

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. MMN requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations Beatrice Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Beatrice, NE, as they host Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches, a study series with Brad Roth, Mar 18-19.

**This congregation:** Pray for Nathan Toews and his wife Leidy Muñoz as they transition into the roles of country representatives for the Mennonite Central Committee Bolivia program this month. Nathan is the son of Francis and Margaret Toews.

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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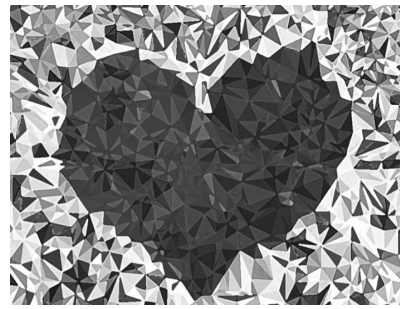
**Admin. Assistant:** Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

**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



Bethel College  
Mennonite Church  
March 11, 2018—9:30 a.m.  
4th SUNDAY OF LENT  
Covenant of Love

## GATHERING

Prelude *It is well with my soul* Bliss/arr. Chidester  
*Let there be peace on earth* Miller/trans. Chidester  
*Amazing grace* arr. Chidester  
*All hail the power* Holden/arr. Dempsey  
Gabriel's Trumpets

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence  
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Lighting the Christ candle

Introit *Were you there? [HWB 257]*  
African-American spiritual  
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert, director; Sharon Koehn, accompanist

Call to worship and prayer Florence Schloneger

\*Hymn of praise *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* **HWB 110**  
(children come forward during hymn)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Esther Kreider Eash

Worship music *Beautiful Savior* arr. Riegger, trans. Chidester  
Gabriel's Trumpets

Prayer of confession

Scripture readings Numbers 21:4-9 John Esau  
John 3:14-21

Sermon *Look and Live* Dawn Yoder Harms

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Prayer of God's people

Offering  
Offertory *As the Deer Runs to the River* Uehlein  
Karen Unruh, organist

*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 *Praise God from whom* HWB 119  
verse B

\*Dedication prayer

## SENDING

\*Sending hymn *O God, who gives us life* HWB 483

\*Benediction

Postlude *Give to our God Immortal Praise!* Cherwien

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

**At the close of the service, please remain seated for safety preparedness information presented by Jerry Buller, Facilities Committee chair**

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.**

**Camp Mennoscah** : online: [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290

- **Annual Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is [Mar. 16-17](#).
- **Retirees Retreat** invites retirees and persons of all ages [Apr. 23-25](#). Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and more. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online
- **Beyond Belief! The Universe of God** is the theme for summer youth camps. Register campers online today at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).
- **Camp Mennoscah is seeking kitchen helpers** for summer youth camps. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees.

**The Seed Central America Program** (Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua) is a global two-year program, implemented and led by Mennonite Central Committee, for young adults between 20 and 30 years of age. It is a way to actively engage in issues around justice and equity, with the support of a community. Visit [mcc.org/seed](http://mcc.org/seed) or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org).



### REMEMBERING 50 years of the MCC Relief Sale in Kansas

In 1992, the collection of pennies and pocket change raised more than \$10,000 and provided an opportunity for people of all ages to talk about the work of MCC. 18,684 venenike and 43,000 New Year's Cookies were made, 1,280 pies collected, and a "House Against Hunger" auctioned. The Environmental Concerns Committee grappled with how to handle the waste and trash from the event, and promoted recycling. An estimated 31,000 attended, including busloads from Emporia, Burdett, Lincoln, Colby, Concordia, Newton, Goessel and Moundridge. **With a theme of "Praising God Through Service," this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.**

- **Sign up sheets** for baked goods and volunteer opportunities are on tables under the balcony today. Visit and sign up often!
- **Remember to sign Keith Sprunger's book of BCMC's history** which will be placed in the time capsule to be opened at the 75th KMRS in 2043. You will find it on a table under the balcony.
- **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 are displayed in the back of the church today.
- **Run For Relief** information and forms are located on the bulletin board.
- **Bohne berrogie bake day** will be Apr. 7 at Moundridge High School. First shift starts at 7 am; second shift 10 am. If you can help, contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or email [bmg@lrmutual.com](mailto:bmg@lrmutual.com). Please wear a head covering.

