

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC's Executive Board meeting this week to further WDC's mission of empowering congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

**This congregation:** Pray for BCMC's Church Board, which works to understand and articulate the vision and mission for Bethel College Mennonite Church and provide the leadership and strategic structure for accomplishing the vision.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Bethel College Mennonite Church  
September 24, 2017

**September 17 at BCMC:** Attendance: 254. General Fund \$6,071.67; Living Stones \$391.67; Kitchen Fund-Coffee \$32.

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 24, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship**

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**TIME FOR WORSHIP**

**GATHERING**

Lighting the Christ Candle

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence  
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Partita on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>* Callahan  
Karen Unruh, organist

Introit *All creatures of our God and King* arr. Eithun  
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Call to worship, prayer Dianne Epp, worship leader

\*Hymn of praise *We would extol thee* **HWB 74**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading Matthew 20:1-16 Ron Sawatzky

Worship music *Let there be peace* arr. Dobrinski  
Chancel Bells; Bethany Schrag, vocal

Sermon *Pizza, Plato, and the Problem with Love* John Tyson

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* **HWB 145**

Parent-Child Dedication of Lawrence Kohlman: Son of Brad and Megan  
Kohlman and brother of Lincoln Kohlman

You have offered your child to the strong and tender providence of  
God.

We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child.

We promise, with humility and seriousness to share in your child's  
nurture and well-being.

We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a  
loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's  
way is chosen.

Our prayers will be with you and for you.

May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and  
fruitful. [HWB 791]

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* Walther  
*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in  
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

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

\*Dedication hymn *Now thank we all our God* **HWB 86**

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *O God, who gives us life* **HWB 483**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response

Postlude *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Behnke

\*All who are able are invited to stand

<b>HWB</b> = Hymnal: A Worship Book <b>STS</b> = Sing the Story <b>STJ</b> =Sing the Journey
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**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).

**Plan to attend the congregational meeting today at 12:45 pm in the  
sanctuary following a potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 am.** New in-  
formation will be provided about the columbarium and garden of memory  
and hope, kitchen and fellowship hall improvements, and grounds mainte-  
nance.

**An orientation to the congregation and reception of members is being  
planned for this fall.** If you are interested in deepening your connection to  
Bethel College Mennonite Church by becoming a member, please be in  
touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

**"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](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) or (316) 283-6300.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) urgently seeks a volunteer** that is at least 21 years old to work with the meat canner. Truck driving skills are ideal, but MCC is willing to provide training. The meat canning season starts in October. For more information, contact John Hillegass; 717-859-1151 or [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org)

**From hurricanes and flooding, to conflict and drought,** MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. Learn more about relief projects and give today to help provide assistance and support communities as they rebuild by visiting [mcc.org/disasters](http://mcc.org/disasters). Mennonite Disaster Service is responding to damage in the U.S. from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria: learn more at [mds.mennonite.net](http://mds.mennonite.net). MCC warehouses are very low on relief kits and comforters, your donations are welcome now, please visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for full details. Your questions are always welcome, contact our office by emailing [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.

**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. 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>

**The Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty** hosts an Abolition Conference, *The Kansas Death Penalty: What a Waste*, Oct. 21, 1-3:30 pm at the McPherson Church of the Brethren, 200 N. Carrie, McPherson, with speakers Roger Werholtz, retired Secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections; Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee; Celeste Dixon, murder victim family member. Free and open to the public. RSVP at 785-235-2237 or email [info@ksabolition.org](mailto:info@ksabolition.org)  
~ Peter Goerzen, *Western District Conference End Death Penalty Task Force*

**You are invited** to come to Grace Hill Mennonite Church for the 2nd Annual HOG ROAST, Sept. 24, 5-8 p.m. Come for food, yard games, fellowship and music. Free will donation for area food banks.

### Sunday, September 24

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

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

- Catacombs and Sojourners class welcome all to a session in the sanctuary with Matt Schmidt speaking about the transition from Via Christi Clinic to Health Ministries
- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 1st grade in **B4**; 2–4<sup>th</sup> grade in **B3**; 5–6<sup>th</sup> grade in **B8**
- Junior High students (7–8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Gospel of Luke with Patricia Shelly
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Will attend the session in the sanctuary
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—*Caregiving 101* with Dwight Platt
- Sojourners—Chapel—Will attend session in the sanctuary

**11:45 a.m.** Potluck in Fellowship Hall—All are welcome!

**12:45 a.m.** Congregational meeting in sanctuary

### Monday, September 25

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

**7:00 p.m.** Library Committee—Rm 14

### Tuesday, September 26

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

### Wednesday, September 27

**10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline

**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 28

**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

### Sunday, October 1

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Junior Choir and Menno Ringers

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

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation

**12:00 p.m.** Mentor Gathering in Fellowship Hall—lunch is provided

**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. **Thanks for contributing to the “hospitality exercise” during this month. May BCMC be known and experienced as a warm and hospitable congregation.** ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

**Due to a glitch in travel plans**, Bethel College’s Menno Simons lecturer, Timothy Wengert, will not be available to preach on Oct. 8. Instead, on World Wide Communion Sunday, we will be hearing several BCMC members reflect on the gift of connection to the worldwide body of Christ.

**We need your help! 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.** 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!

**In response to the recent decision to repeal DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), the Witness Commission has drafted a letter that encourages Senator Pat Roberts and Senator Jerry Moran to support legislation that will provide a path to citizenship for recipients of DACA.** The letter references numerous occasions in scripture displaying God’s clear compassion for the immigrant. A letter signing station is located in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to sign before or after the worship service.

**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. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org). Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Bethel College Announcements:**

- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Sept. 24, 3 pm,** Memorial Hall
- **Anyone interested is invited to a public come-and-go reception, today, Sept. 24, 4:30-6 pm** for Bethel College’s provisional presidential candidate, Jon Gering, and his wife, Deborah, in the atrium of Will Academic Center.
- **This year’s Menno Simons Lecture series** is earlier than usual: Oct. 8 and 9 at Bethel College, featuring Lutheran writer and scholar Timothy J. Wengert, speaking on *Remembering 500 Years of Reformation Together* (2017 is the 500th-anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation); see [www.bethelks.edu/news-events/news/post/5585/](http://www.bethelks.edu/news-events/news/post/5585/)
- **Registration is now open for the 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 18,** “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith,” with special guest presenter and resource person, Ted Swartz. For a complete schedule and online registration, see [bethelks.edu/worshiparts](http://bethelks.edu/worshiparts).
- **Fall Festival at Bethel College** is Oct. 12-15 with most events Oct. 14; see [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/)

**Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact info:** 620-297-3290 or [campmennoscah.org](http://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. *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, 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](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).