

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Participants with Journey International, an MMN program, are serving in Benin and Ecuador. Pray for God's love to flow through Requiyah Johnson, working with children at *La Casa Grande*, and for Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller, working with refugees and children in Quito.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for all the congregations of WDC, and the unique gifts and perspectives that each one brings to our conference.

**This congregation:** Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as it continues its work of searching for a new Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Members of the committee: Dave Linscheid (chair), Suzy Burch, Marlene Ewert, Carol Flickinger, Elizabeth Lamp, Austin Prouty, Dale Schrag, Dawn Yoder Harms (ex officio).

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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

November 25, 2018

9:30 am

### Remembering who we are: people of gratitude

#### 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

Katie Hoody, piano

Call to worship, prayer

Lee Suderman

\*Hymn of praise

*Come, ye thankful people*

**HWB 94**

*Praise to God, immortal praise*

**HWB 91**

*Lord, should rising whirlwinds*

**HWB 92**

(children come forward during hymn)

#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation

Esther Eash

\*Response Song

*They that wait upon the Lord*

**HWB 584**

(sung two times, third time hum )

Scripture

Psalm 96

Don Kaufman

Sermon

*Plumb true*

Susan Jantzen

#### RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Congregational reading from Psalm 96

**HWB 820**

(pulpit side reads the light print; lectern side reads the bold print)

\*Hymn

*The God of Abraham praise*

**HWB 162**

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 November birthdays come forward for a blessing, please bring a hymnal

\*Dedication hymn    *O God, our help in ages past*        **HWB 328**

\*Dedication prayer

## SENDING

\*Sending hymn        *My soul cries out*                                **STS 124**  
Jonah Schloneger, drum

\*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 BCMC Witness Commission invites you to participate in this year's Advent Project** benefiting New Hope Shelter. Flyers have been distributed in church mailboxes listing current needs. The items highlighted are currently the most needed. The list changes and we hope to provide updates as they are identified. If you prefer, gift cards from Et Cetera Shop in the amount of \$10 are also welcome. The project runs from Dec. 2 through Dec. 30. Items will be collected in a container located under the balcony each Sunday. Please consider helping to provide these necessary items for New Hope Shelter.

**Camp Mennoscah** : online: [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290

- **Christmas Gathering for all Camp Mennoscah volunteers** (counselors, program directors, cooks, nurses, staffers.) Dec. 15, 2:30 pm for conversation, cookies, games and fun. Families invited to join.
- **If you are coming to the Volunteer Christmas, Dec. 15** you are invited to arrive the evening of Dec. 14 (and stay overnight) in exchange for four hours of work the morning of Dec. 15. There will be a continental breakfast and a simple lunch. You must register for this in advance by calling 620-297-3290 or emailing [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) no later than Dec. 10. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal** a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at [VoicesTogetherHymnal.org](http://VoicesTogetherHymnal.org). Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. **BCMC has established a special fund** so that resources will be available when details are known and a final purchase decision is made. A number of memorial gifts have been added to the BCMC Hymnal Fund.

**Everence® will host a retirement planning workshop Dec. 1, 9 to 11:30 am** on topics of Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Workshop presented by Everence staff at the MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

**All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel** to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh, Dec. 9, 7 pm.

**Newton Treble Clef Vespers** will be Dec. 2, 3 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton). Program includes Treble Clef Chorus, Open Road Men's Ensemble from Bethel College, Book of Job, bluegrass and folk band, and Connie Rickard playing saxophone together with Joan Wulf on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited. For questions, contact Janet Ediger at 316- 772-2169.

**Nov. 18 at BCMC** Attendance 241. General Fund \$10,442.67; Living Stones \$2,600; Wed. night supper \$415; Caring Fund \$1,055; Lou Gomez Mem. \$160; MCC Meat Canning \$545; Caring Fund \$1,380; Flower Fund \$22.50; Transfer-Funeral \$504.66; Kitchen-Coffee \$15.

**Bethel College announcements:**

- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, Nov. 30, 7:30 pm with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, Memorial Hall
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**, Dec. 1, 8 am; meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours led by experienced birders.
- **Now in the Regier Art Gallery**, Luyken Fine Arts Center: "Terms" by Stephanie Lanter, through Dec. 6. Gallery hours: 9 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri., 2-4 pm, Sunday (closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving break).
- **Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA)** invites you to enjoy Five Places of Christmas Dec. 1, 10 am-4 pm, at Bethel College, Luyken Fine Art Center. BCWA's theme is "Star of Bethlehem." Children (and those young at heart) can make their own star ornaments, and there will be homemade candies, peppernuts, baked goods, and handcrafted gifts. Other locations are Warkentin House, Carriage Factory Gallery, Kauffman Museum, and Harvey County Historical Society Museum and Archives. Please help with your presence and donations of baked goods, peppernuts and candies. Donations can be delivered to Luyken Fine Art Center Nov. 30 from 3-5 pm or Dec. 1 from 8-10 am.
- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah***, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, Dec. 5, 11 am, Bethel College Mennonite Church ; scores provided
- **Bethel College Steel Drum Band Christmas concert**, Dec. 6, 7 pm, Memorial Hall
- **Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II**, Dec. 7, 8 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **33rd annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College**, Dec. 9, 8 pm

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)** is doing a StepUp fundraiser Nov. 27 with individuals coming together to take 1,000,000 steps to help create awareness about CASA and the need to be a voice for children in the foster care system. To be a part of this important mission and learn more about StepUp visit: <https://www.mightycause.com/team/Stepupforcasa> or call CASA board member Kathy Wiens at 316-587-7244.

