

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney and as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC chaplains and pastors who offer caring ministry to those seeking healing, hope and comfort.

**This congregation:** The Christmas holiday season can be difficult for those experiencing grief and loss. Pray for the comfort of God's presence to surround those who enter this season of joy carrying deep sadness.

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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



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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



**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.

**Worship Commission is seeking several persons** interested in coordinating the hanging of advent banners. This is a perfect opportunity for those willing to climb a ladder and who can invest a small amount of time each December! If interested, or if you have questions, contact a member of the Worship Commission— Mary Ann Boschmann, Esther Kreider Eash, Roger Juhnke, John Kliewer, Matt Schloneger, or Barbara Thiesen.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** 2019 season is coming near, and it's time to register. Please send in your registration form to Joe Peters, or the address on the form. If you do not have a form, check out the poster on the church bulletin board. The first rehearsal is Jan. 27, 2019. Come join us. "We sing that others may live"! ~ *Joe Peters, BCMC KMMC Contact*

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

- **Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps** (praise and worship songs) at Camp Dec. 28, 3-6 pm, in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic \*Sunday\* camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, and time by the campfire/fireplace, Also, TP the Christmas tree! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. RSVP to 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) by Dec.26 so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies

**Come support Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM)** at Mojo's December Community Soup Night! Bring your bowl to Mojo's Coffee Bar, Dec. 20 from 5 -6:30 pm for homemade soup and live music by Ellie Bradley and Kate Szambecki. All proceeds will go towards OVM. For more information about the work OVM does in this community, visit [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org).

**If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift this year** consider buying one of the resources on the Conference Resource Library's wish list in honor of your loved one! The Resource Library is partnering with Faith & Life Bookstore for this project. Visit the list and purchase online or visit the wishing tree in the store. All items purchased will be delivered to the library and added to the collection in January. <http://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>

## The Next Week at BCMC: December 16—23, 2018

### