

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peace-building and reconciliation, and in business development principles.

Western District Conference: Pray for a meeting hosted by WDC next weekend in Dallas, TX, to promote the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) theological training program for accreditation purposes.

This congregation: Pray for the Community Playschool, directed by Jeanette Leary, as it welcomes children and their families back to school after summer vacation. The Community Playschool is housed in BCMC's basement and meets Tuesday - Friday mornings.

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

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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

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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



Reformation Sunday

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 10, 2017

September 3 at BCMC: Attendance: 239. General Fund \$5,941; Living Stones \$350; Media Supplies \$12; Kitchen-coffee \$11.10; Milly Stucky Memorial \$45

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 10, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

REFORMATION 500

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ

*During the prelude, please observe a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* Albrecht/Buxtehude/Bach
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Hear thou our prayer* Huffman
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Keith Sprunger

*Hymns of praise *I sing with exultation (Anabaptist hymn)* **HWB 438**
A mighty fortress is our God **HWB 165**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading James 3:13-18 Cynthia Linscheid

Worship music *Now thank we all our God* arr. Rutter
Chancel Choir

Sermon *An Anabaptist view of the Reformation* Jim Mininger

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**

Prayer of God's people

Offering
*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory *Rejoice in God's saints* Cherwin

*Dedication hymn *We give thee but thine own* **HWB 384**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

*Benediction

*Benediction response Chancel Choir

*Postlude *Now thank we all our God* Manz

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.

Thank you to our Reformation 500 preacher, Jim Mininger! From 1995–2008, Jim and Virginia Mininger served at LCC International University located on the Baltic Sea port of Klaipeda, Lithuania. Jim worked as President of the new university, and Virginia taught Written Communication and led orientation for incoming students. During these years, the university grew from 110 to just over 800 students. Prior to Lithuania, the Miningers lived in Hesston for twenty-one years where Jim taught history and served as the Academic Dean of Hesston College. Virginia has been a teacher of voice and 8th grade language arts. Jim and Virginia are regular BCMC attenders.

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).

Western District Conference invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there. 100% of the contributions to the WDC Harvey Relief fund will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at mennowdc.org. Thank you for your generosity!

The Swiss Cultural and Historical Society is selling a cookbook, *Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes* including two DVD's of preparation techniques. To order contact LaVern Stucky or send name, address, & check for \$20 to SMCHA P.O. Box 93 Moundridge, KS 67107.

"Fall into a Good Book" with the Conference Resource Library's Fall Story Hour with leader Carol Flickinger Thursdays, Sept. 28 through Nov. 16, 10 am. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/ZpYYWCRbiFdSLgbU2> or at crlib@mennowdc.org or (316) 283-6300. Sign up by Sept. 21.

At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 18, 12:00 pm at Hutch Correctional Facility or Sept. 19, 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Contact Ben Kreider for information: 316-281-5244 or at ben@offendervictimministries.org.

Mennonite Central Committee is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. MCC is working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected and welcomes your support for the relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride is Sept. 16, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. Brochure is available on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line at that website. There are brochures on the bulletin board.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars," the National World War I museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" Oct. 19-22 explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125, with \$99 early bird registration available through Sept. 8. Co-sponsors for the symposium include Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Historical Society, The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and Rainbow Mennonite Church. For more information, see <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/remembering-muted-voices>

Registration closes Sept. 11 for A Hesston College Homecoming, Sept. 22 to 24. The 26th annual two-mile run/walk: The Manickam Mosey, typically a Thanksgiving weekend tradition, has now moved to Homecoming on Sept. 23. Race registration available at hesston.edu/2mile. See the full weekend schedule and registration at hesston.edu/homecoming.

Sunday, September 10

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea

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

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 1st grade in **B4**; 2–4th grade in **B3**; 5–6th grade in **B8**
- Junior High students (7–8th grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Reflecting on Life Together*—Dawn Yoder Harms
- Catacombs—Rm B5—"Quo Vadis" *Where are we going?*—John Sheriff
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—"How does faith affect survival?"—Marvin Dirks
- Sojourners—Chapel—Updates at Everence—Mitch Stutzman, Neal Brubacker
- Young adult and college SS class—Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m. Pastor Susan Wheeler leads worship at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall; Nancy Hilty will accompany on piano

6:30 p.m. Bethel College/BCMC Ice Cream Social on church lawn

Monday, September 11

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

6:45 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 14

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, September 17—Peace Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Sharon Kniss, KIPCOR

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water, tea

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Adult elective with Sharon Kniss, KIPCOR in sanctuary—All are welcome

Staff Announcement: Monica Lichti will be on vacation September 11-15. During this week the office will be open from 9 am to 12 pm and closed in the afternoons.

Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, we will be wearing name tags today and through the month of September. **Today, as part of hospitality month, share with someone near you during the coffee time between first and second hours about something for which you are thankful. Next week we invite you to look for three people before or after worship that you don't know well, and welcome them.**

~ *The Hospitality Commission*

Plan to attend the Sept 24 congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. New information will be provided about the columbarium and garden of memory and hope, kitchen and fellowship hall improvements, and grounds maintenance.

Jon Voth's new address is 1808 Truman Street NE., Albuquerque, NM 87110. He would be delighted to receive notes of encouragement as he enjoys his Service Adventure experience. Jon's BCMC support team is Glen Ediger, John Tyson, and Roger Juhnke.

As part of the fall kick-off event, BCMC mentors and youth will be compiling infant care relief kits for MCC on Sun, Oct. 1. We need your help! Please consider donating the following items: gowns, sleepers, undershirts/onesies, cloth diapers, safety pins, bars of mild soap, socks, and caps. A donations box will be placed in the back of the sanctuary over the next several Sundays to collect items. Thank you for donating!

The first mentor program event of the year will be Sun., Oct. 1, 12 pm! The Faith Formation Commission will provide lunch. Following lunch, the mentor/mentee pairs will assemble infant care relief kits for MCC. Mentors are invited to reach out to their mentees and invite them to join you at the event Oct. 1. We hope it will be a fun and meaningful time together!

You are invited to a prayer service for the International Day of Peace: *Together for Peace: Respect, Safety & Dignity for All.* Sept. 21, 7 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton. Planned by Newton area Mennonite pastors, including BCMC Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

To our friends at BCMC: We as a family, Loretta, Larissa, Doug, Michelle, Avery, and Britton Fast are grateful for the welcome and warmth with which we were greeted at the time of Darrell's Service of Remembrance and Celebration on Aug 12. Darrell is now "home" both with his friends and with his God. We thank you for making this possible.

August contributions to the annual budget were \$35,839 compared to expenses of \$39,147. As a result the deficit for the year increased to \$13,348 compared to a \$371 surplus a year ago. ~ *Richard Friesen, treasurer*

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Rachel Waltner Goossen**, professor of history, Washburn University, will speak on "The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," to introduce the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," Sept. 10, 3 pm, Kauffman Museum. Opening reception for the exhibit is at 4 pm.
- **KIPCOR 30th-anniversary celebration continues** with Leonard Pitts Jr., Sept. 12, 7 pm, Memorial Hall. Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books.
- **Outdoor concert**, Cherokee Maidens with Sycamore Swing, Sept. 14, 6 pm, Kauffman Museum. Bring your own chairs; suggested donation: \$10 single/couple/family.

Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact info: 620-297-3290 or campmennoscah.org

- **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** is Oct. 1, 5:30 pm in the Camp dining hall. RSVP by registering online at contact info above. Meeting will include a Live Auction Fundraiser with meals for 6-10 people up for bid. The agenda also includes recognition of Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High Camp program director, updates on the dining hall and kitchen renovations, and stories from campers.
- **Work & Play Camp** for all ages is Sept. 29-Oct. 3 with various projects. No cost for this retreat. Register using contact info above.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are offered Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 17-19.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to receive requests for comforters. There will be a "Mini-blitz" Sept. 29 and 30 at the North Newton MCC Central States Center. There are several tops stretched in frames ready to be tied. Call Kate Mast first (the workroom supervisor 283-2720) to make sure the room is available. *For more information, call Carol Peters, Kansas Friends of MCC*

Everence[®] Financial presents informational seminars: *An overview of Medicare will go over what's covered, enrollment deadlines, and plans that supplement Medicare; 6:30 pm Sept. 11 & Nov. 6. Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4.* All seminars are at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church, 101 South Washington, Moundridge, will host a **benefit concert**, Sept. 10, 2 pm, for Mennonite Disaster Service in relation to Hurricane Harvey's damage and will feature a vocal quartet called Family & Friends with members Doug Huxman, Steve & Amy Sherbenou, and Jan Gilmore, accompanied by Donna Stucky. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be received for MDS.