

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the 30 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments in nine locations – Alamosa, CO; Chicago; Elkhart, IN; Manhattan, NY; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, AZ; and Washington, D.C.

Western District Conference: Pray that the worship, fellowship and discernment that took place at the WDC Annual Assembly this weekend in Arlington, TX, will continue to bear fruit in this 125th anniversary year, as we are rooted and built up in Christ.

This congregation: Pray for Jon Voth and his family, Janet, Orvin and Ian, as they travel to Albuquerque, NM, where John will begin his Service Adventure assignment on Aug 12.

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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079

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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; cell phone: 316-706-0887;

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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: Debbie Dennis **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert

July 31 at BCMC: Attendance 205. General Fund \$4,699.97; Living Stones \$105; Bequest \$25,297.03; Columbarium Fund \$5,000; Service Scholarship \$475.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 6, 2017

THE SUMMER OF SMALL THINGS:
Unselfish Self Care

GATHERING

Prelude Partita on *St. Anne* Manz
Prelude on *St. Anne* Fleischer
Karen Unruh, organist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to worship, prayer Rosalind Andreas

*Hymn of praise *Come, let us all unite to sing* HWB 12
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Megan Klaassen Kohlman

Worship music *Allegro con brio*
from *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano, Op. 18* Hansen
Braden Unruh, trumpet; Karen Unruh, piano

Scripture reading Mark 12:28-31; Psalm 139:1-18 Austin Prouty

Hymn *Lord, thou hast searched me* HWB 556

Sermon *Self Care—It's Complicated* Susan Wheeler

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Lord of our growing years* HWB 479

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Come, Thou fount of every blessing* Sadowski

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

*Dedication prayer

*Sending hymn *Go, my children* HWB 433

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Toccata in Seven* Rutter

*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)

Staff announcements: Pastors Dawn Yoder Harms and John Tyson are attending the Western District Conference Annual Assembly in Arlington, TX, August 4-6.

BCMC delegates attending the WDC Annual Assembly in Arlington, TX August 4-6 are: Marlene Faul, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Richard Friesen, Lou Gomez, Elizabeth Raid, Lee Suderman, Dawn Yoder Harms, John Tyson, Norma Johnson, Vern Preheim (delegate chair). Delegates will be sharing about their experiences during the Sunday School hour on Aug 13.

July contributions to the annual budget was \$44,649 compared to expenses of \$38,674. As a result the deficit for the year was reduced to \$10,140 compared to a \$697 surplus a year ago.
~ Richard Friesen, Treasurer

Roland Brown will sign copies and share about his new memoir, *Healing Hands: Four Decades of Relief and Mission in Taiwan*, Sat., Aug. 12 from 2-3:30 pm, at Faith and Life Bookstore. There will be opportunity to celebrate with Roland at BCMC, Aug 13 during the fellowship hour. (with a few books available then).

August 6: Unselfish Self-Care / Susan Wheeler
REFLECT: In what ways are you caring for yourself? What gets in the way?
DO: Identify a self-care practice that you can engage in. Take a first step to make it happen..

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert is Sun., Aug. 13, 3 pm at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton, with one rehearsal, Aug. 12, 10 am—3 pm. If you are a Bethel choir alumnus who wants to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org, or see the Bethel College Alumni Choir Facebook page for more info.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride is Sept. 16, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC Water development project in India. Rides of 34, 45 and 65 miles and shorter family rides are planned. Brochure is available on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line at that website. Contributions for this MCC project can be made to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" in the memo line, sent to MCC PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117. There are brochures on the bulletin board.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to receive requests for comforters from partners in North Korea for 3,000 comforters, Iraq has requested 7,350, Ukraine has requested 7,000, Jordan has requested 5,000. The Comforter Blitz committee needs help tying comforters. There will be a "Mini-blitz" Sept. 29 and 30 at the North Newton MCC Central States Center. However, if you have time now, we have several tops stretched in frames ready to be tied. Call Kate Mast first (the work-room supervisor 283-2720) to make sure the room is available. *For more information, call Carol Peters, Kansas Friends of MCC*

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. 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.

Registration is open for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah Sept. 8-10, with the theme "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring, featured speaker. Schedules and registration forms are available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/> or on the bulletin board. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year; girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars.

Sunday, August 6

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—Does not meet during the summer months
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- 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—Open sharing and "Menno-Hof" reflections
- Sojourners—Chapel—Does not meet during the summer months

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission/Music Committee joint meeting—Rm 23
Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

7:15 p.m. Sunday school teacher orientation—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 10

7:00 p.m. Music Staff Gathering—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 12

10:00 a.m. Memorial service for Darrell Fast—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 13

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Andrew Thiesen, trombone.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place with coffee and cookies served by the Sojourners Sunday School Class to celebrate Roland Brown's book

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Sunday school elective with delegates who attended the Western District Conference Assembly in Arlington, TX

11:00 a.m. Sunday school teach orientation in Fellowship Hall

Sunday School for children and youth is back in session on August 20. Orientation sessions for Sunday School teachers and helpers will take place in Fellowship Hall on **August 9 at 7:15 pm** and on **August 13 at 11:00 am.** A parents orientation to all upcoming programs for children and youth will take place in Fellowship Hall on **August 27 at 11:00 am.** We look forward to an exciting new year for children and youth at BCMC!

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).

We are so grateful for the care and concern that were shown to us during Stan's illness and passing. Thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy and especially for your prayers. *Florine Eitzen and family*

Bonnie and the families of Marc, Jerry, and Ladd Epp wish to thank you for all of your expressions of sympathy after Weldon's sudden passing. The support by our pastors, food, flowers, cards and notes, memorials, phone calls, and personal visits have been such a support. We feel truly blessed by this community.

BCMC has received word that John C. Yoder of Harper's Ferry, WV has died of complications after surgery, June 9, 2017. John was a member of BCMC having joined in 1978. He was a district court judge in Kansas for 4 years and he also taught at Goshen College 1975—1976 and taught U.S. government at Bethel College from 1976 to 1978.

As part of the Bethel College orientation, all new students will be attending our church service on Aug. 20. We are expecting around 140 guests! As a welcome to our community, the Hospitality Commission is hosting a new student brunch during the Sunday School hour (for students only.) **We need your help!** Please consider donating either a 9 x 13 egg casserole, a 9 x 13 coffee cake, 12 muffins or ready to serve fruit for 10 people. A signup sheet is in back of the sanctuary on Aug. 6, and 13. Thanks! ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The Faith Formation Commission is still seeking teachers for our 5th and 6th grade class. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school this year, please contact John Tyson or Adam Robb.

The planning survey related to the BCMC Columbarium and Garden of Memory and Hope has been compiled. Survey results are available at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/survey. In addition to evaluating other projects, the Living Stones II Task Force is planning next steps related to the expansion of the Columbarium and construction of the Garden of Memory and Hope. To be considered: how the Garden and all landscaping will be maintained; is the large columbarium expansion on the north side of the church possible with a self-funded model or are there alternatives to this plan? The Task Force hopes to bring a recommendation to the church board in time for additional discussion at the Sept. 24 congregational meeting.

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 15th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 25-26. Arrive Fri. 6:30 pm or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight, too. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 pm, Fri., items for recreation, camping gear. If staying overnight, bring breakfast food to share. For more info contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

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.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a bilingual sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/clerk receives and sorts donations, focusing on clothing; assists Spanish-speaking customers and donors; and helps to translate written documents. Full job description and applications are available at the store, 619 N. Main or by email generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications due Aug. 14 submitted to general manager in person or by email.

New Hope Shelter receives \$1200 in the 2017 BCMC benevolence budget. New Hope has increased overnight staffing and is looking for additional financial support. The Witness Commission will be considering this request as part of the 2018 budgeting process. In the meantime, individual contributions can be sent to New Hope Shelter, PO Box 978, Newton KS 67114.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Sept. 15, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton with a smothered pork burrito dinner. A short program will follow, with testimony from IBA students Vicky Velazquez and Jose Suastegui, a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and some words from our new director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity to hear how IBA is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Opera & Orneriness, an evening of music and storytelling with Marie Engle and Stanley Epp, is Aug. 6, 7 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Stan Epp writes and tells stories about his Low German Mennonite upbringing in South Dakota. More details on poster on bulletin board.