

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Linda Oyer, who retired this year after 30 years of service in France through MMN. Pray for a smooth transition as she moves to the United States and speaks in churches. In “retirement,” she plans to return to France twice a year to teach and lead workshops.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC’s Ministerial Leadership Commission as they support credentialed ministers and offer leadership training and resources.

**This congregation:** As we enter this Advent season of watching and waiting, consider praying with the Psalmist: *Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. (Psalm 25:4-5)*

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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 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



“All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love  
and faithfulness. . . “ Psalm 25:10

Bethel College Mennonite Church

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**December 2, 2018 — Prelude 9:00 am; Worship 9:30 am**

**Paths of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness**  
**GATHERING**

Prelude Steel Drums; Brad Shore, director

Introit Chancel Choir  
*Comfort, comfort, O my people [HWB 176]*  
 Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship Donna Friesen  
 L: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.  
**P: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**  
 L: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.  
**P: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**  
**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Lighting the Advent Candle **STS 3**  
*Come, Light of the world*  
Payne Claassen

Verses: Come, light of the world  
 Come, Spirit of God

\*Hymn **HWB 178**  
*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*  
 (children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Psalm reading Karen Ediger  
 Psalm 25:1-10

Response Chancel Choir  
*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (HWB 211)*

Scripture reading Karen Ediger  
 Luke 21:25-36

Response Praetorius/Orff/Distler  
Chancel Choir  
*Es ist ein Rose entsprungen*

Sermon Donna Friesen and Dawn Yoder Harms

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn of response **HWB 323**  
*Beyond a dying sun*

Prayer of God's people Donna Friesen

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 Hovland/Near  
*Freu dich Sehr*

\*Dedication hymn **HWB 119**  
*Praise God from whom (A)*

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn **STS 16**  
*Peace before us*  
 verses 1 and 4

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response

\*Postlude arr. Bender  
*Behold, a Branch is Growing*

\*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)**

**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.

**Welcome and thank you to the Bethel College Steel Drums** who presented the prelude this morning. Members are: Elizabeth Tran, Laura Tran, Brendan Ostlund, Erica Nance and Brad Shores, director.

**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. Families invited to join.
- **If 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. 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. If under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult.

**Newton Treble Clef Vespers** is Dec. 2, 3 pm, Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson Ave.) Program includes Treble Clef Chorus, Bethel College's Open Road Men's Ensemble, Book of Jeb, Connie Rickard, saxophone, and Joan Wulf, piano/organ. Freewill offering taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All invited. If questions call Janet Ediger 316-772-2169.

**Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P., Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach program**, will be at The Gathering, 518 N. Main in Newton, Dec. 3, 12-1pm, to speak about what we can do as community organizations and individuals to respond to those in abusive situations. Open to anyone interested. Questions: Contact Anna Rusche at 316-284-3628 or [arusche@newtonkansas.com](mailto:arusche@newtonkansas.com). *Sponsored by the Harvey County Community Response to Domestic Violence*

**Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group** meets Dec. 4, 2 pm.

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

**Brass Christmas Concert with the McPherson Community Brass Choir**, Jerry Toews, director, and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers, Braden Unruh, director, Dec. 9, 7 pm, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

**Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution** has seen an uptick in churches requesting help in resolving conflicts. An opportunity for congregations to help address this need is KIPCOR's semi-regular training course "Managing Differences within Faith Communities." The two-day course is Jan. 3-4, 8:30 am-5 pm., at KIPCOR, with instructor Sharon Kniss, KIPCOR director of education and training. Cost is \$300 per person, or \$250 with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 made by Dec. 12. For congregations who send three or more people, the cost is \$200 per person with a \$225 deposit made by Dec. 12. **Please register soon so we'll know if we have the numbers to run the course.** Online registration is at [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org) (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link), or call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217.

## The Next Week at BCMC: December 2—9, 2018

### Sunday, December 2, 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 3 & 4)
- **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—*Environmental inequalities in the age of plastic*, Sarah Balzer
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—Dr. Jon and Debra Gering, President of Bethel College

**3:00 pm** Newton Community Children's Choir Concert—Sanctuary

### Monday, December 3

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

**6:30 pm** Faith Formation Commission—Adam Robb's, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge

**7:00 pm** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 4

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

**2:30 pm** Caregiver's Support Group—Rm 14

**4:00 pm** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

**6:30 pm** BCAPA Suzuki Concert—Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 5

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

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**11:00 am** Messiah Sing—Sanctuary

**6:30—7:15 pm** Junior Choir—Rm 28 and Cherub Choir—Rm 24

**7:15—8:00 pm** Drama rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

**7:00 pm** Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, December 6

**7:00 pm** Church Board—Rm 14

### Saturday, December 8

**8:00 am** Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

**11:00 am** Memorial service for David Warkentine—Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am** Advent Prelude by Sunflower Trio

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Bells

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

**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 fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23,** will be the time our children and youth share music and drama with the service beginning at 9:30 am. Dec. 30, with worship starting at 10 am, Nathan Toews and Leidy Muñoz will share about their experiences as Mennonite Central Committee Country Representatives in Bolivia .

**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 made up of 4th-8th graders is directed by Jill Siebert and accompanied by Melody Bontrager. Lucy Burch, Lily Schloneger, Mabel Wall, and Cecilia Williams of BCMC are NCCC members.

**Virtual author "visit" at the Western District Conference Resource Library,** 2517 N. Main, North Newton, Dec. 4 with 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!

**Hesston College Performing Arts** presents "Peace on Earth," a music and theatre performance, Dec. 8, 7 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Free and open to the public with a free-will offering collected for Mennonite Central Committee hygiene kits. Monetary donations or donations of hygiene kit items welcome. Hygiene kit items should be new and in original packaging: adult-sized toothbrush, bath soap bar, nail clipper, hand towel (approx. 16" x 26", medium-weight in dark or bright colors), wide-toothed comb (6" to 8").

**Annual Fund Update:** At the end of November, income slightly exceeded expenses for the year-to-date, continuing the progress made in Sept., a steady Oct., and a good Nov. The challenge to the congregation for Dec. is not only to meet the regular 2018 budget but to exceed expenses for the year by an additional \$7,000. As approved by the congregation in Jan., this would restore benevolences to various Mennonite Church USA agencies to the level of our 2017 budget that were cut from the 2018 budget.

**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

**Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts** invites you to *Sounds of the Season: Suzuki and Strings Showcase, Dec. 4, 6:30 pm*, at BCMC.

**The Olson Instrumental Music Scholarship Holiday Home Tour** will be Dec. 9. Four homes will be decorated for the season with local musicians playing. Proceeds from donation sales are used to help high school students with the cost of private instrumental music lessons. See the bulletin board for more information. Our congratulations to Jonah Schloneger who is a recipient of this year's 2018-2019 music scholarship.

**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. Note the new location of Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton; just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. Share in the wonder of the Christmas Story! If you have 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.

#### **Bethel College announcements:**

- **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 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**

**Nov. 25 at BCMC** Attendance 142. General Fund \$6,098.75; Living Stones \$140; MCC Meat Canning \$55; Sr Hi Youth \$500; Gen Fund 2019 \$5,870; Caring Fund \$50; Flower Fund \$60; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$1,000; Kitchen-Coffee \$3.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

