

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.

This congregation: Pray for Mennonite World Conference as it seeks to nurture the communion of worldwide Anabaptist-related communities of faith and strengthen its fellowship, worship, service, and witness in our world.

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

Website: 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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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday

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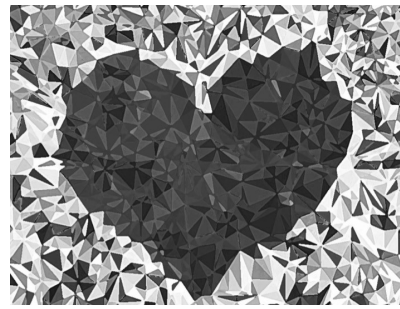
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Vada Snider

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

Junior Choir Director: William Eash **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert

February 18 at BCMC: Attendance: 217. General Fund \$10,745.67; Living Stones \$2,015.28; Wed. Supper \$364; Sr Hi Youth \$50; Kitchen-Coffee \$41



Bethel College
Mennonite Church
February 25, 2018—9:30 a.m.
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
Covenant of Love

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *Oh, God Thou Faithful God* arr. Peters
Verlene Garber, organ
*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Welcome Susan Wheeler

Call to worship

Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah,
nations born of barren lands,
you who stand here because of promises fulfilled,
come and worship your God.

**People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors,
just as our faith will give life to future generations;
even as we hope against hope,
we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Welcome home, children of God.
Welcome to this house of God.

*Hymn of praise *We sing to you, O God* **STJ 1**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Esther Kreider Eash

Parent-Child Dedication: Patrick, Julia, Lane, and Kalib Robb

Congregational Response **HWB 791**

Worship music *Love the Lord your God* Shelly
Junior Choir; William Eash director; Patty Shelly, guitar;
LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Prayer of confession

Worship music *Leaning on the everlasting arms* Nelson
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist
Matthew Lind, flute; Elizabeth Lind, bassoon

Scripture reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Carolyn Penner

Sermon *A new name. . . A new God?* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Lord, you sometimes speak* **HWB 594**
(verse 1: choir; verses 2-5: congregation joins in)

Prayer of God's people

Offering
Offertory *It is well with my soul* Clausen
*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 *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**
verse 1

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**

*Benediction

Benediction response

*Postlude
*Please stand in body or in spirit

Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) pre-
sents *The Empathy Gap*, March 4, 3 pm, at the Bethel College Fine Arts Cen-
ter. Free and open to the public. The Empathy Gap investigates the reasons
why so many men have difficulties viewing women as authentic equals. The
talkback session following the film will feature Stacey Mann, educator for
Wichita State University's School of Social Work & director of the Batterer
Intervention Program at Offender/Victim Ministries, and Ben Kreider, direc-
tor of Prison Ministries at Offender/Victim Ministries. Questions: call 316-
284-5217 (KIPCOR)

Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to a Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction
from 4-6 pm, today, February 25, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in
Hesston. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund.



REMEMBERING 50 years of the MCC relief sale in Kansas. In
1984, 1,100 people participated in fellowship meals in advance. On
sale day, sunny, cool weather may have spurred unprecedented sup-
port. Twenty-two quilts topped \$1,000 each, with \$2,400 the most paid.
17,500 New Year's cookies were made. Forty-five animals were sold at the
beef auction, 13 at the dairy auction. The Mennonite Disaster Service bus
served as the information booth. \$345,000 went to MCC for God's work
around the world.

This year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.

Time Capsule: All congregations are invited to submit an item representing
their church to a 50 year Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale time capsule. The
items will be displayed at the sale and then stored in a capsule to be opened
at the 75th KMRS in 2043. Our item will be Keith L. Sprunger's book, *Campus,
Congregation, and Community; The Bethel College Mennonite Church 1897-
1997*. The book will be at the back of the sanctuary and we invite you to sign
it either today or next Sunday, March 4.

BCMC Adult Sunday School classes have pledged a record \$5,250 to help
offset the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale expense budget. A special thank you
to all for your generosity and support.

Quilter's Corner information is available on the bulletin board, and also with
a basket for items in the Gathering Place.

Quilts for the auction are due at the MCC Center on March 12. Quilts made
by BCMC members will be displayed at the church on March 11.

Run For Relief information and forms are located on the bulletin board.

Sign up sheets for baked goods and volunteer opportunities will be placed
on tables under the balcony beginning March 11. Visit and sign often!

BCMC liaisons are John (316-217-6783) and Judy (316-212-9882) Kliew-
er; Dave (316-727-6967) and Cynthia (316-727-6966) Linscheid; Wes and
Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (316-283-1182).

