

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.

Western District Conference: Thank God for the many ways WDC congregations support and join God's work of mission in local communities and around the world.

This congregation: In prayer, ponder the things for which you are grateful, and ask where and how you might share your gratitude with others among and beyond us.

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
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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

November 19 at BCMC: Attendance: 295. General Fund \$7,353.79; Living Stones \$451.67; Wed Supper \$342; Media Supplies \$10; *The Mennonite* \$111.50; Caring Fund \$1,060; Flower Fund \$84; Kitchen-Coffee \$1; Martha Koehn Memorial \$10.



Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 26, 2017

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November 26, 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 *Now thank we all our God* Karg-Elert
Karen Schlabaugh, organist

Call to worship, prayer Patricia Shelly

*Hymns of praise *Come, ye thankful people* **HWB 94**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Rachel Pannabecker

Congregational singing: Thanksgiving hymns
We plow the field and scatter **HWB 96**
For the beauty of the earth **HWB 89**

Scripture reading Matthew 25:31-46 Tim Hodge

Sermon *Imago Christi* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Whatsoever you do* **STS 52**
(verses 1-4)

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *O God, thou faithful God* Karg-Elert
*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 November birthdays are invited to come forward during
the offertory to receive a blessing. Please bring hymnals

*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

*Postlude *Postludium* Peeters

*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).

The annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund will be Nov. 26. The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service on this Sunday which is after 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.

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.

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 Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

You are invited to Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers Dec. 3, 3 pm Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, 1200 Boyd Ave. Performing are the Treble Clef Chorus, Hearts 4 Him Men's Ensemble, Newton Community Children's Choir, Sue Swender, and Joan Wulf. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund.

You are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Dec. 10, 6:30 pm for an evening of Christmas music with the McPherson Brass Choir (Jerry Toews, director) and the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School (Andrew Voth, director). A freewill offering will be received to support the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance.

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

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

- **Volunteers are needed for the remodeling of the Camp Mennoscah kitchen** beginning Dec. 2. If interested in working on this project, contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net or 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

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

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!

Sunday, November 26

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—*Gospel of Matthew*—Tim Hodge
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*A response to hurricane disaster in Puerto Rico*—Aimee Voth Siebert—All are invited to attend
- 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 Discussion: *The Hidden Wound* by Wendell Berry
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Growing up Amish*—Richard Reimer

Monday, November 27

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, November 28

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

5-9 p.m. Giving Tuesday—Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth (Rm 22)

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, November 30

3:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Advent Prelude: Hesston College Chamber Orchestra

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir; Communion will be served

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

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

6:30 p.m. **Hymn Sing to introduce the new hymnal with Bradley Kauffman,** project director and general editor for the new hymnal

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: bcmcuser 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.**

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 fre-
 quent 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!

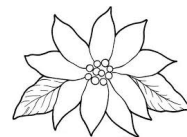
Bethel College Announcements:

- **“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
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk** with Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel Dec. 2, 7:30 am, meet in the museum parking lot.
- **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.
- **BC Steel Drum Band Christmas concert, Dec.3, 3 pm**, Memorial Hall
- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel’s *Messiah***, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, Dec. 6, 11 am, at BCMC, scores provided

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pony Express. If you were not included, and wish to participate, contact the BCMC office.

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

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!



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; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 31.

Donor: _____
 In memory of: _____
 Or in honor of: _____
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