

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, AK, is made up of Brayden Thomas, Jasmin Tente, Jessica Porr, Max Janzen, and leader Monica Miller. Pray for them as they help expand the ministry of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray that it would be a source of inspiration, growth and learning throughout the conference.

This congregation: Give thanks for Bethel College and President Jonathan Gering as we anticipate Jon's inauguration service Oct. 7. Pray for the college and President Gering as they move into this new season of leadership.

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

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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

September 30, 2018

9:30 am

Remembering who we are:
Walking humbly with God

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 *Prélude, Fugue et Variation* Franck
Prelude

Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Introit *My Lord, what a morning* Spiritual; arr. Thompson
Menno Ringers; Suzanne Burch, director

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *Jesus, stand among us* **HWB 25**
Blessed Jesus, at your word **HWB 13**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Jim Robb

Worship music *All night, All day* Spiritual; arr. Thompson
Menno Ringers

Scripture reading Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 22:34-40 Lois Brubacher

Sermon *Building Lifeboats* Jordan Miller,
Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Board Chair

Sept. 23 at BCMC Attendance: 225. General Fund \$2,954.40; Living Stones \$40; Media Supplies \$5; Transfer-Funeral \$645; Kitchen-Coffee \$10; Lois Deckert Mem. \$625; Rupert Hohmann Mem. \$40.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Brothers and sisters of mine* **HWB 142**

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 *Andante Semplice* Tomlinson
People with September birthdays come forward for a blessing, please bring a hymnal

*Dedication hymn *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**
Verses 1 and 3

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Held

*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 to our guest preacher, Jordan Miller, who has been serving as chair of the Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service board since January 2011. Jordan lives in Newton, KS and is an active member of First Mennonite Church in Newton.

Next Sunday, Oct. 7, BCMC worship will be on the Bethel College campus in Memorial Hall, as we participate in the Inauguration Service for President Jonathan Gering. **Service begins at 10 am, with doors opening at 9:30 am.**

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>. Postal address is: National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, Attn: RPI Comment, Docket 05-2018-01, 2530 Crystal Dr., Suite 1000, Room #1029, Arlington, VA, 22202.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Fall Festival at Bethel College** is Oct. 4-7 with most events Oct. 6: presidential inauguration for Jonathan C. Gering Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 am, Memorial Hall; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/
- **Artist reception for Rachel Epp Buller**, "Listening Across Time," Oct. 5, 6-8 pm, Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Oct. 6, 7:30 am in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton with experienced birders leading a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Steve Friesen, Littleton, CO, presents**, *Alps on the Plains: The Folk Art of Emil Kym*, Oct. 6, 1:30 pm, Kauffman Museum.
- **The Bethel College Alumni Choir** invites interested choir alumni to join a rehearsal, Oct. 6, 11 am-12:30 pm, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and sing in a short concert at 2 pm, also at BCMC (part of the Fall Fest hymnsing). The alumni choir is an informal group that meets to sing and perform three times a year – see the choir Facebook page or e-mail Braden Unruh, unruhb@usd411.org, for more information.
- **Bethel College Music and Theater present *Little Women*** – Fri., Oct. 5, 7:30 pm, Sat., Oct. 6, 3:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 7, 3 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.
- **Join MCC and Bethel College in the Loss of Turtle Island** as an alternative way to recognize Columbus Day Oct. 8, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Bethel College's Memorial Hall. The Loss of Turtle Island is a participatory experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers – including Mennonites – and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Event is free and open to the public. Questions, contact karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org.

Everence® will offer its retirement workshop, *Your Medicare options*, Oct. 2, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop presented by Everence staff and held at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Refreshments served. Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Schloss Trachselwald: *The Conversion of a Prison Tower of Anabaptist Persecution into an Anabaptist Museum* is the title of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association fall banquet Oct. 18, 6 pm, Bethel College Memorial Hall, with speakers Don and Joanne Hess Siegrist. Dinner is \$20 per plate. RSVP by phone or text to Barbara Stucky at 620-386-0186 before Oct. 12. All are welcome. The Siegrists will speak Oct. 19, 11 am, at Bethel College Convocation, Krehbiel Auditorium, on *Building a Bridge Back to Switzerland*. Free and open to the public.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues Oct. 7, 7 pm with performers Josué & Diego Dick, violinists; Open Road, from Bethel College; the Sunflower Trio, (Matthew Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, and Ken Rodgers, keyboard); Ken Rodgers, organ; Donna Stucky, piano. No admission charged with a free-will offering received. West Zion Mennonite Church, 101 S. Washington Ave., Moundridge.

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group meets Oct. 2, 2 pm in Menno Hall. The program, "Caregivers Carousel," will focus on the ups and downs of care giving and care receiving, sometimes referred to as partnering. Presenters include Susie Wickiser, member, Debra Voth, MSW, and Wanda Black from the Department of Aging.

If you can tie a knot you should join the Comforter Mini Blitz October 12, 9 am to 5 pm and/or Oct. 13, 8 am to 4 pm, a come-and-go event at Mennonite Central Committee, 121, E. 30th St., North Newton. All ages are welcome. Help to spread warmth and love around the world! Check out mcc.org/comforter-mini-blitz for more details or contact katemast@mcc.org.

