

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

**Western District Conference:** As we prepare a place for the Christ-child in this Advent season, let us pray for WDC congregations undergoing construction projects to better serve their communities and members.

**This congregation:** The Christmas holiday season can be difficult for those experiencing grief and loss. Pray for the comfort of God's presence to surround those who enter this season of joy carrying deep sadness.

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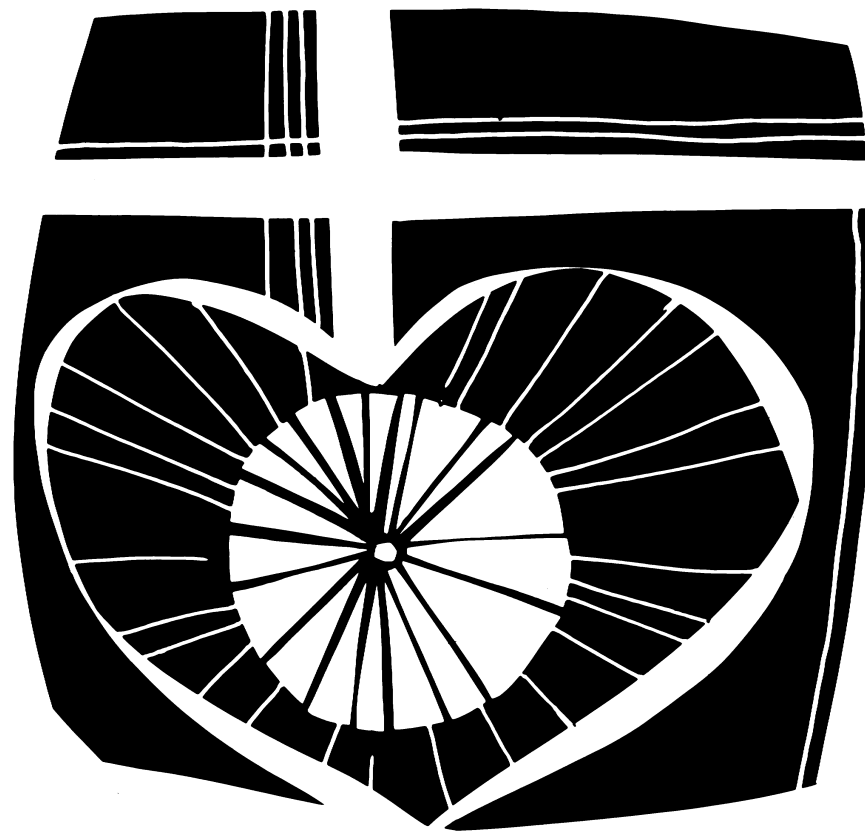
**Custodian:** Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

**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

**December 3 at BCMC:** Attendance: 272. General Fund \$16,268; Living Stones \$5,650; MCC \$100; Kitchen Fund \$100; MCC Meat Canning \$50; Gen Fund 2018 \$11,250; Caring Fund \$65; Flower Fund \$84; Kitchen-Coffee \$8.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Advent 2

December 10, 2017

Bethel College Mennonite Church  
December 10, 2017—9:00 a.m. Prelude—9:30 a.m. Worship

ADVENT 2:  
Let it be so

GATHERING

Advent Prelude Ron Garber, Pat Friesen, Westen Gesell,  
Women's Trio (Cherie Wedel, Colleen White, Dawn Yoder Harms)  
Ian Gingerich-Gaylord, piano; Verlene Garber, piano

Call to worship Susan Wheeler

Leader: Awake!  
The invitation to carry light  
comes from the voice who cries out  
for a smooth way through wild places.

**All: O God, your call is uncomfortable.  
How can we who are weak  
remove the rough and rugged places?  
(pause for silence)**

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.  
**All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.**  
Leader: Let it be so.

