

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Paul and Serena Manickam of MMN along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to support church plants and encourage partnerships between existing and emerging congregations.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Faith Formation Commission, children's Sunday School teachers, Club leaders, and children's choir directors as they tend to the spiritual nurture of our children and youth. FFC members: Adam Robb (chair), Lois Brubacher, Megan Kohlman, Rebecca Schloneger, Elyse Unruh, Susan Jantzen (staff liaison).

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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079

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:** Addie Regier



Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 26, 2018

9:30 am

THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE

Fruit, seed, and grower

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Prelude

Pat Friesen

Call to worship, prayer

Dale Horst

*Hymn of praise

I sing the mighty power of God

HWB 46

Hymn

I know not why God's wondrous grace

HWB 338

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Marlene Ewert

Scripture reading

Genesis 1:11-13; John 15:1-5

Carol Flickinger

Psalm 118: 1, 5, 13-14

Sermon

Fruit, seed and grower

Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn

In the bulb there is a flower

HWB 614

Kingdom Report

Hospitality Opportunity

Kathryn Simmons

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

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

*Dedication hymn *As rain from the clouds* **STJ 40**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *We plow the fields and scatter* **HWB 96**

*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).

Come to at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Labor Day Work & Play Retreat, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Retreat begins Fri. evening around 7pm. Saturday work projects include helping prepare meals/doing dishes, cleaning facilities and camp grounds after a very busy summer, and other winterizing projects to prepare camp for the coming snow season. Sunday will be a day to play and enjoy camp (hiking, kayaking, disc golf, etc). Stay till Mon. morning if you're able, for breakfast before your departure. Register online or call camp to register or with questions (719-687-9506). There is no cost for those who volunteer for this retreat.

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. ams.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. ams.edu/shortcourses

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

- **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.
- **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 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.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4. Register online at 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 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 26—September 2, 2018

Sunday, August 26, 2018

- 10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place
- 10:50 am** Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!
 - Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
 - Pre-K through 2nd grade in **B4**; 3–4th grade in **B3**; 5–8th grade in **Room 26**
 - Senior High students—Room 22
 - Agape—Fellowship Hall
 - Bible Study—Rm 14—Class to resume Sept. 9
 - Catacombs—Rm B5—Class to resume next Sunday, Sept. 2
 - 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—The life of a pastor's spouse with Doug Harms

Monday, August 27

- 2:30 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 7:00 pm** Ice Cream Social for Bethel College students and BCMC members—Front Lawn (In case of rain, Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 28

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

Wednesday, August 29

- 8:00 am** Staff worship planning at Mojo's, Bethel College campus
- 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 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, August 30

- 3:00 pm** Memorial service for Lois Deckert—Sanctuary; followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, September 2

- 9:30 am** Worship with reflections ; music by Max and Liz Lind
- 10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place
- 10:50 am** Faith Formation

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

Elementary and Junior Sunday School: Children up to Grade 4 gather in Fellowship Hall around 10:35 or 10:40 am. Parents of children up to Grade 4 are to pick up their children at their Sunday School classroom at 11:45 am. Grades 5 to 8 begin Sunday School in their classroom at 10:50 a.m. Their caregivers should be spotting/looking for their youth right at 11:45 am. Thank you!

Guess what's coming to BCMC! Permanent clip name tags! Many of you may have noticed that we now have small mailboxes (beautifully built by Frank Nachtigal and Ron Peters) installed at the Front and South Entrances. These mailboxes are for our permanent nametags. There are several reasons that the Hospitality Commission has chosen to encourage a new tradition of easily identifying who you are every Sunday. First of all, we are undergoing pastoral transition. Why not make it easier on the new people as well as those of us who have trouble remembering names? Wearing a nametag fosters a feeling of community, not only for the visitor among us, but for those of us who do not know each other well and don't always have the pictorial directory at hand to figure out who that person is, even though you have been introduced to that person more than once. Please prayerfully consider wearing your name tag to be welcoming to all in our congregation.

Today and Sept. 2, the Hospitality Commission is asking you to help us with our permanent nametag mailboxes. Your name tag will be located either by the Front Entrance or the South Entrance. To help us determine the best entrance for you, please visit the table at the back of the sanctuary during Fellowship Time. Please put your name on the index card and place it in the container which identifies the entrance that you prefer. Thanks for your help as we work on fostering a better sense of community for our guests as well as our members.



It's time for choirs for adults and children to meet Wednesdays! 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

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 just as important, please come to visit with students on a fine summer evening. Thank you in advance for coming!
~ Brad Kohlman and the Bethel College Relations Team

Thank you, BCMC family, for your warm welcome of Bethel College students here last Sunday. They experienced your hospitality as they entered our doors, worshipped with us, and enjoyed the delicious food you prepared for them! Special thanks to the Hospitality Commission, to all of you who helped in the kitchen or brought food, and Monica Lichti and the Facilities Committee for their behind-the-scenes work that helped the morning come together.

Thanks to the congregation! The generous contributions to the Bethel College Scholarship Fund (\$9690 this year) are helping support 10 students from our congregation who are attending Bethel. In addition, two students are enrolled at other Anabaptist institutions of higher education, Hesston College and Eastern Mennonite University. We wish all of them, as well as our youth attending other colleges and universities, a good start to the school year ahead. Reminder: Contributions to the Bethel College Scholarship Fund are welcome at any time. ~ Education and Service Scholarship Committee

BCMC Recycles: Just a gentle reminder that we need to recycle EMPTY coffee cups and plastic cups in the blue recycling bins. Even though the coffee cups say biodegradable, they still need to be placed in the recycling bin along with any plastic or paper. Thanks for your cooperation.
~ The Hospitality Commission

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.

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

Aug. 19 at BCMC Attendance: 283. General Fund \$7,030.09; Living Stones \$1,185; Community Play School \$500; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$46.50; Lois Deckert Memorial \$25.