

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are beginning the North American portion of their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network and Goshen (Ind.) College. Pray for this two-way mission and for the family as they adapt to living in the United States for the next six months.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week to finalize delegate assembly agenda, and give leadership to the vision and mission of WDC.

This congregation: Pray for members of the BCMC's Hospitality Commission, Kathryn Simmons, Barb Voran, Frank Nachtigal, Nadine Peters, and Marilyn Stucky, as they help our congregation engage in the ministry of welcome.

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

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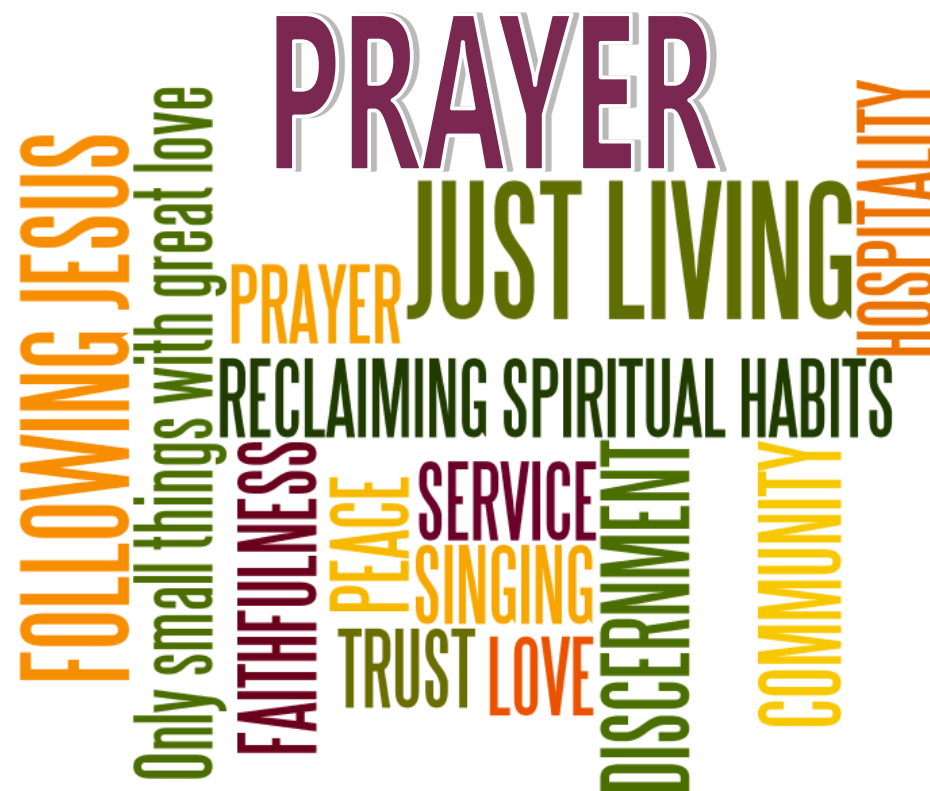
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Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 16, 2017

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July 16, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude *When in Our Music* arr. Powell
 My Lord, What a Morning setting by Haan
 Nancy Hilty, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to worship, prayer Elizabeth Raid, worship leader

*Gathering hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!* **HWB 65**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Worship music *All Day, All Night/Swing Low Sweet Chariot* arr. Downey
 It is well with my soul arr. McKlveen
 Bell Quartet

Scripture reading Matthew 6:5-15 Matt Schloneger

Reflection *Speaking of prayer* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

Offering thanks

Prayer of thanksgiving **HWB 721**
*Now thank we all our God **HWB 86**

Confessing our need

Prayer of confession *There is Something I wanted to tell you*
 By Ted Loder in *Guerrillas of Grace*
I am weak and I need thy strength **HWB 553**

Praying for our neighbors

Prayer **HWB 362**
Help us to help each other

Praying for our world

Sharing from Mosul, Iraq
Prayer with *Oyenos, mi dios*

Bill Swartley
HWB 358

Rebecca Schloneger, violin; Nancy Hilty, piano

Praying for the church. . .

The Lord's Prayer **HWB 731**
God of grace and God of glory **HWB 366**

Offering our gifts *You may place your prayer notes in the offering plates*
Offertory *Deep River* Spiritual; arr. McChesney
 Bell Quartet

*Dedication hymn *Heilig, heilig, heilig (Holy, holy, holy)* **HWB 75**
 (sing in the language of your preference)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *May the grace of Christ our Savior* **HWB 423**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* setting by Haan

*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.

