

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for MMN's 11-year partnership with Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Texas. Pray for Katrina Kniss with Mennonite Voluntary Service who is currently helping the agency provide free legal work to unaccompanied minors and mothers with children.

Western District Conference: Pray for Peace Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation in Lawrence, KS, as they dedicate a new sanctuary and building expansion today.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC children and youth as they begin school this week.

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

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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:** Addie Regier



Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 12, 2018

9:30 am

THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE
Making peace with forgiveness

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

*During the prelude, please observe a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Little prelude and fugue in D minor* J.S. Bach
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Call to worship through corporate prayer Susan Jantzen

God who spoke the world into being, speak your wisdom
among us today.

We come in need, for we struggle to live in peace.

God who loves the world extravagantly, draw us near to your
heart this hour.

We seek to know your love that casts out fear.

God who comes to those who waver,

Become our courage.

**ALL: We give you praise, for you are our wisdom, our love, and
our strength. Amen.**

*Hymns of praise *Praise the One who breaks the darkness* **STS 1**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Scripture reading Luke 7:36-50 Richard Friesen

Worship music *Be thou my vision* arr. J. Harold Moyer
Karen Schlabaugh, piano

Sermon *You Are Forgiven* Kathy Neufeld Dunn

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Prayer of God's people
(close with congregational reading of **HWB 731**)

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 *Gott der Vater wohn uns bei* Buxtehude

*Dedication hymn *Holy, holy, holy* **HWB 75**
(2 verses, you may choose German or English for either)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

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

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

*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).

The flowers this morning are in honor of Evelyn Quiring's 90th birthday which is August 13. Happy Birthday Evelyn!

BCMC received a \$1,000 grant from Everence Sharing Funds for Community Play School. Everence makes sharing funds available based on church membership and the number of members using Everence products, services and resources. We have 41% member participation. So, thanks to all of you who participate in these ways. ~ *Elizabeth Raid, Everence Advocate*

Offender Victim Ministries is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join OVM Sept. 8 from 9:30 am-4 pm at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

Join KIPCOR's new continuing education series for everyone, Sept. 13, 6 to 8:30 pm. Registration cost is \$25. Engage with local and regional experts each month to gain the everyday skills needed to thrive in a diverse, changing, and polarized world. Take home skills for use in families, workplaces, and communities. The first session is *Conflict 101*. For more information or to register for the class, go to <http://kipcor.org/event/kipcor-core-skills-conflict-101/>. Class sizes are limited and advance payment is required to secure a place. Full refunds are offered until 4 pm, Sept. 6. Questions, call Doug at (316) 284-5217.

Take an AMBS course this fall: Online courses include Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Revolution; Christian Theology 1; and Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture. Campus courses include Biblical Spirituality; Preaching; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Spiritual Practices: Money; and more! Courses start Sept 4; sign up by Aug 28. ambs.edu/onecourse

- **Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology (noncredit):** Sept. 12-Oct. 23. This online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., covers the birth and development of 16th-century Anabaptist movements and looks at various interpretations of the meaning of "Anabaptism" today. Cost: \$200 before Aug. 22; \$250 after. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

The installation for Glen Guyton as the incoming executive director of MC USA will be Aug. 18, 2-4 pm at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at <http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/>.

Within the coming weeks, 1500-2000 families are expected to be released from detention. MCC is working with local partners to support families with locally purchased grocery gift cards, clothing and housing assistance. Checks made out to MCC with "Central States Immigration" in the memo line will go directly to support this response. Checks should be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

You are invited for the grand opening and dedication of Mullet Place, Schowalter Villa's new addition in Hesston, Sept. 7, 10 am, 200 W. Cedar, Hesston. Schowalter Villa is taking reservations for assisted living homes in Mullet Place. Call 888-388-7445 for more information about living options.

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

- **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 12, 6:30 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. It's a time to celebrate 70 years of camp and a summer with over 600 campers !
- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** Sept. 2-3, for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Women's and Girl's Retreat (3rd grade and older) at Camp Mennoscah, *Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You!* Sept. 7-9. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite, Newton, will be the featured speaker. Registration forms (on bulletin board) are due Aug. 27.

The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be Sept. 15, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. The event is to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala, with rides of 35, 45, or 65 miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are on the bulletin board or the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride where you can also register. To contribute to this MCC project, make check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

Invitation for peace witness: Western District Conference recently learned that the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, an independent federal agency, is conducting a **review of military selective service registration** in the U.S. The agency invites public comment through Sept. 30, online or at public meetings. For more information see <http://inspire2serve.gov/news-events/national-commission-military-national-and-public-service-announces-locations-public>. This is an opportunity for people of faith to witness for peace and advocate for alternatives to war and military service. For talking points, contact the Center on Conscience and War at 202-483-2220 or <http://centeronconscience.org/co/conscientious-objection-and-the-draft/353-commission-on-military-national-and-public-service.html>.

Come to MennoGrass at Tabor Mennonite Church Park, 891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton, for a fun evening of food, fellowship and music, Aug. 26, 5:30 pm (supper served) and music 6-8 pm. There is no cost for the event, but bring lawn chairs if you have them. Musical groups are Hopeful Blues and Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band. Questions, contact Tabor (620-367-2318) or email (tabor@tabormennonite.org).

