

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

Western District Conference: As we look ahead to the New Year, pray for God's guidance for WDC as it empowers 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: As we celebrate the birth of Christ and enter into this New Year, pray that we might be attentive to the new life God is birthing among 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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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

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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
Christmas Sunday
December 31, 2017

December 24 at BCMC: Attendance: 304. General Fund \$10,268.84; Living Stones \$4,790; Wed. night supper \$75; Plant Fund \$75; Gen Fund 2018 \$12,100; Caring Fund \$250; Jr Hi Fund \$300; Transfer-Funeral \$625; Kitchen-Coffee \$14; Maxine Fast Mem \$665; Ruth Boese Mem \$25

Christmas Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in D major* [BWV 874] J.S. Bach
Mark Kreider, piano

Welcome and prayer Matthew Schloneger

*Hymn *To us a Child of hope is born* **HWB 189**

Lighting of the Christ candle / Affirmation of Faith Lily Schloneger

L: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;

P: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.**

L: This light shines in the darkness,

P: **and nothing can put it out.**

*Hymn *O come, all ye faithful* **HWB 212**
verses 1, 4
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Worship music *Sonata No. 1* Galliard
Andrew Thiesen, trombone and Mark Kreider, piano

Scripture reading Isaiah 61:10-11 Marlene Faul
Luke 2:22-40

Sermon Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Carols of response

'Twas in the moon of wintertime **HWB 190**
verses 1, 2, 4
Infant holy, Infant lowly **HWB 206**
Angels we have heard on high **HWB 197**
verses 1, 3

Prayer of God's people

Offering

During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

Offertory *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming* arr. Drischner
Mark Kreider, piano
People with December birthdays come forward for a blessing, please bring a hymnal

*Dedication hymn *Love came down at Christmas* **HWB 208**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Joy to the world* **HWB 318**
verses 1, 2, 4

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Drischner
Mark Kreider, piano
*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 Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Jan. 2, 2 pm in Menno Hall with Haylie Berning presenting a program on Rhythm Connections for PD, which involves movement exercises to music to strengthen balance and coordination.

The Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale is looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel for the Relief Sale. Contact, Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com

• **Wanted: Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery,** etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at contact info listed above.

Mennonite Central Committee Bucks, to spend at the Relief Sale on Apr. 13-14, 2018, make good 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. Contact Judy and John Kliewer, Dave and Cynthia Linscheid or Wes and Ada Schmidt Tieszen to purchase Bucks.

If you are looking for a unique gift idea you could give a book to the Western District Conference Resource Library in honor of a loved one. A book given in a loved one's name can enrich the faith of individuals all over the conference. The library's wish list can be found at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton or on their website: www.faihandlifebookstore.net (when ordering online, make "store pick up" to avoid paying shipping.)

Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld Jan. 13, 2018 by participating in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10 am outside Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College campus. Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship in Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

Everence will continue its retirement workshop series in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options*, Jan. 8, 6:30 pm, detailing the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop is presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve a spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea
No Sunday school today

Monday, January 1—Happy New Year—Office will be closed; church will be locked

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

Tuesday, January 2

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 3

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, January 4

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, January 7—Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Rebecca Schloneger

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

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Everybody is welcome!

4:00 p.m. Memorial Service—Sanctuary

Staff announcements: Pastor John Tyson will be on vacation from December 25, 2017—January 3, 2018.

Thank you to all that purchased poinsettias and made our church more festive for the Christmas season. We also appreciate the gifts of nativity sets: Ethel Abrahams for the nativity by the Balcony door, John Gaeddert for the nativity in the Foyer and Rex and Connie Esau for the nativity in the South entry. Also to Shirley Harms for the Advent panel in the Foyer.

Thank you for your contributions to BCMC and its ministries throughout 2017. Contributions received in today's offering will also be counted for 2017 giving.

You are invited to come celebrate the 100th birthday of Jake Goering, Sat., Jan. 13, 2018, in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel Village.

Throughout the month of January the Chancel Choir will have the privilege of being led by Paraguayan choral director, Enrique Alfonso, a close friend of Arlo and Kathryn Kasper. He is coming to Kansas in January as a part of a Kansas Paraguay Partners project, as KPP celebrates its 50th anniversary. Katherine Kasper writes: “Enrique is the director of Schola Cantorum, choir for the National Cathedral in Asuncion. He was also the director of the 450 voice choir for the Pope’s visit two years ago. He is a Mennonite Seminary (CEMTA) graduate, very talented director, composer, arranger, and wonderful friend. Enrique earlier studied for the priesthood 3-4 years before switching to church music and going to CEMTA. He expects to work with several church choirs plus Emporia State University choral groups.” January Chancel Choir schedule will be as follows:

- Wed., Jan. 3, 7:30 pm—rehearsal with Kathryn Kasper (Note: this is a change from the email which went out to Chancel Choir members earlier)
- Wed. Jan. 10, 7:30 pm—rehearsal led by Enrique Alfonso
- Wed. Jan. 17, 7:30 pm—rehearsal led by Enrique Alfonso
- Sun., Jan. 21—Sing in Worship
- Wed., Jan. 24—no rehearsal

Bethel College announcements:

- **Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Jan. 1, but resumes Jan. 8.** Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. All are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Jan. 6, 8:15 am** with Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel. Meet in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum, Jan. 7, 3 pm** with Andrew Bolton, “Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?”; Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served for a number of years in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.
- **Registration is now open for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust,”** to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, 2018, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is open : Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 pm (closed Mondays.) Visit *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War*, extended through Jan. 21, 2018, and the newest special exhibit, *Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West*, opened Dec. 19, through Apr. 1, 2018, as well as the permanent exhibits “Of Land and People” and “Mennonite Immigrant Furniture.” See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

The Witness Commission would like to encourage you to consider attending the kick-off event for **Western District Conference's Year of Evangelism!** The event begins at 7 pm on Jan. 19 with worship led by keynote speaker, Heidi Roland Unruh. The conversation continues at 9 am on Jan. 20 and will feature break-out sessions focused on different evangelism themes and a creative strategizing jam. For more information, please visit <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>. Registration is \$30 per person (\$25 per person if 4 or more attend from BCMC).

All BCMC Junior and Senior High Youth (5 - 12 grade) are invited to Gym Night in Memorial Hall on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm! Come out for pizza, organized games, and lots of fun!

Save the Date—Sun., Jan. 14, 3 pm for a special screening of the film, *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water and our environment. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. Mennonite Central Committee is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event.

Help Offender/Victim Ministries kick off 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries at their 2018 annual meeting Jan. 14, 4 pm at Shalom Mennonite Church. There will be a faspa (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018.



Youth Events for your calendar:

- Friday, Jan. 5, 6:30 - 11:30 pm: "Lock-in" Movie Night
- Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:45 am: Soup luncheon fundraiser
- Friday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 18: Senior High Snow Camp at RMMC
- Saturday, July 21 - Saturday, July 28: Summer Service Trip at Destination Rehoboth, Gallup, New Mexico