

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

Western District Conference: Pray that gratitude, wisdom and generosity would flow through WDC and its congregations, helping us to be faithful stewards of the spiritual gifts and financial resources God has entrusted to us.

This congregation: Give thanks for those who work behind the scenes to keep our church facility clean, safe, in good repair, and beautiful: Mike Crawford (custodian); Monica Lichti (administrative assistant); BCMC's Facilities Committee.

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 am–12:30 pm Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5 pm Mon–Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667
cell phone: 316-212-1847; Email: dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday
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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson, Day off Monday
Phone: 316-283-3667; Email: john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

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

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

Junior Choir Director: Dawn Yoder Harms **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert



Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 19, 2017

Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 19, 2017—9:30 a.m. Worship

A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

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 *Trumpet Tune* Johnson
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *O come let us worship and bow down* Moyer
Chancel Choir, William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *Praise to God, immortal praise* **HWB 91**
Lord, should rising whirlwinds **HWB 92**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Tom Jackson

Worship music *Hear my prayer* arr. Hogan
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Psalm 126 Abigail Koontz

Sermon *Laughter as spiritual discipline* Ted Swartz

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Sometimes a light surprises* **HWB 603**
choir: verse 1, congregation: verses 2-4

Reception of New Members
Jan Albertson, John Albertson, Reitha Klaassen, Jim Mininger,
Virginia Mininger, Carolyn Penner, Don Penner

Congregational Response **HWB 794**

Prayer of God's people

Harold Thieszen

Offering

Offertory *Filled with his voice* Danyew
Chancel Choir

*During the offering, please sign and pass the
friendship register in your pew.*

*Dedication hymn *What gift can we bring* **HWB 385**

Pony Express captains bring their envelopes forward during hymn

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *You shall go out with joy* **HWB 427**

*Benediction

*Benediction response Chancel Choir

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (in rack)
STS = *Sing the Story* (in rack) **STJ** = *Sing the Journey* (at end of 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.

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 offer sympathy to the family of Martha Koehn. Martha died Nov. 15 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service for Martha Koehn will be this afternoon at 3 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Staff: Dawn Yoder Harms will be on vacation Nov 20-27.

Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N Main. It will be open on Nov. 24-25, Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops and need help tying them. MCC has paired tops and backs and you and/or a church group can pick them up to tie them. If interested, either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720. MCC asks that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

Many people do their Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! Please bring us your clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

~ Sara Dick, Et Cetera Shop General Manager

MCC SALT positions now available! Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply!

Everence® Financial Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, Dec. 4, at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve a spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com

The Year of Evangelism kick off, sponsored by the Western District Conference Resource Commission, Jan. 19-20, 2018 at Alexanderwohl Church, Goessel, is a two-day event starting Friday evening with worship, teaching from Marvin Lorenzana and Heidi Rolland Unruh, and workshops meant to equip congregations for outreach. Saturday, congregational leaders will brainstorm outreach ideas with a coach so that they can return to their mission fields with a plan for sharing the good news. The fee is \$30 per person. (Registration info later.)

November 12 at BCMC: Attendance: 228. General Fund \$5,945; Living Stones \$1,280; Wed Supper \$341; MCC Meat Canning \$250; Gen Fund 2018 \$1,400; *The Mennonite* \$740; Caring Fund \$125; Kitchen-Coffee \$14.

Sunday, November 19

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

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

- Open Forum during the Sunday school hour with Ted Swartz—*Art as a tool for social change*
- 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—*Gospel of Matthew*—Tim Hodge
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Gospel Wisdom—Luke 16:19-31 and James 1:1-27*—Eric Massanari
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Will attend the elective in 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—Book Study: Lilian Smith: "*Killers of the Dream*"
- Sojourners—Chapel—Will attend the elective in sanctuary

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

12:45 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Garden Task Force—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 22—No Choir practices this evening

Thursday, November 23—Happy Thanksgiving

Church office will be closed and the church building will be locked

Friday, November 24—Church office will be closed

Sunday, November 26

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson

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

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

Faith Mennonite Church, in partnership with Western District Conference, MCC Central States and Bethel College is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of *DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament* produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, today, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10, from the Bethel College Bookstore, 316-283-2500. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land of Indigenous Peoples.

Faith Statements of those joining BCMC Today

Jan Albertson—joining by transfer from Rainbow Mennonite Church of Kansas City

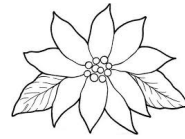
I was born into a Christian family where my parents, Herman and Clara Siemens, were diligent in teaching me about the love of God and accepting Christ as my Savior. At age 15 years, I was baptized in the Buhler Mennonite Church and upon confession of faith, received Christ into my heart. There have been special people that have influenced me in my Christian life. Sunday school teachers, pastors, family members, and even grade school teachers were important in forming my character and religious commitment. For many years our family was part of a fine Methodist church in Kansas City where John was Director of Music Ministries. After he retired, we joined the Rainbow Mennonite Church and were active in that congregation for 11 years after which we moved to Hesston. Bethel College Mennonite Church is diverse, but the solid theology of our dedicated forefathers is clearly evident and forms the structure I cherish.

