

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: David and Sophie Lapp Jost of MMN are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations and groups participating in the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward process, as they engage the Renewed Commitments document through study, worship and feedback.

This congregation: Pray for the Community Playschool, directed by Jeanette Leary, as it welcomes children and their families back to school after summer vacation. The Community Playschool is housed in BCMC's basement and meets Tuesday - Friday mornings.

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 September 9, 2018

Remembering who we are:
Gathered Around a Common Purpose

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 *Praise My soul, the King of Heaven* Hobby
Foundation Moyer
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake* Richard Farrant
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Patricia Shelly

*Hymn of praise *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
Faith Formation Commission
(children remain for the church blessing that follows)

Blessing for those sharing their gifts with our congregation John Waltner

Worship music *Lord, you have been our refuge* John Bell
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 12:28-31 Al Peters

Sermon *Remember who you are* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**

Kingdom Report Staff Congregation Relations Committee
and Search Committee Dave Linscheid

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 *Allen Gott in Dee Höh Sei Ehr* Bach

*Dedication hymn *Heilig, heilig, heilig (Holy, Holy, Holy)* **HWB 75**
(language of your choice)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

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

*Benediction

*Benediction response Chancel Choir

*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.

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](http://inspire2serve.gov/news-events/national-commission-military-national-and-public-service-announces-locations-public), 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 exhibit currently in the Regier Art Gallery at Bethel College, through Sept. 27, is "enduring witness: stories and dreamscapes," ceramics by Hanna Eastin, who teaches at Hesston College; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Apply for a Mustard Seed Grant! These grants, offered by the WDC Resource Commission, help congregations as they share the good news of Jesus in creative ways. For more information and application form, go to: mennowdc.org/mustard-seed-grants/

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology (noncredit): Sept. 12 – Oct. 23, an 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: \$250. CEUs available. ams.edu/shortcourses

Fall Festival at Bethel College is Oct. 6. Donations needed for baked goods for the Market in the Round at Bethel College Fall Festival: 1 dozen Zwieback, Peppernuts (2 cups in ziplock bag), cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, brownies etc. Baked goods can be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center on Friday evening (10/5) or Saturday morning (10/6). The Bethel College Women's Association Council is seeking donations of pies for the Pie by the Slice Booth. We are hoping to reach our goal of 70 pies! Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday (10/5) between 4-7 pm, or by 9 am to the Pie Booth Saturday morning (10/6). 9" disposable tins are suggested, and please, no cream pies!

Sept. 2 at BCMC Attendance: . General Fund \$12,748.50; Living Stones \$450; Media Supplies \$10; Caring Fund \$100; Coffee Fund \$17; Lois Deckert Memorial \$25; Rupert Hohmann Memorial \$100.

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

- **Work & Play Camp** Sept. 21-25 (or any part of those days) to work on fun projects. No fee required, donations welcome! Register online or call.
- **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!

The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be Sept. 15, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, 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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. Et Cetera is also hiring a clothing sorter & receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Full job descriptions and applications available via e-mail: newtonetceterashop.com or generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at the store, 619 N. Main, Newton. Applications due Sept. 10, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

The 28th annual Thresher Classic Golf Tournament will be Sept. 15, at the Sand Creek Station course in Newton. Brad Kohlman, Bethel alumni development director, invites Bethel's wider church community to participate in the tournament - by playing, volunteering or donating an item or service as a door a prize or for a silent auction. Contact Brad at 284-5357 or email bkohlman@bethelks.edu, with questions, for a registration form, or would like to volunteer on Sept. 15 or donate an item or service.

Bethel College and Tabor College welcome WDC members to go on the study tour to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, Jan. 2-22, 2019. Peter Goerzen (Bethel) and Doug Miller (Tabor), both WDC members, will lead the group. Please contact Peter (pgoerzen@bethelks.edu) or Doug (doug@tabor.edu) this week if interested in participating.

