

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of MMN serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

**This congregation:** For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, thanks be to God!" (HWB 90). As we move deeper into this season of death and resurrection, may we be drawn to embrace the mystery of God's self-giving love.

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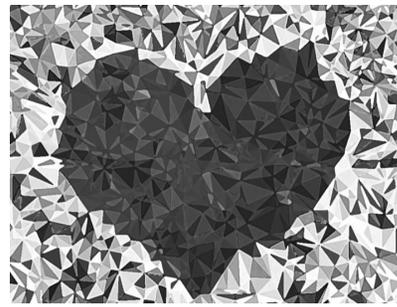
**Admin. Assistant:** Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

**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 18, 2018—9:30 a.m.  
5th SUNDAY OF LENT  
Covenant of Love

## GATHERING

Lighting the Christ candle

Prelude *Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen* Bach  
Verlene Garber, organ  
*The prelude invites us into a time of silence  
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Call to worship and prayer Lee Suderman

\*Hymn of praise *Unto thy temple, Lord, we come* **HWB 4**  
(children come forward during hymn)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Prayer of confession

Worship music *Let the heaven light* Hogan  
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director

Scripture readings John 12:20-33 Lotti Boschmann

Sermon *Game Time* John Tyson

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**  
*verses 1,2,4,5*

Reception of new members: Dawn Yoder Harms and Jim Robb,  
Bill and Susie Swartley chair of the Deacon Commission

Congregational Response **HWB 794**

## Prayer of God's people

### Offering

Offertory *Deep River* Luboff  
Chancel Choir

*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 *Heilig, heilig, heilig (Holy, Holy, Holy)* **HWB 75**  
sing in the language of your choice

\*Dedication prayer

### SENDING

\*Sending hymn *Take thou my hand, O Father* **HWB 581**

\*Benediction

Benediction response

Postlude *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen* Graber

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

**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.**

**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.

**March 11 at BCMC:** Attendance 168. Gen. Fund \$3,630; Living Stones \$480; Wed. supper \$356; Scholarship Fund \$3,320; Plant Fund \$175; Trans.-Gen. \$200; Flower Fund \$35; Kitchen-Coffee \$11.

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

- **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.



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

The 1997 sale theme "Love Must Be Genuine" appeared on 556 T-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags. In addition to the usual mailings, press releases and radio announcements, publicity included an internet page, put together by David Godshall of Hesston College. The singing group "Personal Touch" from Topeka performed Friday evening. The Quilt Auction was in the Industrial Building, which was heated. Attendance was down about half due to bad weather, but proceeds were almost the same as the year before. The many volunteers exemplified the theme. \$375,000 was donated for MCC's work of genuine love. **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.
- **Craft items** donated to the sale by BCMC members will be displayed April 8. Bring items that morning and they may be left at the church; BCMC liaisons will take them to the sale
- **Quilter's Corner** information is available on the bulletin board, and also with a basket for items in the Gathering Place.
- **Run For Relief** information and forms are located on the bulletin board.
- **Bohne beroggi 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.
- **Verenika making day** will be Apr.10, Parkview MB Church Activity Center, Hillsboro. Sign up sheets are on a table under the balcony.

**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:**

- **Closing reception for “The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West”** at Kauffman Museum, Mar. 25, 1:30-5 pm. Admission free; come before or after the 3 pm program in Krehbiel Auditorium to see the exhibit and enjoy a Cowboy Cookie (former First Lady Laura Bush’s recipe).
- **“Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum” program** with Jim Hoy, professor of English, Emporia State University, Mar. 25, 3 pm, “Kansas Legends and Folktales,” 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](mailto:weash@bethelks.edu), for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

**Lunch & Learn at Mennonite Central Committee with Joanna Shenk:** Apr. 5 from noon to 1 pm, MCC North Newton. Hear Joanna share about her new book, *The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK*. Lunch provided by Mojo’s Coffee Bar. Please RSVP for lunch by April 3. MCC is offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit [mcc.org/lunch-learn](http://mcc.org/lunch-learn) about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316-283-2720 or [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org).