John E. Albertson—joining by transfer from Rainbow Mennonite Church of Kansas City

I was baptized into the Swedish Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Kansas. Church, Sunday school, and other children/youth activities were important in several churches as my family changed location during childhood. Shortly before my marriage to Janice Siemens I joined the Buhler Mennonite Church under the guidance of Pastor Harold Thieszen. As I focused on music as a career path, I was involved in leadership in Mennonite, Christian, and United Methodist congregations until I retired from professional church music ministry. Our membership during the last 11 years in Kansas City was at Rainbow Mennonite Church where I was privileged to serve on the Board of Deacons as well as interim choir director. I was inspired by pastors, spiritual leaders, and wonderful friends in these congregations. My spiritual growth has led me to aspire to living according to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and follow His divine example for my life. The corporate worship service and experience at BCMC is a model for what I look for in church and I wish to support this ministry and fellowship.

Reitha Klaassen—joining by transfer from New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, Florida

Since I've moved back to Kansas, I have again felt at home here at church. It is a place for me to worship, serve, enjoy fellowship, and to grow in my walk with Christ.



You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 10**. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after the Children's Christmas program in the morning or the 11 pm program; of, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 31.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____

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The annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund will be Nov. 19 and Nov. 26. The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service on each of these Sundays which bracket the celebration of Thanksgiving. The money collected is used to help those in the larger community who find themselves with a need. The Deacons are thankful for your generosity and your willingness to share with others. Thank You.

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

- **The remodeling of the Camp Mennoscah kitchen** will begin Dec. 2, and volunteers are needed. If interested in working on the remodel project, contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net or contact the camp.
- **All Camp Mennoscah volunteers** from all years are invited to a Christmas gathering at the Camp Retreat Center, Dec. 16, 2:30 pm for conversation, games (indoor or outdoor), and cookies. Call with questions or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Kauffman Museum's traveling exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," is on display in North Newton through Jan. 21, 2018. The exhibit remembers peace-minded people who resisted U.S. involvement in the war. "Voices of Conscience" lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of World War I peace protesters. Kauffman Museum invites church groups, Sunday School groups, and youth groups to use the exhibit to talk about the history of peace witness and its relevance for us and our churches. Historical consultant Jim Juhnke and curatorial consultant Rachel Pannabecker are available by request to provide discussion starters and historical background. For more information or to book a special tour of "Voices of Conscience," contact Andi Schmidt Andres, Kauffman Museum curator of education: 316-283-1612 or asa@bethelks.edu.

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Combo I** in concert, today, 4:30 pm, Memorial Hall.
- **“Jerry Holsopple: 7x7: Lament for an Age of Sexualized Power”** is in the Regier Art Gallery through Dec. 7; hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm, Sun., 2-4 pm; closed Nov. 22-24 and Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving break
- **Five Places of Christmas, Dec. 2, 10 am-4 pm:** Bethel College Women’s Association offers the rare chance to see the decorated main floor of **Goerz House**, traditionally the president’s residence, with baked goods, home-made candy (by the pound) and Bethel gift items for sale. **Kauffman Museum** offers free admission (including the special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War”), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and Karen Bauman Schlaubaugh playing Christmas music at 3 p.m. on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen parlor organ.
- **Bethel College Women’s Association** hosting “5 Places of Christmas” at the historic Goerz House Dec. 2, has an urgent need for donations of baked items. Drop off baked items at Goerz House, 2512 College Ave., Dec. 2, before 10 am. All proceeds from the sale are used to benefit Bethel College students, faculty and staff. Questions: contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com.

Bethel College and MCC-Central States partner for #GivingTuesday, Nov. 28. They are asking for financial gifts to the Bethel Annual Fund and dark-colored, medium-weight, new bath towels to help MCC replenish their relief kits. These kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disasters in Syria, Iraq and Ukraine. Bring donations between 5-9 pm to the BCMC Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program and update on the college at 7 pm. There are four locations for #GivingTuesday and each location has a goal of bringing in \$2,500 and 250 towels. If all locations meet their goal, you will have helped raise \$10,000 for Bethel College and 1,000 towels for MCC relief kits. If you are unable to make it to one of these events, but would still like to give towards the goal, go to www.bethelks.edu/gift and designate your gift as #GivingTuesday to one of the four locations: Bethel College Mennonite Church, Hope Mennonite Church (868 N Maize Rd., Wichita 67212), Southern Hills Mennonite Church (511 SE 37th St., Topeka 66605), Rainbow Mennonite Church (1444 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City 66103). Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Brad Kohlman, alumni development director, 316-284-5357, or bkohlman@bethelks.edu

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship with a free, downloadable guide, for use between Dec. 3 and Jan. 6. It includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions. Download at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

Jim Mininger—joining by transfer from Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS

I was baptized at North Goshen Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, around 1955 after having “gone forward” during revival services held by JC Wenger. The baptism held little real meaning for me as I was too young to understand what it meant to align myself as a follower of Jesus. Growing up in a Christian family, the processes of education, and interaction with many people slowly began to shape what discipleship might mean. At some point in that process, I made a decision of “intellectual consent” that I think is a necessary part of an Anabaptist, adult, decision to follow after Jesus within the bounds of community. I mean to say that for me “becoming a Christian” has been more process than event. This process will continue as through becoming part of the BCMC faith community, worshipping, discussing, supporting, and being supported in following after Christ.