The Next Week at BCMC: September 9—16, 2018

Sunday, September 9, 2018

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

Parents of Kindergarten through 8th grade children—meet in Fellowship Hall

- 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 6:1-29*
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*Journey Forward*—Heidi Regier Kreider
- 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—*Learning from the Enneagram II*—Weldon Schloneger
- Sojourners—Chapel—Life Sketch—Reitha Klaassen

Monday, September 10

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

7:00 pm Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 11

11:00 am Memorial service for Lonnabelle Yoder—Sanctuary

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

Wednesday, September 12

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 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 13

6-7:30 pm Community Playschool Open House—Rooms B3 and B4

7:00 pm Women's Fellowship Board—Rm 14

Friday, September 14

6-7:30 pm Community Playschool Open House—Rooms B3 and B4

Saturday, September 15

8:00 am Youthful Men's Group Breakfast at Mojo's on Bethel College campus

Sunday, September 16—Peace Sunday

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Jalane Schmidt; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Session in the sanctuary with Jalane Schmidt

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).

Receiving medical care this week: John Gaeddert at Newton Medical Center Re-habilitation unit; Roland Brown received care at St. Francis, Wichita and has been released.

We offer sympathy to James Yoder and Michael Yoder on the death of their wife and mother, Lonnabelle, Sept. 2, Kidron Bethel. The memorial service will be Sept. 11, 11 am, at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to Doug and Beth Unruh, Callie Unruh (Glen Toews), Charlotte and Bruce Kreider, Kristin Kreider, Elyse Unruh, Bonnie and Dwight Krehbiel, and Joyce Holck, and their extended families on the death of Suone Unruh Graber, Sept. 9, Moundridge, KS. The memorial service was Sept. 7 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge.

Lois' passing: I know from past experience what the support of this community of faith is like; but when it comes in full flood it is still astonishing. Thank you. ~ *Marion Deckert*

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!

Parents of Children/Junior High Youth: **Today** all parents of Kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to attend a parent meeting following worship at 10:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will review Faith Formation goals, schedules for the fall, and speak about what parents can do to support the Sunday School and Wednesday evening activity here at church. Please join us! ~ *Faith Formation Commission of BCMC*

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.

BCMC will observe Peace Sunday September 16 with a special worship service featuring Dr. Jalane Schmidt. Jalane is a 1991 graduate of Bethel College. She also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School as well as Masters and Doctorate degrees from Harvard's Committee on Religious Studies and is currently an associate professor in the University of Virginia's Department of Religious Studies. She is co-founder of the Charlottesville, Virginia Black Lives Matter chapter. On August 12, 2017, Jalane was in Charlottesville organizing against the white supremacist Unite the Right rally. She will share some of her experiences during our morning worship service and also elaborate further during the Sunday School hour. Jalane is the granddaughter of BCMC member Roland Schmidt.
~ *Witness Commission*

Community Playschool is very grateful for the donations of calendars and stickers over the years. At this time I can honestly say that my "cupboards runneth over" and I will not be accepting them until further notice. Thank you for understanding! ~ *Jeanette Leary, Playschool director*

A huge thank you to the Youth Group and sponsors for their help in cleaning up the playground before the start of Community Playschool's new school year this week! They showed an incredible spirit of service as they hauled tree limbs, pulled weeds and raked small twigs out of the entire fenced in area. The children will have a much safer place to play after this evening of clean up. Thanks also to Brad Burch for cutting back limbs that were encroaching on the play equipment. ~ *Jeanette Leary*

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) will show two short films on immigration as part of a long-running film series, Sept. 9, 3 pm in the Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Admission free. The films were produced by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance branch of the Presbyterian Church USA. One is "To Breathe Free" and focuses on a Syrian family fleeing the war. The other is "Locked in a Box" and concerns immigration detention facilities. After the films, there are expert(s) leading a discussion and Q&A session.

Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 17, 12 pm at HCF or Sept. 20, 7 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at ben@offendervictimministries.org or (316) 281 5244.