

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of MMN serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly Planning team, as they prepare for our conference gathering July 27-28 in central Kansas.

This congregation: Pray for those who are planning and participating in BCMC's retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah.

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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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 April 29, 2018—9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *He who will suffer God to guide him* Boehm/Bach
Verlene Garber, organist

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

Introit *Lord, we beseech Thee* Batten
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Eric Massanari, worship leader

Our hearts are restless, O Lord,
Until they rest in thee.

*Hymn of praise *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!* **HWB 63**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Margaret Goering

Scripture reading John 15:1-8 Peggy Souder

Worship music *A Merry Heart* Dobrinski
Menno Ringers; Suzanne Burch, director

Sermon *Many stories, many branches, and much fruit* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* **STJ 95**

Baptisms Christa Kondziola, Elizabeth Lamp, Noah Massanari,
Zoe Siemens

Congregational Litany **HWB 777**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

Offertory *O Nata Lux* Garau
*People with April birthdays come forward for a blessing,
please bring a hymnal*

*Dedication hymn *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord* **HWB 392**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

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

*Benediction

*Benediction response

Postlude *Psalm IXX* Marcello

*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)

Bethel College announcements:

- **Open Road concert**, today, 7 pm, Bethel College Memorial Hall
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, today, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Bethel College Masterworks Concert** May 6, 3 pm, Memorial Hall presents "Magnificat" by J.S. Bach, Adam V. Fontana, conducting and *Requiem* by W.A. Mozart, William Eash, conducting and featuring the Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra and Bethel College Oratorio Chorus (all campus vocal groups with 30-40 community singers) Ticket prices are \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens, \$6 students, \$5 Bethel faculty, staff and students, on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel campus during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, or credit-card orders at 316-284-5205. Tickets also available at the door. All seating is general admission.
- **Kauffman Museum's May bird walk** will be the Second Saturday, May 12.
- **Jazz on the Green**, May 9, 8 pm. (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain)
- **Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert**, May 10, 7 pm, Memorial Hall
- **Woven concert**, May 13, 7 pm, Memorial Hall (Note change from previously printed calendars)
- **The Bethel College Baccalaureate** will be at BCMC May 20, 10 am.

Offender Victim Ministries organized choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit will be giving a concert for outside guests, May 15 from 7-8:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to hear choral music and support the volunteers and men at HCF who have been working hard on their music. Contact Ben Kreider by May 1 if you would like to attend: ben@offendervictimministries.org or 316-281-5244.

Everence will hold an informative workshop, Social Security and retirement income planning May 7, 6:30 pm, which will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Workshop is presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main, North Newton. Contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com. To reserve a spot.

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.

April 22 at BCMC: Attendance 273. General Fund \$5,746.29; Living Stones \$2,390; Columbarium Fund \$2,000; Kitchen-Coffee \$16.

This Week at BCMC: April 29—May 6, 2018

Kidron-Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet in Menno Hall May 1, 2 pm. Emilie Rains and Vernon Lohrentz will share treatment experiences in PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly). All are welcome.

Join the upcoming Mennonite Central Committee Haiti Learning Tour Sept. 22—27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they, with your support, are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan Penner, 316-727-6837 or jordanpenner@mcc.org for information.

Celebrate Mother's Day by supporting mothers around the world through MCC Infant Care Kit. Help mothers, who are displaced by war or disaster, give their infants a good start. The kit contents have changed recently, visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Send love around the world this Mother's Day! Contact katemast@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 with questions.

MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in West Virginia and Kentucky. Assignments are from May 30—approximately Aug. 11. Applicants need to be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at swap.mcc.org or call 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

Spend Memorial Day weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreat, May 25-28. The weekend begins at 7 pm Friday and ends after breakfast Monday. Saturday, participants will help camp get ready for summer (Spruce Beetle tree clean up from MDS Crew May 20-25, spring cleaning projects, helping in the kitchen, etc). Sunday is the "play" part of the weekend including a morning worship service and brunch, leaving the afternoon for hiking or playing on the pond. Register online (www.rmcc.org), call (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmcc.org) to let us know you can come.

