

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey's back and neck.

Western District Conference: As we anticipate holiday celebrations, let us pray for WDC's Hispanic pastors in Dallas, TX, as they gather this week for a Christmas dinner.

This congregation: Pray that God's Spirit will quietly invade our souls as we wait for the celebration of God's coming to us in Jesus.

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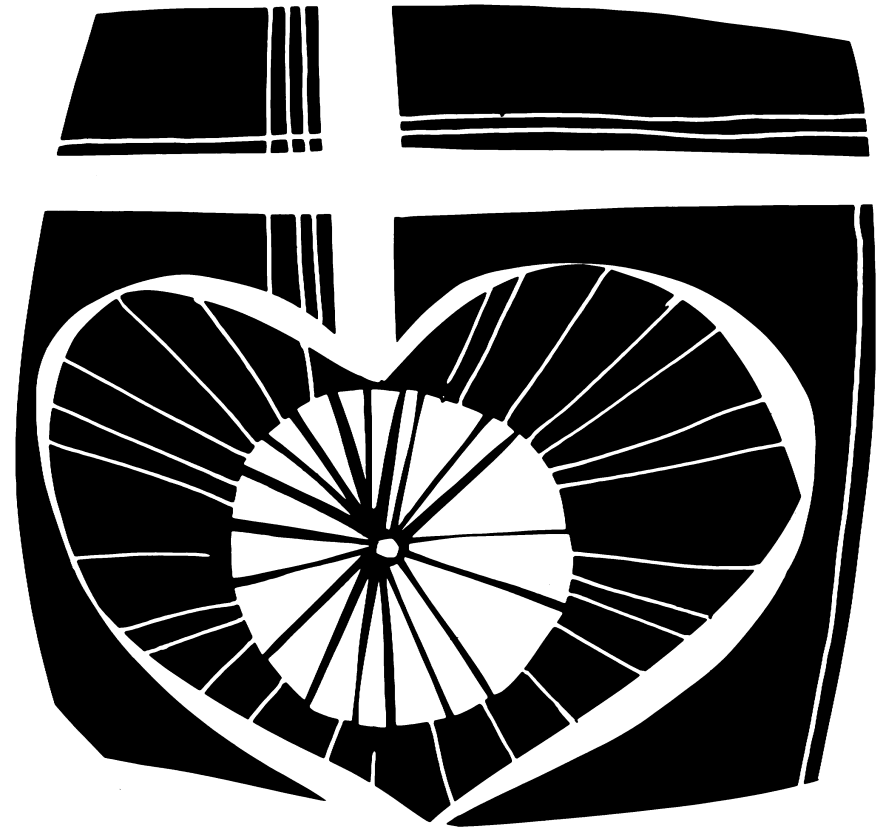
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

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

November 26 at BCMC: Attendance: 236. General Fund \$5,969.60; Gen. Fund 2018 \$50; Living Stones \$1,300; Caring Fund \$1,351; Flower Fund \$36; Transfer-Funeral \$500; Kitchen-Coffee-\$10.50; Martha Koehn Mem. \$50.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Advent 1

December 3, 2017

Bethel College Mennonite Church
December 3, 2017—9:30 a.m. Worship

ADVENT 1:
Let it be

GATHERING

Advent Prelude Hesston College Chamber Orchestra

*Call to worship Dave Linscheid

L: Awake!
The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations!

All: O God, your expectations terrify us.
How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?

L: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.

Lighting the Advent Candle *O come, O come, Immanuel* HWB 172
(congregation sings verses 1 and 2)
(children come forward during last verse of hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson and Kathy Campbell

Worship music *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem (STS 32)* Boyce
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Psalm reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Elaine Prouty
congregational response:
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel reading Mark 13:24-37 Austin Prouty

Sermon *Waiting in the dark* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I will come to you in the silence* STS 49

Communion *Veni Emmanuel* Verlene Garber, organ

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland* Bach
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 *Grant us, Lord, the grace* HWB 388

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Go, my children* HWB 433

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Amen* Chancel Choir

*Postlude *Savior of the nations come*

*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).

Congratulations to Julia, Patrick and Lane Robb on the birth of Kalib Calvin, Nov. 28. Best wishes to the Robb family!

We offer sympathy to Jim and Melanie Mueller and Pat and Chuck Friesen and their extended families on the death of their mother, Ruth Boese, Nov. 30. The memorial service for Ruth will be Dec. 19, 3 pm at BCMC.

Members of the Notre Dame Club of Wichita have been invited to attend our worship today. The Notre Dame Club has an emphasis on diversity this year, which is why they are attending the worship service at BCMC. Janet Voth is a member of this group.

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

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.

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

You are invited to Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers today, 3 pm Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, 1200 Boyd Ave., with the Treble Clef Chorus, Hearts 4 Him Men's Ensemble, Newton Community Children's Choir, Sue Swender, and Joan Wulf.

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.

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall, Dec. 5, 2 pm. Michelle Hilger, M.A. CCC-SLP, will give a presentation, "LSVT LOUD" (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment), which is an effective speech/voice treatment for individuals with Parkinson's Disease and other neurological conditions.

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. 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.

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 50th 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 Francis and Margaret Toews to purchase Bucks.

Sunday, December 3—Advent 1

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—Lectionary
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Anabaptists in South Korea*—Rachel Waltner Goossen
- 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—"The Mennonite," *The Church Magazine*—Gordon Houser

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

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

11:00 a.m. Messiah Sing—Sanctuary

2:30 p.m. Bereavement Support Group—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 7

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

Sunday, December 10—Advent 2

9:00 a.m. Advent Prelude: Pat Friesen, Ron Garber, Weston Gesell; Women's Trio with Cherie Wedel, Colleen White, Dawn Yoder Harms

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir

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

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

We offer sympathy to Dorothy and Willis Harder and extended family on the death of Dorothy's sister, Alfrieda Ruth Penner, Nov. 24, Plainfield, IN. Memorial service was Nov. 27 at the Plainfield Christian Church.

We offer sympathy to Fern Goering on the death of Fern's brother-in-law, Vernon R. Goering, Nov. 27, Moundridge. Memorial service was Dec. 1 at Eden Mennonite Church.

Completed your Gifts Discernment Survey? Thank you to 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 and click on *Participant Log In* (username: bcmcuser and password: 3667). This valuable ministry tool is part of congregational life--for **all** who call BCMC their church home. Respond today! Deadline is **Dec. 11.** ~ *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?

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!

Bethel College Announcements:

- **“Jerry Holsoffe: 7x7: Lament for an Age of Sexualized Power”** is in the Regier Art Gallery through Dec. 7.
- **BC Steel Drum Band Christmas concert, Dec.3, 7 pm**, Memorial Hall
- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, Dec. 6, 11 am**, at BCMC, scores provided
- **Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II, Dec. 8, 8 pm**, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **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 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*



Youth Events for your calendar:

- Sunday, Dec. 10, 5 - 8 pm: White Elephant Christmas Gathering at Tim and Bethany Schrag's
- Friday, Jan. 5, 6:30 - 11:30 pm: "Lock-in" Movie Night.
- Friday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 18: Snow Camp at RMMC.
- Saturday, July 21 - Saturday, July 28: Summer Service Trip at Destination Rehoboth, Gallup, New Mexico.



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: _____