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

## Bethel College announcements:

- **Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II, Jazz Combos I and 2, March 12, 7 pm**, Mojo's Coffee Bar, Bethel College campus
- **Doris Bergen, University of Toronto**, "Neighbors, Killers, Enablers, Witnesses: The Many Roles of Mennonites in the Holocaust," Mar. 16, 11 am, Krehbiel Auditorium (public presentation from the Mennonites and the Holocaust conference).
- **The Mennonites and the Holocaust conference** presents a public screening of *Friesennot*, a 1935 Nazi propaganda film about a Mennonite village in Russia, Mar. 16, 7:30 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **This year's Masterworks at Bethel College** will be Mozart's *Requiem*, May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals the two weeks before the concert. Contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

**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.

**Mennonite Women USA seeks a strong, visionary leader** and fundraiser to direct the overall mission and vision of empowering women and women's groups within the Mennonite Church. The Executive Director supervises dispersed staff and coordinates and develops the various ministries, programs, publications and promotional material. This full time position requires working independently, but also part of a team; excellent verbal and written skills, including public speaking; and ability to build relationships with persons of diverse backgrounds. Involves travel. See job description at [mwusa.org/staff](http://mwusa.org/staff). Send resume and three references to Kathy Bilderback, board chair at [kabilderback@cablone.net](mailto:kabilderback@cablone.net) by April 30.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants** which are made available each spring by the Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com) and **must be submitted by e-mail to [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 13**. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2018, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

**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).

**Welcome and thank you to Gabriel's Trumpets.** Members are: Kyle Unruh, Evan Koch, Braden Unruh, Tim Regier, Connor Born, Patrick Flaming, Eric Schrag, Arlin Buller and Karen Unruh on the organ.

**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.

**The Education and Service Scholarship Committee wishes to thank the congregation for attending the 'Baskets for Bethel' fundraiser last Wednesday evening.** With your support, we were able to raise \$2,460 for the Bethel College Scholarship Fund. The ESSC has determined that a total of \$8,000 will need to be raised this year to support Bethel College students for the school year of 2018-2019. Donations to the Bethel College Scholarship Fund are accepted at all times. ~ ESSC

**We offer sympathy to** the family of Harold W. Vogt who died March 3 at Life Care Center of Wichita. Harold was a wider fellowship member at BCMC. His memorial service was March 9 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

**March 4 at BCMC:** Attendance 242. General Fund \$18,141; Living Stones \$1,510.27; Wed. supper \$399.60; Media Supplies \$5; MCC Meat Canning \$50; Sr Hi Youth \$50; Caring Fund \$250; Flower Fund \$50; BC Scholarship Fund \$820; Kitchen-Coffee \$11.

**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: March 11—March 18, 2018

### Sunday, March 11

**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**; 2–4<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—*Catechism*, John Tyson
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Gospel of Mark
- Catacombs—Rm B5
- 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—*Rodolphe Petter, Swiss missionary to the Cheyenne: Photographs*, Weldon Schloneger
- Sojourners—Chapel—*H.D. Penner, Early Mennonite Leader*, Clarence Niles

### Monday, March 12

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

**7:00 pm** Facilities Committee—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 13

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

**6:30 pm** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 pm** Finance Committee—Rm 14

### Wednesday, March 14

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**4:45 pm** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

**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 15

**5:30 pm** Sojourners Sunday school class gathering—Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 18—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**9:30 am** Sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir

**10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation—Everybody is welcome!  
Lenten Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

**12:00 noon** Usher's Orientation—Fellowship Hall

### Upcoming Holy Week Services:

- March 29, 7 pm: **Maundy Thursday and Stations of the Cross Service**, BCMC sanctuary
- March 30, 7 pm: **Newton Community Seven Last Words Tenebrae Service**, Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, with participation by BCMC

**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.

**Mennonite Women USA partners with Mennonite Disaster Service** to provide hand-crafted wall-hangings for re-built home dedications. The supply of wall hangings is depleted. These wall-hangings are a reminder of the way MDS and MW USA care for those who have struggled with disaster. See bulletin board for more information about how to make a wall hanging or go to Mennonite Women USA website: [mwusa.org](http://mwusa.org), under Ministries, The Housewarmer Project.

**The Witness Commission invites you to check out** [sabeel.org](http://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.

**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.

**It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Mar. 14, 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., Mar. 12. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Mar. 14**  
Number attending meal \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_