Lighting of Advent Candle Naomi Koontz  
*O come, O come Emmanuel* HWB 172  
(verses 1 and 3)  
Verlene Garber, organ; Callie Ross, violin

\*Hymn *Comfort, comfort, O my people* HWB 176  
(children come forward during last verse of hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Worship music *We've been awhile a-wandering* arr. Vaughan Williams  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Scripture reading Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-11  
Katherine Lamp and Christa Kondziola

Sermon *Coming home* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn *My soul cries out* STS 124

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Pifa (Pastoral Symphony from The Messiah)* Handel  
During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in  
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

\*Dedication hymn *Fill now our life, O Lord* STS 107  
(verses 1, 2, 4)

\*Dedication prayer

SENDING

\*Sending hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* STS 57

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response *Amen* 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)

**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 carol, "Here We Come A-wassailing," today's anthem,** was written in 1850 and, as a folk song, documented the beggars and orphans who moved from door to door hoping to find food or drink or money or a bit of warmth from the occupants of any home that would welcome them. This carol is a reminder that according to 2016 Feeding America statistics, one in five children in Harvey County struggles with not having enough food to eat. Today, the face of hunger exists in our community in the lives of our most vulnerable people, our children.

**Thank you to Bob Regier,** for designing the Advent banners. In Dec. of 1980 LaVonne Platt wrote this response following the first use of the banners:

A sliver of light A Star bursts, blending  
In an ordered progression vertical, horizontal  
Of darkness, gives hope . . . Lights of ordered lives  
To new order, uplifted  
By a cross, a star-born cross. "

**We offer sympathy to** John and Jan Kelly, Brian and Jennifer Rewkowski, Dan and Julie Lindenmeyer, Jason and Jamie Harris and the extended family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Betty Funk, Dec. 7. The family will gather for services at the Haven of Rest Cemetery, Hillsboro, at a later date.

**Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival** is in Newton at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N Main. It is open Dec. 8-10, 15-17. Hours Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours Sundays: 1-4 pm.

**You are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church** Dec. 10, 6:30 pm for an evening of Christmas music with the McPherson Brass Choir and the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School.

**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](mailto: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. Call with questions or email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

**Mark Kreider will present** "Hiking the Cordillera Huayhuash: Photographing the Andes" Dec. 26, 7 pm, Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. All are welcome to attend.

**Mennonite Central Committee Bucks**, to spend at the Relief Sale on Apr. 13-14, 2018, make good Christmas presents and encourage others to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Kansas Sale. They come in a book of ten \$1 certificates to spend at any sale booth. These Bucks make good stocking stuffers for kids, grandkids, co-workers and others. Contact Judy and John Kliever, Dave and Cynthia Linscheid or Wes and Ada Schmidt Tieszen to purchase Bucks.

**Hopi Mission School is not in operation** this term while a reassessment is being made about its future. Please discontinue saving Campbell's product labels. Many schools collect Boxtops for Education, so you are encouraged to give or send yours to a school in your community. Thank you to Barb Koontz who represented BCMC and collected the labels and boxtops to deliver to Western District Conference.

**The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** is offering a series of 12 free weekly classes to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders. Classes are Jan. 8-Mar. 16, 2018 (6:30 pm to 9 pm) at Newton Medical Center, Osage Room. Contact Barbara Gibson at [midkansasnami@gmail.com](mailto:midkansasnami@gmail.com) for more information. Poster is on the church bulletin board.

### **Sunday, December 10—Advent 2**

**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**; 2-4<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—*Gospel of Matthew*—Tim Hodge
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*An update on prison arts at Hutchinson Correctional Facilities*—Ben Kreider
- 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—*New Hope Homeless Shelter*—Joyce Hockett and Valetta Seymour

### **Monday, December 11**

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

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

### **Tuesday, December 12**

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

**2:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 23

### **Wednesday, December 13**

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

**4:00 p.m.** Visual Art Committee—Rm 14

**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, December 14**

**6:00 p.m.** Suzuki Christmas Concert—Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 17—Advent 3**

**9:00 a.m.** Advent Prelude: Chris Shaw, organ

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

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

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

**Congratulations to Pastor John Tyson**, who will be ordained for congregational ministry Jan. 28, 2018 during our Sunday morning worship.