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible (noncredit): Oct 24 - Dec 11, an online AMBS short course taught by Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., and Drew Strait, Ph.D., will study six biblical passages and reflect together on what they contribute to the practice of peace and justice today. Cost \$200 before Oct. 3; \$250 after. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

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

• **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4.

You are invited to the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton, Oct. 6, from 7:30-9 am. Proceeds by donation will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund.

The Next Week at BCMC: September 30—October 7, 2018

Sunday, September 30, 2018

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

• **Jordan Miller will be leading a discussion in the sanctuary about the work of Mennonite Disaster Service**

• 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—*Gospel of Mark 7:1-37*

• Catacombs—Rm B5—*Billy Graham in American Religion and Politics*—Dennis Koehn

• 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—*Seeing through the Dark and the Light*, John Blosser

• Sojourners—Chapel—MDS presentation in sanctuary

11:45 am Potluck in Fellowship Hall—Everyone is invited!

12:45 pm **Congregational meeting in the sanctuary**

Monday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

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

1:30 pm Worship Decoration Committee—Rm 21

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 am Staff worship planning at Mojo's, Bethel College campus

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday night suppers begin—Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Discussion—*What does the future church look like?*—Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth —Rm 22

7:15 pm Journey Club—Rm B8

7:15 pm Junior High Club—Rm 26

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, October 4

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, October 6—Fall Fest at Bethel College

2-3 pm Bethel College Fall Fest Alumni Choir Hymn Sing—Sanctuary

Sunday, October 7—Fall Fest Sunday—Inauguration Service

10:00 am Worship on the Bethel College campus— Memorial Hall

No Sunday school at BCMC

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).

Nat Dick (son of Marlene Ewert and Cliff Dick), who is currently serving with US Together, Inc. as a Refugee Integration Specialist, invites us to consider responding to the most recent presidential determination for refugee entries (decreased significantly) by communicating with state officials. If you have interest in learning more, a statement released by US Together about this issue is available in the Gathering Place.

Plan to attend the congregational meeting today at 12:45 pm in the sanctuary following a potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 am. A Congregational Meeting Agenda was in your mailboxes; extra copies are available in the foyer. A copy of the minutes from the congregational meeting of April 29, 2018 are in your mailboxes with additional copies available in the foyer.

Youth Group Fundraiser: Menno's Best Coffee, 12oz bag for \$15. Details and order sheet in the Gathering Place after the service, or ask any youth group member. Funds will be used to go to Convention next summer.

Receiving medical care this week: Paul Harder, Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita; Lois Reimer and David Warkentine at Newton Medical Center

Pastor search survey. As we seek a new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, the Search Committee encourages all BCMC members and regular participants to complete a Twenty Pastoral Areas survey. Paper copies are in church mailboxes, with more by the reply box in the Gathering Place. Please complete the survey online (instructions are on the paper copy, or email dave.linscheid@gmail.com for login info) or return the paper version. **The response deadline is Sunday, Sept. 30.** Thank you.

What does the future church look like? How do we see ourselves in relation to other U.S. Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations? For five Wednesday evenings beginning October 3 from 6:30 – 7:25 pm, in Fellowship Hall, you are invited to interact with the same questions that the Future Church Summit at MCUSA's Orlando gathering discussed at the summer 2017 convention. We will then compare our comments with the outcomes of the Orlando gathering. Join the discussion – your input is important. Facilitated by several leaders from the Open Circle Sunday School Class.

An orientation to the congregation and reception of members is being planned for this fall. If you are interested in deepening your connection to Bethel College Mennonite Church by becoming a member, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

BCMC will again be providing volunteers and meals at New Hope Shelter the week of Oct. 10-16. If you are willing to help by volunteering or providing all or part of a meal, contact Valetta Seymour : 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to provide a service to some of the most vulnerable in our community. It could be a chance for mentor/mentee pairs to spend valuable time together in service.

Enjoy looking at the new "Living Timeline" in the Gathering Place installed by Visual Art Committee members Dave Kreider and Austin Prouty. Watch for instructions in coming weeks on how you can participate.

It is once again time for the annual BCMC Pumpkin Patch event! This year's event will be Sun., Oct. 14 at P&M Pumpkin Ranch, rural Moundridge. The Faith Formation Commission will be purchasing 50 tickets and reserving a campsite, at no cost to attendees! We'll have hot dogs and s'mores for roasting, and hope you can make it out to join us for this fun event! Tickets will be available at the gate from 3-3:30 pm on the day of the event, so if you'd like free admission, we'll hope to see you then. The event is come-and-go, but P&M closes at 7. If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Robb.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Oct. 19, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be served, meatless burritos available by request, followed by a program with a dance performed by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, IBA graduation of Casa Betania students, students' testimonies, and greetings from director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. Questions: contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui, 281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org.

Prayers for Peace, a service planned by the Newton Mennonite churches, including BCMC, will be Sun., Oct. 7, 7 pm at New Creation Mennonite Fellowship. You are all invited to this time of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection.

Kauffman Museum annual business meeting, Sept. 30, 3 pm, at the museum. Agenda includes introduction of new board members, Finance Committee and Director Search Committee updates, and new artifact show-and-tell.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Wednesday supper Oct. 3, 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., Oct. 1. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **Meal reservation(s) for Oct. 3**
Number attending meal ____ Name: _____
Attending all suppers _____