July 16: Prayer / Dawn Yoder Harms / SS Elective: MCUSA Convention Reporting

REFLECT: What helps you connect with God? Prayer through spoken words? Music? Art? Reflection on scripture? Writing? Spending time in nature? Corporate worship? Silence?

DO: Choose a way of praying that is meaningful for you and practice it for a few minutes each day this week.

If you are excited to buy Mennonite Central Committee school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores, consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs with an MCC relief kit instead. Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit packing event at your church.

In 2016, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee began developing a new collection designed to succeed *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (1992), and supplements *Sing the Journey* (2005), and *Sing the Story* (2007). The Committee calls on authors (of worship resources and hymn texts), songwriters (who compose words and music as a unit), and composers (of hymn tunes) to submit original work intended to enhance congregational worship in Anabaptist-Mennonite faith communities. We welcome submissions for consideration in this new collection. The submissions *portal* at www.MennoniteWorshipAndSongCollection.org will be active throughout 2017. For more info: Resonate@mennoMedia.org or <http://mennoniteworshipandsongcollection.org/>

Everence® will present an informational seminar, *Your dreams, your goals: How a financial plan can help you achieve them*, 7 pm, July 24. The seminar will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 371 North Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

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. Also celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women.

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.

Save the date: Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College; "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts

This Week at BCMC: July 16—July 23, 2017

Sunday, July 16

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

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

This morning during the Sunday School hour: sharing from BCMC delegates to the MC USA Convention in Orlando (July 4-8).

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—Does not meet during the summer months
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Through the Desert Goes Our Journey*
- 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
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during the summer months

Monday, July 17

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

3:00 p.m. Memorial for Stan Eitzen—BCMC Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, July 20

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Susan Wheeler; music by Brent Dungan and Maggie Dungan

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation

Staff announcement: Dawn Yoder Harms will be out of the office at a training July 19-21.

We offer sympathy to Bonnie Epp and her extended family on the death of Bonnie's husband, Weldon Epp, July 8, 2017. The memorial service was July 14 at BCMC.

<p>July 9 at BCMC: Attendance 196. General Fund \$8,950; Living Stones \$30; Plant Fund \$200; Bequests \$14,558.08.</p>

Thank you to members of the Bell Quartet: Suzanne Burch, Nat Dick, Marlene Ewert and Ben Lichti

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).

A memorial service for Pastor Darrell Fast will be held at BCMC on Sat., Aug. 12 at 10 am. Darrell Fast died June 11 at Leamington Mennonite Home, Leamington, Ontario. He was pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church from 1986-1999.

Please extend a warm welcome to new BCMC children's choir directors, Jill Siemens (Cherub Choir) and Debbie Dennis (Junior Choir), who begin in their roles Aug. 15.

The planning survey related to the BCMC Columbarium and Garden of Memory and Hope has been compiled. Thanks for responding. One hundred one surveys were completed with many representing more than one individual. Thirty-two already have other plans. Thirty-one have already purchased niches in the columbarium with one who prefers to shift to the Garden. Seventeen plan to purchase 33 columbarium niches in the future and 11 plan to purchase 20 agreements to scatter in the Garden. Additional survey results are available at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/survey.

In addition to evaluating additional projects, the Living Stones II Task Force is also planning next steps related to the expansion of the Columbarium and construction of the Garden of Memory and Hope. How will the Garden (and all landscaping) be maintained? Is the large Columbarium expansion on the north of the church possible with a self-funded model? Are there alternatives to the columbarium that are aesthetically and theologically pleasing and financially feasible?

The Task Force hopes to bring a recommendation to the church board in time for additional discussion at the September 24 congregational meeting.

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.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Camp Mennoscah contact info:** campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290
- **Everyone is invited July 29-30 for Family Weekend.** Register using contact information underlined above.
- **Young Adult Weekend** is August 4-6.
- **Camp Mennoscah has Scrapbook and Craft Retreats**, Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, Work & Play Camp, and lots of fun times coming up.

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 WDC Annual Assembly will be in Arlington, TX August 4-6. Please register by next Wednesday, July 19. After this date meals are not included in the registration price. Register and pay online at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>. 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. 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. Register now to participate in worship services, workshops, delegate assembly, and a mini-festival on Saturday evening at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio with food, music, other activities and fellowship!

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/wdc-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.

The 2017 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu. This special issue is almost completely devoted to a consideration of "500 years of Anabaptism," with an essay by Ben Goossen, "Why 500 Years?: A Critique of Anabaptism's Upcoming Anniversary Celebration," and 13 responses from Anabaptists in the United States and Canada, as well as Colombia and South Korea.