**Gift-giving and Stewardship** are themes of the season. Please offer your gifts of time and talent by filling out the **Gifts Discernment Survey** today! Thank you for those who have returned the Yellow surveys for children to grade 8 and the White surveys for grade 9 and older. Use on-line form if possible: [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) and click on *Participant Log In* (username: *bcmuser* and password: *3667*). This valuable ministry tool is part of congregational life--for **all** who call BCMC their church home. Deadline is tomorrow! ~ *Gifts Discernment Committee*

**Pray for the Church Board and the various commissions and committees** as BCMC finishes out 2017 and works to finalize a budget recommendation for 2018. Income is short of expenses by \$17,400 at the end of November for the 2017 budget. Intents from the Pony Express are strong but total income projections for 2018 by the Finance Committee are \$30,000 less than budget requests. A strong finish for 2017 is important as the Church Board proposes a 2018 budget to the congregation.

**The BCMC Witness Commission is sponsoring an Advent Project** through MCC to provide items for Relief Kits. Relief Kits are distributed to families worldwide whose lives have been disrupted by war and disaster. More than 16,700 kits were sent out in 2016 and the need for these valuable supplies continues to grow in 2017. A list of items for the kits and a container to collect them will be under the balcony throughout the Advent Season. This Christmas, why not gather your family and help supply a Relief Kit and share God's love with those whose lives have been turned upside down?

**Churches helping churches plan how to be missional** in your own communities along with the counsel of a missional coach. It's the Creative Strategizing Jam at **Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness, January 19-20, 2018**. Learn more and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

**The Midnight Hymn Sing is a collection of hymns** performed and reimagined by a new generation of Mennonites from San Francisco. The Midnight Hymn Sing was made to call us to come back around the piano, and find something that speaks to our hearts in the 21st century. CD's are available at Mennonite Central Committee, 121 E. 30th, North Newton for a suggested donation of \$15 per CD with all money going to support MCC's work with Syrian refugees. The album is also available on Amazon and iTunes. Contact [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or [tinascrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinascrag@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720 with questions or to get your CD.


### **Bethel College Announcements:**


- **Bethel College Alumni Choir performs a short Christmas concert**, today, Dec. 10, 3 pm, Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton; punch and cookie reception follows.
- **32nd annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College**, Dec. 10, 8 pm

**You're invited to the annual Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Soiree**, a come-and-go event with food, drinks and conversation, Dec. 14 from 5-7 pm at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. At 6 pm there will be a short program about MCC's work with refugees in Jordan. Contact [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) with questions.

**The year 2018 is Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus 50th Season** and it's time to register. Current singers find your registration form in your church mail box, and one for a friend who would enjoy singing with us. The first rehearsal is Jan. 28, 2018. Concert dates are April 8 and 15. The steering committee is organizing an east coast tour in early summer. Come join us. "We sing that others may live"! ~ *Joe Peters, BCMC KMMC Contact*

**Please make a correction to your Advent fliers:** On Dec. 24, do not bring goodies to share after the Children's Christmas Service; please bring goodies to share on Dec. 31 for the Fellowship and Coffee Time after the service. There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 31. Adult Sunday school classes can choose to have Sunday school on Dec. 24.

	<p><b>Youth Events for your calendar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday, Dec. 10, 5 - 8 pm: White Elephant Christmas Gathering at Tim and Bethany Schrag's</li><li>• Friday, Jan. 5, 6:30 - 11:30 pm: "Lock-in" Movie Night.</li><li>• Friday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 18: Snow Camp at RMMC.</li><li>• Saturday, July 21 - Saturday, July 28: Summer Service Trip at Destination Rehoboth, Gallup, New Mexico.</li></ul>
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 **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 today 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: \_\_\_\_\_