Virginia Mininger—joining by transfer from Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS

The Holmes County Mennonite Community in Central Ohio provided the foundation for my early faith formation. Mennonite parents, grandparents, relatives, role models and peers nurtured the development of my core Christian values and ideals. Being baptized and confirmed as a young believer at Martins Creek Mennonite Church was an expected given. I consciously reaffirmed the decision to become a disciple of Jesus at evangelical tent revivals rampant during that era, but my spiritual growth and understandings gradually occurred as a natural outgrowth through active participation in the church and Christian community. As a young adult, my Goshen College experience broadened my geographical borders, academic sights and world view. These factors along with significant musical experiences fostered more depth and understanding of worship. The importance of music and singing to my worship has continued through my life. During graduate school, marital, professional and parental years, a spectrum of national and international churches and Christian Fellowships (most recently Hesston Mennonite Church) shaped my growing awareness of the church and its mission. I believe that all who follow Jesus all around the world are the church together. I value the continuing heritage and mission of the BCMC community and look forward to continued participation as a member.

Carolyn Penner—joining by transfer from First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS

Born in McPherson, I was baptized as an infant in the Methodist Church and joined upon my affirmation of faith when I was twelve. When we married, Don and I were Methodists until we moved to Hillsboro, our first opportunity to be members of a Mennonite congregation; we have been members of the First Mennonite Church family for fifty years. Worshipping, teaching participating in small groups, working side by side with others, and serving in various ways have allowed me to grow as a Christian. Many have mentored me by example and by teaching throughout the years. Since becoming Mennonite, I have especially appreciated learning about and trying to live by the Anabaptist tenets. As a member of this church family, I want to continue my faith journey by actively participating in the activities of the congregation.

Don Penner—joining by transfer from First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS

I was baptized in 1950 at the Gnadenberg (Grace Hill) Mennonite Church. I have been an active member at three other churches, with the last 50 years being at Hillsboro First Mennonite Church. When I was growing up, we lived less than one or four miles from the church except for two years when we lived in Newton. As a child, I learned that church was very important to my family; for example, my father took our family of five 7 1/2 miles to the church Christmas program in a horse drawn wagon over snowy roads, not drivable by car. In October, when I was in the seventh grade, our home was destroyed by fire; everything was lost. The love of the church and of neighbors was shown in many ways; along with helping with clean up, they also provided food, clothes, money, and prayer support. After the fire, we lived that winter in a garage. The church family has influenced me in forming my Christian beliefs. I feel membership with other believers will help me as I continue my faith walk.

BCMC can help to make a difference in the amount of waste contributed to the local landfill with your help. You may notice additional recycling receptacles on every floor at BCMC. The goal is to make the recycling process more convenient. The Hospitality Commission and the Creation Care Committee are working on several recycling projects. We will be recycling both our coffee and plastic water cups. Please don't forget to deposit your cup in one of the conveniently located recycling bins or even better, bring your own cup from home and no waste will be created!

Gifts Discernment Survey is in mailboxes with extras on shelf.

*Yellow surveys for children to grade 8 on shelf. Return to yellow box.

*White surveys for grade 9 and older. Fill out on-line if possible: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and click on *Participant Log In* (username: bmcuser and password: 3667). Return paper copies to white box on shelf.

*The GDC uses this tool and your feedback to identify leaders for the next two years.

*Spend time in prayer, discernment and identify others as well with gifts and talent.

*Deadline is December 11.

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2018 budget, concludes today as neighborhood captains return packets during the offering dedication hymn. Please return any additional intent forms to the church office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a packet and want to participate, please contact the church office. Information from the intent forms will be combined to determine total commitments for 2018. Based on this, Church Board will recommend a final budget for approval at the congregational meeting on Jan. 28, 2018. Thank you for your participation!

Pastor John Tyson will be facilitating a conversation on the book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G. I. Hart. Working at the intersections of Black and Anabaptist theology, Drew Hart is Professor of Theology at Messiah College (PA) and is a frequent speaker at Mennonite institutions. In *Trouble I've Seen*, Hart places everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy, while offering concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. **The book conversation will take place Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, & 21 (9-10 am).** *Trouble I've Seen* is available on Amazon at the price of \$13.59 (\$6.99 Kindle). If you want to join the conversation, please contact John Tyson!

A new BCMC Bereavement Support group will have its first meeting Wed, Dec 6, 2:30 pm, in Room 14. If you have interest in participating, please contact Justina Neufeld.