Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, after Deb Byler began a MMN assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups that meet regularly to share, pray & support one another in the joys & challenges of ministry.

This congregation: As we ponder Jesus' journey through suffering and death, may we pray in solidarity with those of this world who are suffering from injustice, oppression, violence, and abuse.

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 cell phone: 316-212-1847; Email: dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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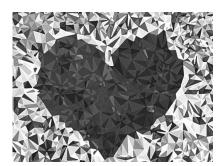
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March 18 at BCMC: Attendance 252. General Fund \$9,010.67; Living Stones \$1,300; Wednesday Supper \$280.75; Transfer-General \$657.78; Flower Fund \$42; Scholarship Fund \$700; Martha Koehn Memorial \$100.



Bethel College Mennonite Church March 25, 2018—9:30 a.m. PALM SUNDAY Covenant of Love

From Palms to Passion

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Moklebust Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Call to Worship

Vern Preheim

- L: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.
- P: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- L: The gates are open come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

*Palm processional Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Morris Chancel Bells

*Hymn of praise Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB 239
Pat Friesen, piano

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

From Palms to Passion Scripture reader: Dave Linscheid

Story teller: Dawn Yoder Harms Musicians: Pat Friesen, Bethany Schrag,

Matt Schloneger, Eric Massanari

Mark 11:15-19 It was Monday **STI 30** Hymn *Iesus Christ is waiting* (verses 1-3) Silence Mark 11:27-33 It was Tuesday Firstborn of Mary Hymn **STS 37** Silence Mark 14:3-9 It was Wednesday Open are the gifts of God Hymn **HWB 255** Silence (verses 1-3) Mark 14:1-2, 10-11 It was Thursday Hymn Lay down your head **STS 85** Silence Mark 14:53-15:15 It was Friday Hymn *Were you there* (verses 1-2) **HWB 257** Mark 15:25-37 How long, O Lord? Solo Mark 15:42-47

Mark 15:42-47
It was Saturday

Hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross* (verses 1, 3, 4) **HWB 259** Silence

Prayer of commitment

L: Lord Jesus, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth of mystery of your redeeming love,

ALL: help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow when you die, so that when you are raised to life again we may share your endless joy. AMEN.

Camp Mennoscah: online: campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290

- **Retirees Retreat** invites retirees and persons of all ages <u>Apr. 23-25.</u> 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.
- **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 1998 sale theme was "Feed My Lambs." 80 volunteers made bohne berogie at Moundridge High School in advance.
Nice weather both Friday evening and Saturday brought good crowds. The quilt auction generated \$150,472. Other auction items ranged from a child's playhouse that went for more than \$3,000, to 15 loads of hedge wood averaging \$100 per load. 504 pies sold. Volunteers worked on a "House Against Hunger," constructed in Hutchinson and completed after the sale. With a theme of "Praising God Through Service," this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.

- My Coins Count campaign continues through April 8. Visit the quarter bank in the Gathering Place, collection jars in the Sunday School classes and encourage all children to add to their banks to be collected during children's conversation on April 8.
- **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. 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
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum" program** with Jim Hoy, professor of English, Emporia State University, <u>Mar. 25, 3 pm,</u> "Kansas Legends and Folktales," Krehbiel Auditorium
- Artist and closing reception for Jan Klassen and "Back to Nature," an exhibit of paintings in the Regier Gallery, <u>Mar. 29, 6-8 pm.</u> Open this week 9 am-5 pm
- Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble workshop concert featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and guest Brad Leali, saxophone, <u>Apr. 5, 7:30 pm,</u> Krehbiel Auditorium (part of the annual Wichita Jazz Festival)
- The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) will host "Restorative Kansas" (on the Bethel College campus), <u>Apr. 19-20</u> the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org
- 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.

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 about how to join the event from your home or office. Questions or to RSVP: 316-283-2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org.

Everence will continue its retirement workshop series, with *Your Medicare options*, <u>Apr. 3</u>, <u>6:30 pm.</u> Learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop will be presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve a spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires to Becky Nickel, board chair offendervictimministries@gmail.com <u>by April 20.</u>

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn We will follow STS 40

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory What wondrous love is this

arr. Wagner Chancel Bells

People with March birthdays come forward for a blessing, please bring a hymnal

*Dedication hymn Christ, we do all adore thee HWB 105

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn Go, my friends, in grace STS 57

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude More precious than silver DeShazo

*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. <u>Personal hearing devices</u> are at the north sanctuary entrance. <u>The nursery</u> 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).

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This Week at BCMC: March 25—April 1, 2018

Sunday, March 25

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

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

10:50 am Pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall for children and youth and their families, and teachers of the Junior Sunday schools and Youth. Children's and Youth Sunday school will start at 11:15 am

- 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— Catechism, John Tyson
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14
- 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—A conversation with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms
- Sojourners—Chapel—Crucible of Faith: The ancient revolution that made our modern religious world, John Esau

Monday, March 26

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

7:00 pm Library Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 28

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth **7:15 pm** Menno Ringers—Rm B7 7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary 8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday and Stations of the Cross Service in the sanctuary

Friday, March 30—Good Friday—office will be closed; building locked

Sunday, April 1—Easter

7:00 am Sunrise service—Prouty Home, 332 N. Hoover Road, Newton 10:00 am Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir, Junior Choir and Cherub Choir—No Sunday school

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler will be on vacation from March 23-26.

The third annual BCMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will take place May 5 and 6! There will once again be all kinds of fun to be had, and this year, Halstead First Mennonite has been invited to join us in the fun. We'll share worship, meals, and all kinds of fellowship as we get together at Camp Mennoscah. Please be on the lookout for registration forms in the next couple weeks, and contact Adam Robb with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you out there!

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 sis*ters in Palestine, those seeking to cross the Mexican/US border, and those in our own country struggling with racism. There will be a fish bowl offering (at the back of the sanctuary) for the Caring Fund.
- 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

REMINDER: To the ladies of the church, if you haven't already turned in your green sheet indicating what level of Women's Fellowship Circle in which you wish to participate for the next two years, please place in the church box of Lois Goertzen or Joyce Holck.

DELEGATES NEEDED: The Western District Conference summer Assembly will meet at Tabor Mennonite Church (rural Newton) on Fri., July 27 and all day Sat., July 28 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Goessel). BCMC is eligible to send 18 delegates. If you are willing to attend all sessions, please contact the Gifts Discernment Committee (dorothynf@cox.net, 316-281-9364) or church office (office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, 316-283-3667) by April 15. There is a \$50 reimbursement per delegate.

FEEDBACK TO THE GIFTS DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE: "I visited several Christian education classrooms and was really impressed. Good things are happening at all ages." The GDC is appointing new members for all five BCMC commissions. We have several openings on the Faith Formation Commission. If you are especially called to minister to children, coordinate activities, and like to do projects involving faith development, please contact the GDC (judykliewer49@gmail.com, 316-212-9882) or Pastor Dawn (dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, 316-283-3667) by April 15.