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (in rack)

STS= *Sing the Story* (in rack) **STJ**=*Sing the Journey* (at end of bench)

Bethel College announcements:

- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, today, Feb. 25, 3 pm on “The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives,” Kauffman Museum
- **Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry**, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Feb. 25, 7 pm, on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” Krehbiel Auditorium. Berry will also speak in convocation, Feb. 26, 11 am, Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Greer Lecture and slide presentation by potter Alysha Baier**, Mar. 1, 7:00 pm, Ad Building chapel
- **Closing reception for “Vibrant Nature”** and artist Jennifer Larsen, Mar. 2, 5-7 pm, Regier Art Gallery (Note change from previously printed materials)
- **Mark McCormick book-signing**, Mar. 2, 6 pm, Mantz Library Lounge. McCormick, former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and current executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, is the author of a new book, *Some Were Paupers, Some Were Kings*, which will be available for sale.
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk** is March 3, 7: 30 am, meet at the Kauffman Museum Parking Lot

The 2018 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be July 27-28. Resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days (by March 29) prior to the Annual Assembly. Send resolutions to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships or talk with BCMC's new Everence Advocate, Elizabeth Raid.

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop March 3, from 9 to 11:30 am, presented by Everence staff at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton with topics of Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. To reserve a spot contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294; michelle.ramer@everence.com

The 2018 annual Comforter Blitz, Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder, Mar. 5 from 10 am-5 pm, Mar. 6 from 9 am-5 pm, Mar. 7 from 9 am-4 pm. Come help to make comforters for MCC to send around the world. Lunch is available each day by donation. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11, 2:30 pm, in the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Rd. In addition to the business meeting, the speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid.

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).

Our Lenten Banners illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, lives in Denver, Colorado with her family and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen.

Receiving medical care this week: Jacob Robb, Wesley Medical Center; Karen Ediger, Newton Medical Center

We offer sympathy to the family of Bertha Fern Gerber. Bertha Fern died Feb. 17, Henderson Care Center, Henderson, NE. Her memorial service was Feb. 24 at the Metz Mortuary in York, NE.

March Madness comes to BCMC on Wednesday evening, March 7. Mark your calendars – it's **Baskets for Bethel**, our annual fundraiser for the Education and Service Scholarship Fund. Come watch as young and “not-as-young” shoot hoops from 6:05 pm to approximately 6:35 pm to help us reach our goal of \$8000. This money funds scholarships for BCMC youth. Hear from current Bethel students about their experiences.

~ *Margaret Toews, on behalf of Education and Service Scholarship Committee*

We still have many spots available to help spruce up the kitchen. Don't be shy! There's a job with your name on it whether for a shorter or longer time slot. We will have the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary today.
~ *Hospitality Commission*

You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 1. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or church office by Mar. 18. Make checks to BCMC designated “Flower Fund.” Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____



This Week at BCMC: February 25—March 4, 2018

Sunday, February 25

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea

10:50 am 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—Leviticus—Class discussion
 - Catacombs—Rm B5— *Theology of John Howard Yoder*, Marion Deckert
 - 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—Sanctuary—*Desiderius Erasmus: Another Look*, Dale Schrag
 - Sojourners—Sanctuary—*Desiderius Erasmus: Another Look*, Dale Schrag
- 12:00 noon** **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**—for those who signed up, your destination for dinner will be in your mailbox today

Monday, February 26

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

6:00 pm Investment Club Dinner—Fellowship Hall

7-9 pm Newton Chorale—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 27

12:45 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

2:00 pm Women's Fellowship Circle 2—Louise Thieszen's 2903 Bluestem Court, North Newton

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Cherub Choir—Rm 24 and Junior Choir—Rm 28

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

7:15 pm Junior High Club—Rm 26 and Journey Club—Rm B8

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, March 1

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

7-9 pm Newton Chorale—Sanctuary

Friday, March 2

6:30 pm Community Playschool Family Night—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 3—BCMC Kitchen Clean up Day

1-4 pm Newton Chorale Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 4—3rd Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation— Everybody is welcome!

3:30 pm Sharon Koehn's students piano recital—Sanctuary

7:00 pm Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

The BCMC Library Committee surveys regarding the future collection development of our library are due today, Feb. 25. Extra surveys are available in the library.

The Witness Commission invites you to check out sabeel.org, a website devoted to instilling the Christian faith in the daily lives of those who suffer under occupation, violence, injustice and discrimination. An example of the site's Wave of Prayer from earlier this month is posted on the bulletin board.

Playschool is a preschool that has been in operation in the Newton area for over 50 years. A board of directors made up of representatives from each sponsoring church, the parents, the community and the teachers governs Playschool. The staff consists of a paid director and volunteer teachers and helpers. The school is housed at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Many changes have occurred over the years and once again it is time to look at the structure of the directorship. The governing board has decided to hire an assistant director with succession planning in mind and would like your help in recruiting for this half time position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please give prayerful consideration and send inquiries to current director, Jeanette Leary at the Bethel College Mennonite Church 316 283 -3667. If you have further questions you can also contact Cliff Dick, BCMC's representative to the board.

The Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's Spring Supper will be March 15, 6 pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive, Hesston. Meal is \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo; Music by Sadie and the Prowlers from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations by Mar. 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwom-en@gmail.com

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Feb. 28, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office, 316-283-3667 or email the office by 10 am Mon., Feb. 26. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 28**
Number attending meal ____ Name: _____