**New Hope Shelter is gathering contact information from those interested in being Secret Santa's.** Participants receive a list of three practical gifts for a resident a week before Christmas Eve. Participants can purchase one, two, or three of the gifts. Gifts are presented to the residents on Christmas Eve. Each year has proven to be a touching moment in the lives of those who feel forgotten or discarded. If you would like to be a Secret Santa, contact James at [james@newhope-shelter.org](mailto:james@newhope-shelter.org).

**Sunday, November 25, 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**; 3-4<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—Mark 10:1-31
  - Catacombs—Rm B5—*The Old Testament Prophet—Amos* (Amos 1 & 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—*Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies*-MCC Canada
  - Sojourners—Chapel—DVD—*The Power of Forgiveness*

**Monday, November 26**

- 2:30 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 6:30-8 pm** Newton Community Children's Choir rehearsal—Sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 27**

- 12:45 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 5:00 pm** BCAPA Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm** Finance Committee—Rm 14

**Wednesday, November 28**

- 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 —Rm 22
- 7:15 pm** Menno Ringers—Rm B7
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary     **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

**Thursday, November 29**

- 2:00 pm** Newsletter team planning meeting—Rm 14
- 7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

**Friday, November 30**

- 1:30 pm** Transition Team—Rm 14

**Sunday, December 2—First Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 am** Advent Prelude by Steel Drums, Brad Shore, director
  - 9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms and Donna Friesen; music by Chancel Choir
  - 10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place
  - 10:50 am** Faith Formation
  - 3:00 pm** Newton Community Children's Choir Concert—Sanctuary
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**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** David Warkentine, Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita; Keith Sprunger, Newton Medical Center

**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.

**The Advent season will soon be here.** The fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23, will be the time our children and youth share music and drama. The service begins at 9:30 am. On Dec. 30, with the service starting at 10 am, we will hear from Nathan Toews and Leidy Muñoz who serve as Mennonite Central Committee Country Representatives in Bolivia. Nathan and Leidy are the son and daughter-in-law of Francis and Margaret Toews.

**You are invited to Kidron Bethel's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Marketplace,** Dec. 1, 9am-1 pm. Ten Thousand Villages and 20 other vendors will have items for sale. Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr. in North Newton.

**The Newton Community Children's Choir invites you to their Winter Concert,** Dec. 2, 3 pm, at BCMC. Admission is free with free will donations accepted. The 50 member choir is made up of 4th-8th graders from Newton and surrounding areas, and is directed by Jill Siebert and accompanied by Melody Bontrager. Lucy Burch, Lily Schloneger, Mabel Wall, and Cecilia Williams of BCMC are members of this choir.

**Virtual author "visit" at the Western District Conference Resource Library** Dec. 4 with author Jacqueline Woodson as she shares her new picture book "The Day You Begin" at 10 am and her novel "Harbor Me" at 12 pm. These presentations are geared for children and youth but everyone is welcome! WDC Resource Library is at 2517 N. Main, North Newton.

**You are invited to the Hopeful Blues Christmas Concert,** Dec. 9, 4 pm at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd, Wichita. Refreshments served.

**You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Worship Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$7.50 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 2** Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia Dec. 23 after the Children's Christmas program in the morning or after the Christmas Eve, 11 pm program; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 30.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



**The BCMC Timeline welcomes your contributions.** We encourage you to remember what events or memories have been important to you in your connection to our church. Place photos, memorabilia or short hand-written notes in the basket on the podium. Photos will be mounted, small items will be attached and hand-written notes will be typed up and attached. We look forward to a full Timeline to show what's been important to us over many years. Questions? Contact Austin Prouty at prouty.austin@gmail.com or at (316) 217-3922.

**Journey Forward comments from our congregation** have been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. This report compiles comments generated from the five Wednesday evening sessions here at BCMC. Copies are available from Susan Jantzen upon request.

**BCMC and Faith Church are responsible for providing volunteers** and evening meals to New Hope Shelter Dec. 19 to 25. How can we best respond to this commitment during this special time of the year? If your family, SS class, or small group, would like to contribute in some way, please contact Valetta Seymour at seymour2314@gmail.com, or 620-217-7536.

**Everyone is invited to attend and experience Night in the Barn,** presented by Tabor Mennonite Church from 5-8 pm, Dec. 1 and 2 and Dec. 8 and 9. Please note the new location of Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton; just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Come and interact with the characters, animals, sights and sounds of this timeless tale. Enjoy the walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. Come and share in the wonder of the Christmas Story! If you have any questions, call (620) 367-2721.

**You're invited to the annual Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Soiree** at 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton, Dec. 13 from 5 pm to 7 pm to enjoy festive food and fellowship! At 6 pm International Volunteer Exchange Participants will share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries. Everyone is welcome. Call 283-2720 with questions.



**It is time to renew our group subscription to *The Mennonite*,** a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world and if you sign up with the congregation's plan, you receive this publication at the discounted rate of \$37. If interested in joining the group plan, please contact Monica Lichti in the church office **by Dec. 10.** Cut out this slip to renew; or call or email the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$37.00 is attached