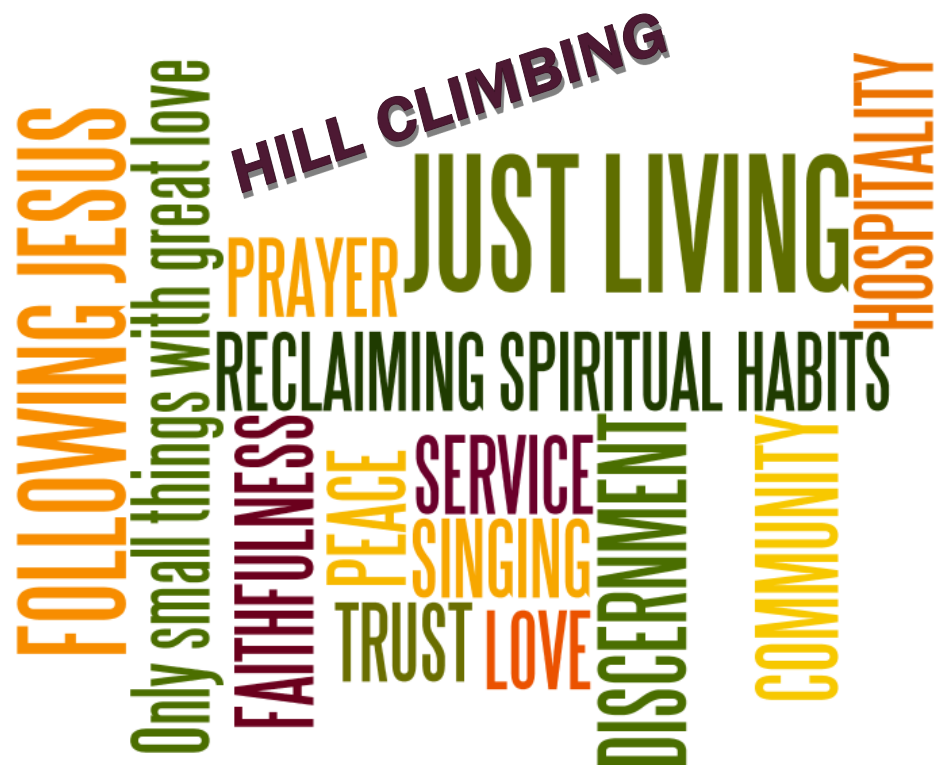
Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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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

July 2 , 2017

Bethel College Mennonite Church
July 2, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Hill Climbing

GATHERING

Prelude *Partita on Hymn to Joy* Callahan
Verlene Garber, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to worship, prayer Sondra Bandy Koontz, worship leader

*Hymns of praise *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**
I to the hills will lift my eyes **HWB 169**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills;

P: From where is my help to come?

L: My help comes from God,

P: the Maker of heaven and earth.

L: God will not let your foot be moved;

P: Behold, the One who keeps watch over you shall neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The Holy One watches over you and is your shade at your right hand.

P: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: God shall preserve you from all evil, and is the One who shall keep you safe.

All: God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Worship music *Climbin' Up the Mountain* arr. Patsy Ford Simms
Matt Schloneger

Scripture reading Philippians 2:12-13 Lillian Peters

Sermon *Musings from the seat of a bike* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn of response *I'm pressing on the upward way* **STJ 96**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory

*Dedication hymn *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Guide my feet* **HWB 546**
led by Matt Schloneger

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STS = <i>Sing the Story</i>
STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i> (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.

July 2: Hill Climbing / Dawn Yoder Harms
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REFLECT and DO: Get together with a friend to share about your "hill climbing" experiences. What "hill climbing" strategies have you developed? What are you learning in the process? Where have you experienced God's presence along the way?
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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@bethlks.edu

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, a drawing for a quilt, 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

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.

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!

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.

June 25 at BCMC: Attendance 216. General Fund \$6,429.25; Living Stones \$40; Sr Hi Youth \$100; Transfer-General \$367.50; *Rejoice* \$504.83; Adult Choir \$25; Transfer-Sunday School \$150; Visual Arts Fund \$110.

Sunday, July 2

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
- 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 Bible and Palestine/Israel: the origin of Christian Zionism* with Peter Goerzen
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during summer months

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day—Office will be closed and building will be locked

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

Wednesday, July 5

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, July 6

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, July 7

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal in sanctuary

Saturday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men meet at Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

5:00 p.m. Wedding in the sanctuary

Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Evan Koch, trumpet

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation

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 Larry and Margaret Goering's 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Margaret and Larry!

Larry and Margaret Goering will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception today 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*

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Stan Eitzen, Newton Medical Center.

The Floyd Bartel family wishes to thank you for all your expressions of sympathy with food, phone calls, cards, visits and flowers. We feel blessed by this caring community.

We offer sympathy to Harold and Esther Thieszen, Carl and Louise Thieszen, Marvin Thieszen, Barbara, John and Andrew Thiesen, and Robert, JoAn and Maura Thieszen and their families on the death of Aldon D. Thieszen, June 28 in Holdrege, NE. Memorial services are pending.

Staff: Pastors Dawn Yoder Harms and Susan Wheeler will be attending the Mennonite Church USA Conference in Orlando from July 4-7. In case of pastoral emergency, please be in touch with John Tyson, 316-283-3667 or 215-896-1047. Administrative Assistant Monica Lichti will be out of the office on July 5.

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 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.

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 alnptrs@mainstaycomm.net. The Hospitality Commission would greatly appreciate it.

Did your kids "dig for treasure" this summer at VBS? Continue the learning and fun by reading books that reveal the theme of parables. Come check one out from the Western District Conference library or have us mail one to you! Contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **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.

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.

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.