**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.

**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.

## **Faith Statement from Bill Swartley; Joining by transfer from First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, OH**

I was fortunate to grow up in a home where Christian lifestyles were valued. From my earliest remembrances church was always important to our family. My father was active in music leadership of our church and being “Mennonite” was a way of life. I made a commitment to Jesus and a Christian lifestyle and joined the Franconia Mennonite Church as an 18 year old. While that experience was important, my faith and understanding has matured through many experiences and been influenced by many others who have mentored me and helped me grow. At every time of my life, in every location where I have lived, there have been friends, leaders and role models who have challenged me to expand my understanding and commitment to a Christian lifestyle. It has been my desire to live a life which reflects the love that Christ expressed when on earth. Relating to the community of believers at Hesston Mennonite Church, and First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio has been very important to me. I now look forward to continuing my journey of faith at Bethel College Mennonite Church and anticipate your council and support along the way.

## **Faith Statement from Susie Swartley; Joining by transfer from First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, OH**

My life as a Mennonite began at birth. My family attended Sunnyslope Mennonite Church in Phoenix, Arizona. There, I learned about God, living by the Golden Rule and being Mennonite. Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, where my parents were directors for 20 years, played a large part in my development during my teen years. I thrived on the hard work, meeting new people, and being surrounded by the beauty of the Rockies. Nature became an important part of my spirituality during those years and remains so today.

Bill and I were married in 1969. In the fall of 1971 we moved to Hesston, Kansas where Bill attended college. Hesston Mennonite was our church. We raised our three children in a three-story historic home a block away from the church and campus--we lived close to the action.

In fall 2008, my sister, who was my best friend, died unexpectedly of a heart attack (my brother had died 11 years earlier from MS complications). Family became even more important. The idea of living closer to one of our children sounded wonderful. The small-town feel of Bluffton won out over Portland, OR and the D.C. area. And now, nine years later, we are back in Kansas.

Today I am very happy to be joining you at BCMC. The style of worship, the music, and, you, the church family, enhance my life.

## This Week at BCMC: March 18—March 25, 2018

### Sunday, March 18

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

#### **Lenten Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary—All are 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— No Catechism this Sunday
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lenten Hymn Sing—(Sanctuary)
- 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—Lenten Hymn Sing—(Sanctuary)
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Bamboo Bikes and Story Carts*, Chuck Regier

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

### Monday, March 19

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

### Tuesday, March 20—Women's Fellowship Circles

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

**2:00 pm** Circle 2—Evelyn Quiring's, 3001 Ivy Dr., Apt. 404, North Newton

**3:00 pm** Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

**7:00 pm** Circle 3—Kathryn Simmons', 403 Lakewood Dr., North Newton

**7:00 pm** Circle 4—Lois Preheim's, 3005 S. Kansas Rd., Newton

**7:00 pm** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

**7:45 pm** Garden Task Force—Rm 14

### Wednesday, March 21—No children's choir rehearsals or clubs or Youth Group due to Spring Break week

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**6:00 pm** Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

**8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, March 22

**3:00 p.m.** Witness Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

### Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

**9:30 am** Worship with readings by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

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

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation

### Upcoming Holy Week Services:

- March 29, 7 pm: **Maundy Thursday and Stations of the Cross Service**, BCMC sanctuary. *This service will offer reflection on how the suffering of Jesus connects to the suffering of the world, particularly to brothers and sisters in Palestine, those seeking to cross the Mexican/US border, and those in our own country struggling with racism.*
- March 30, 7 pm: **Newton Community Seven Last Words Tenebrae Service**, Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, with participation by BCMC
- April 1, 7 am: **Sunrise service led by the Senior High School Youth Group** at the Prouty Home, 332 N. Hoover Road, Newton. Bring breakfast foods to share.
- April 1, 10 am: **Easter Worship** with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir, Junior Choir and Cherub Choir; No Sunday school

**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.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**It's Supper Time at BCMC!** Wednesday supper Mar. 21, 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. 19. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Mar. 21**  
Number attending meal \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_