

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they seek to follow Jesus' way of peace in response to the many forms of violence in our communities, nation and world.

This congregation: Pray for Sr. High youth as they participate in catechism class this spring and consider baptism.

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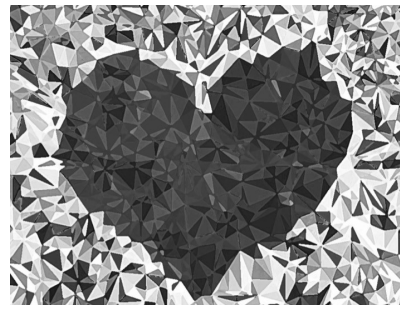
Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

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 25 at BCMC: Attendance 294. General Fund \$4,117; Living Stones \$265; Flower Fund \$28; Kitchen-Coffee \$3.



Bethel College
Mennonite Church
March 4, 2018—9:30 a.m.
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
Covenant of Love

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross* J.S. Bach
Karen Schlabaugh, 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 Dale Schrag

*Hymn of praise *Holy, holy, holy* **HWB 120**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Esther Kreider Eash

Psalm Reading Psalm 19 Donna Friesen

Prayer of confession

Worship music *Softly and Tenderly* arr. McChesney
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Scripture readings excerpts from Exodus 20 **HWB 807**

Sermon *Firmly bound, Forever free* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I long for your commandments* **HWB 543**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Herzlich tut nich verlangen* Buxtehude
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 *Lord, thou dost love* **HWB 387**
verses 1 and 4

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Lead on, O cloud of Presence* **HWB 419**

*Benediction

Benediction response

*Postlude *Nun laast uns Gott, dem Herren* J.C. Bach

*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.

Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) presents *The Empathy Gap*, **today, 3 pm**, at the Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Free and open to the public. The Empathy Gap investigates the reasons why so many men have difficulties viewing women as authentic equals. The talk-back 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, director of Prison Ministries at Offender/Victim Ministries. Questions: call 316-284-5217 (KIPCOR)

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.

Thank you, BCMC, for giving \$35,875 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2017! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we were able to share a message of hope in a broken world. ~ *Joe Sawatzky, MMN Church Relations Representative*



REMEMBERING 50 years of the MCC Relief Sale in Kansas

In 1988, teens and adults pitched in to provide childcare (ages 1-5) for the first time, bringing smiles to young and old. The Beef Walk began in Hillsboro, the Dairy Walk in Kingman. The combined projects, including the animal auction at the sale, raised \$60,000. It rained on sale day, there were 40 fewer quilts and the number of bidders down, but the \$400,000 raised was very close to the previous year's total. Publicity committee chair Maynard Shelly marveled that MCC sales are major inter-Mennonite events. **With a theme of "Praising God Through Service," this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14.**

- **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 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) Kliever; Dave (316-727-6967) and Cynthia (316-727-6966) Linscheid; Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (316-283-1182).

Bethel College announcements:

- **Registration deadline** for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust” is March 9. The conference will be on the Bethel College campus March 16-17 with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.
- **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
- **Marathana Prothro will present** "Looking for Truth in a Fake-News World" Mar. 9, 8 pm, at Kauffman Museum. This is the program part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to the business meeting at 7 pm or come just for the 8 pm program. Prothro is assistant professor of communication at Bluffton University and a member of the MWR board of directors. She formerly served at Hesston College and Mennonite Church USA in Newton.

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.

The Parkinson’s Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet in Menno Hall, Mar. 6, 2 pm. Tony Helfrich, director, will give a presentation on “Exercise Options at the North Newton Wellness Center.” All are welcome.

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. Send resume and three references to Kathy Bilderback, board chair at kabilderback@cableone.net by April 30.

We offer sympathy to Elsie and John Sheriff and their extended family on the death of Elsie’s brother, Elvin Glen Bacon, Feb. 18, at The Cedars in McPherson. The memorial service was Feb. 22 at the McPherson Free Methodist Church.

We offer sympathy to Marvin and Joyce Holck on the death of Marvin’s brother-in-law, Roger Ruter, Feb. 27, St. Louis, MO.

You are invited to a “Choral World Cup Tour” by the Newton Chorale, **today**, 7 pm in the BCMC sanctuary.

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. If you want to support the fund at any time, checks can be made out to BCMC with “Bethel College Scholarship Fund” in the memo line. Thank you from the Education and Service Scholarship Committee!

Pastor John Tyson has formally accepted the position of Pastor at Des Moines Mennonite Church in Des Moines, Iowa. He will conclude his responsibilities as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC on June 3, 2018.

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.

For a graphic design class, Austin Prouty is working to redo the look of Bethel's *Context* alumni magazine. He is conducting a focus group with Bethel alumni and will have a sign up during fellowship time after church this Sunday (under the balcony) for people who might like to participate in this focus group.

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 4—March 11, 2018

Sunday, March 4

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—*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—George Dawson's book, "*Life is so good*", Don Kaufman
- Sojourners—Chapel—John and Jan Albertson-Introduction, Dave War-kentine

7:00 pm Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

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

2:30 pm Caregiver's Support Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 10

8:00 am Youthful Men's Breakfast at Mojo's, Bethel College campus

Sunday, March 11—4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Cherub Choir; Gabriel's Trumpets; Prelude by Gabriel's Trumpets begins at 9:20 am

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Everybody is welcome!

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.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO the Western District Women in Mission/ South Central Women's Spring Supper 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 western-districtwomen@gmail.com

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

- **Annual Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is March 16-17.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**—March 2-4
- ***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.

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, under Ministries, The Housewarmer Project.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Mar. 7 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. 5. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Mar. 7**
Number attending meal ____ Name: _____