

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Robin Gingerich of MMN has served with LCC International University in Lithuania through teaching and administration ministries for 16 years. Pray for her as she continues in this role and as she gives hope to refugees through educational opportunities.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as they meet this week to review the WDC's financial activity, and encourage generous support and participation in the ministries of WDC.

**This congregation:** Pray for Bethel College faculty, staff, and students as this new school year begins.

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

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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 19, 2018

9:30 am

**THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE**  
**Visions of peace**

### GATHERING

Prelude

*Grosser Gott* Harbach  
*O Gott, du frommer Gott* J.S. Bach  
Verlene Garber, organ

Welcome

George Leary

Lighting the Christ Candle

\*Gathering hymn

*Here in this place*  
(blue book in rack)

**HWB 6**

Led by Kilometer 81: Ken, Amy, Austin, Addie, & Eli Regier

\*Prayer

\*Hymn of praise

*Creating God, your fingers trace*  
(blue book in rack)

**HWB 325**

(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Megan Kohlman

Worship music

Kilometer 81

Scripture reading

Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Cor. 5:17-18

Adam Kroeker

Sermon

*Seeing with our hearts*

Dawn Yoder Harms

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn

*God of the Bible*  
(green book at end of bench)  
Led by Kilometer 81

**STJ 27**

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 Kilometer 81

*As part of your offering this morning, you are invited to place your prayer request in the offering plate.*

\*Dedication hymn *Praise God from whom* **HWB 118**  
(blue book in rack)

\*Dedication prayer

### SENDING

\*Sending hymn *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**  
(blue book in rack)

\*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).

**A special welcome to Bethel College students with us this morning. We are glad for your presence with us and hope you enjoy the student brunch served in the Fellowship Hall following the service!**

**A special thanks to Ken, Amy, Austin, Addie, and Eli Regier of Kilometer 81 for leading us in worship this morning!**

**Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop Sept. 8 from 9 to 11:30 am.** Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Workshop will be presented by Everence staff and take place at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve a spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com

**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 is \$25. Local and regional experts each month will give you the everyday skills needed to thrive in a diverse, changing, and polarized world. Take home skills for use in families, workplaces, and communities. First session is *Conflict 101*. For more information or to register 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](http://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](http://ambs.edu/shortcourses)

**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](mailto:tabor@tabormennonite.org)).

**If your Sunday School or another group in church** is looking for a giving project for fall, Prairie View, one of WDC's Institutional Partners, has a wish list of recreation equipment. They would appreciate it if you would donate cash, so they may purchase the items to "appropriate need and specifications." Go to [www.prairieview.org](http://www.prairieview.org).

**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](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** Sept. 2-3, for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure.
- **Work & Play Camp** Sept. 21-25 (or any part of those days) to work on fun projects. No fee required, donations welcome! Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290.
- **Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Come to camp on Sept. 23, to help dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the **Work & Play Camp** starting on Sept. 21. **Annual Meeting** events begin with worship at 10 am with the **Whale playground dedication** at 5 pm and annual meeting following. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**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](http://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>.

## The Next Week at BCMC: August 19—August 26, 2018

### Sunday, August 19, 2018—Back to school Sunday

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

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

**Elementary and youth Sunday School classes begin at 10:50 a.m. today!**  
**For this Sunday, children will begin in Room B-8 for singing.**

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 2nd grade in **B4**; 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade in **B3**; 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade in **Room 26**
- Senior High students—Room 22
- 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—Info about Community Playschool—Jeanette Leary

### Monday, August 20

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

### Tuesday, August 21

**8:30 am** Women's Fellowship Circle #4—Breadbasket, 219 N. Main Newton  
Women's Fellowship Circle #2—Breadbasket, 219 N. Main, Newton

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

**2:00 pm** Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

### Wednesday, August 22

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**11:00 am** Memorial service for Rupert Hohmann—Sanctuary; followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, August 23

**9 am—12 pm** Playschool Orientation in Fellowship Hall

**2:30 pm** Bereavement Group—Rm 21

**3:00 pm** Witness Commission—Rm B7

### Friday, August 24—The office will be closed today

### Sunday, August 26

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

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**The memorial service for Rupert Hohmann** is Wed., Aug. 22, 11 am at BCMC.

**The memorial service for Lois Deckert** is Thurs., Aug. 30, 3 pm at BCMC.

## Elementary and youth Sunday School classes begin at 10:50 a.m. today!

For this Sunday, children will begin in Room B-8 for singing. For children up to Grade 4, parent-pickup at their child's classroom is encouraged. Grades 5 to 8, caregivers should be spotting/looking for their youth right at 11:45 p.m. We are giving focus to beginning and release handoffs to caregivers for the safety of our children. Thank you! Join us in joy and prayer for this Faith Formation year.

**We offer sympathy** to Helen Ruth Unruh and Jon Unruh and their extended family on the death of Helen's brother, Paul G. Jantzen, Aug. 12, Parkside Home, Hillsboro. The memorial service was Aug. 17 at the First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro.

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

**Staff:** Pastor Susan Wheeler is out of the office until August 26. **The church office will be closed Friday, August 24.**

**Mennonite Central Committee needs help** to gather 75 more prisoner care kits by Aug. 24 so our local partner Offender/Victim Ministries, Inc. can distribute kits to men at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Most needed items are: men's deodorant (2.25 oz or more), men's white crewneck t-shirts (size L or XL- new only), men's white briefs (size L or XL- new only). Please bring these items or completed kits (full list of kit contents, [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits)) to the MCC Material Resources Center at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS by Aug. 24. Thank you for making a difference here in Kansas! Questions, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.



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

- Cherub Choir (Kindergarten—4<sup>th</sup> grade)—6:30 to 7:15 pm—Rm 24—Addie Regier, director
- Junior Choir (5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](mailto:dave.linscheid@gmail.com).

**Grand opening (open house and reception) of special exhibit** "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920," featuring the collection of the late Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Aug. 26 – 1:30-4:30 pm, Kauffman Museum.

**Aug. 12 at BCMC** Attendance: 251. General Fund \$11,441; Living Stones \$65; Sr Hi Youth \$41.31; Mennonite Camping Scholarship \$46.