Sunday, April 29, 2018

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
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Mark 4:35-5:43
- Book Study & Conversation—*The Year of Small Things* —Back of sanctuary with Jill Robb and Megan Kohlman
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Chaplaincy Learnings and Beyond...*
- 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—*Ruminations on a Sister's Life, Death, and Public Cremation*, Dale Schrag
- Sojourners—Chapel—*The sojourn of the Sojourners Sunday school class*

11:45 pm Potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall—everybody is welcome!

12:45 pm Congregational meeting in the sanctuary

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, May 2

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 3

7:00 pm Newton City Wide Prayer Gathering, New Jerusalem Missions (209 E. Broadway), sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance

The BCMC Camp Mennoscah Retreat is Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6! A weekend of fun, fellowship, food, fishing, flashlights, fires, and more! We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday, May 5—BCMC Camp Mennoscah Retreat Arrive anytime after 1 pm

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Saturday, May 5, continued

5:30—6:30 pm Supper, dishes, chores

See the yellow information sheet for further details on the rest of the evening

Sunday, May 6—All Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah—There will be no church services at BCMC this Sunday

7:45 am Caravan meets at BCMC for departure at 8 am

8-9 am Breakfast

9:45 am Hymn Sing Prelude

10-11 am Worship (Dress for outdoor conditions—will be outside if possible) After worship/before lunch: general cleanup

12 pm Lunch

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).

Enjoy a potluck meal in fellowship hall (everybody is welcome) and attend the congregational meeting at 12:45 pm in the sanctuary. Annual report booklets were in your mailboxes last Sunday.

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler will be out of the office May 7-10. Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be on vacation May 12-17.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the visits, cards, food and prayers during my recent hospitalization. ~ *Justina Neufeld*

Since our Easter Sunday auto accident, life has been a bit more of a challenge for me. A challenge made a bit lighter by your prayers, your concern, your calls and of course your cards. Thank you all very much and especially Pastor Susan for her visits. I am improving but the road ahead is still an uphill climb. ~ *Marilyn Stucky*

We offer sympathy to Jerry and Carol Buller and their extended family on the death of Jerry's sister, Doris Hawkey, April 23, Newton. The memorial service was Apr. 27 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton.

Come hear about Mennonite history from our youth! Two BCMC youth, Caleb and Abby Koontz, along with Lucy Buller from Shalom Mennonite Church, recently completed an extensive research project entitled "Conflict within the Conflict: Mennonite Conscientious Objectors in Central Kansas during World War I." Several BCMC members helped them extensively with their research. Their project won 2nd place at the State History Day competition, which means that they will present their work at the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C., in mid-June. You are invited to come learn about their project on Wed., May 16, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary at BCMC. Caleb, Abby, and Lucy will share stories from their archival research and the interviews they conducted, and will show the final format of their project. Dessert will be served and donations toward the cost of their trip will be gratefully accepted.

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

- **Camp plans to start construction** of the new playground, "The Whale," by the end of April, and needs volunteers to help! Stay tuned to church bulletins, e-mail, and social media for the types of work, dates, and times. With help, it can be ready for summer youth camps.
- **Beyond Belief! The Universe of God** is the theme for summer youth camps. Register campers online today at campmennoscah.org. Early registration discount ends May 1.
- **Camp Mennoscah is seeking kitchen helpers** for summer youth camps for June 24-30, July 8-12, July 15-21, and July 29-Aug. 3. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees.

Mennonite Central Committee is offering free webinars for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. Webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics and are from 2-3 pm. The webinar on May 9 will focus on *Sexualized violence – how should churches respond?* *Healthy Masculinity* will be June 13. Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso. Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org with questions.



Youth events for your calendar:

DR18 applications due to Pastor John as soon as possible
July 21 - 28: DR18 @ Rehoboth Christian School (Gallup, NM)