The Next Week at BCMC: August 12—August 19, 2018

Sunday, August 12, 2018

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

During the Sunday School hour the Witness Commission invites you to join us as we welcome Debbie Schmidt and Daagya Dick, members of Shalom Mennonite Church's Sanctuary Ministry Team. They will share about their congregation's efforts to provide sanctuary for undocumented immigrants, what their objectives are and how BCMC or other congregations might help. Join us in the sanctuary.

• **Sunday School for children and youth is on hiatus until August 19.**

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—On hiatus for the summer
- Catacombs—Rm B5—On hiatus for the summer
- 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
- Sojourners—Chapel—On hiatus for the summer

Monday, August 13

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

6:30 pm Playschool Board—Rm B7

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, August 14

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

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, August 15

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, August 16

4:00 pm Visitation Team—Rm 14

Saturday, August 18

10:30 am Memorial service for Arnold Wedel—Sanctuary followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 19—New Bethel College student orientation and brunch

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Kilometer 81

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

The memorial service for Arnold Wedel is Saturday, Aug. 18, 10:30 am at BCMC. As a large crowd is expected, if you are attending the service, please consider leaving the parking spaces closer to the church for those who have mobility issues.

Please be in prayer for those receiving medical care this week: Elsie Flaming has moved to Kidron Bethel Healthcare.

We offer sympathy to Emerson and LaWanda Wiens and their extended family on their losses in the past months. Their brother-in-law, Herb Guhr, (married to Doris Wiens Guhr) died July 3. Memorial service was July 7 at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro.

Emerson's sister, Alice (Wiens) Bartel died Aug. 3 at Salem Home in Hillsboro. There will be a joint memorial service later with Alice's husband, Jonathan Bartel, who died Feb. 3, 2017.

LaWanda's sister, Betty (Schmidt) Bartel died Aug. 8 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. The memorial service was Aug. 11, at the First Mennonite Church, Newton.

Start up for the elementary and youth Sunday School classes is next Sunday, August 19. This one Sunday, children will begin the hour in B-8 for singing. Faith Formation Commission and our teacher teams enjoyed time together this past Wednesday evening preparing for the upcoming year. Join us in prayer for all that will happen!

As part of the Bethel College orientation, all new students (around 100 guests) will be attending our church service Aug. 19. As a welcome to BCMC, the Hospitality Commission is hosting a new student brunch during the Sunday School hour. **We need your help!** Please consider donating either a 9 x 13 egg casserole, a 9 x 13 coffee cake, 12 muffins, or ready to serve fruit for 10 people. A sign-up sheet is in back of the sanctuary today. Thanks!

~ Hospitality Commission

The memorial service for Lois Deckert will be Thurs., Aug. 30, 3 pm at BCMC.



It's time for choirs for adults and children to meet beginning Wednesdays, **August 22** Come make a joyful noise!

- Cherub Choir (Kindergarten—4th grade)—6:30 to 7:15 pm—Rm 24—Addie Regier, director
- Junior Choir (5th—8th grade)—6:30 to 7:15 pm—Rm 28—William Eash, director
- Chancel Choir (high school age and up)—7:30 to 8:30 pm—Sanctuary Chancel William Eash, director
- Menno Ringers (handbell choir for children 5th—8th grade)—7:15 to 7:45 pm Rm B7—Suzanne Burch, director
- Chancel Bells (handbell choir for high school age and up)—8:30 to 9:30 pm Rm B-7—Vada Snider, director

Welcome to Addie Regier, who begins as Cherub Choir director on Aug. 22. Addie is a second year student at Bethel College.

What is our purpose as a congregation? The church board invites your response to a proposed statement of common purpose that seeks to describe what unites and drives our activities. The drafted statement reads: *Our faith in a God of love leads us to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.* Read a related article in the July-August newsletter and share your reactions and comments at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRPWQ7T> by August 19. Hard copies are available near the church mailboxes. You can place completed forms in the box in the Gathering Place. All BCMC members and friends are encouraged to participate. Thank you!

The Ice Cream Social for Bethel College students is Mon., Aug. 27, 7 pm, on our church's front lawn. An open invitation will be made to all Bethel students. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. We would appreciate cookies, bars, and cakes. But more, we encourage members of BCMC to participate in *whatever* way they feel comfortable, by making desserts, talking with students, or just sitting back and taking in the relationships being built. Thank you in advance for your part!

~ Brad Kohlman and the Bethel College Relations Team

Bethel College Host Family Program: At registration for the fall semester there are always more requests for a host family than there are host families available. Consider this opportunity and call Bethany Charlsen in the BC Student Life Office with your questions (316-284-5324).

BCMC men of all ages are invited to the 16th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 24-25. Come simply to fellowship, eat together and relax with others. Attend on your own, or with a son(s) or friend(s).

Arrive Fri. 6:30 pm or after. Bring your own meat plus a side dish to share around 7:30 pm. If staying overnight (optional), bring your own camping gear and breakfast food to share Sat. am. For more info contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

Mennonite Church USA invites you to Learn, Pray, Join for Immigration Justice. Register for the webinar on Aug. 13, join in churchwide prayer on Sept. 23 and support work for immigration justice at mennoniteusa.org/IJ.

Aug. 5 at BCMC Attendance: 222. General Fund \$10,718; Living Stones \$415; Community Play School \$1,000; Caring Fund \$100; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$100.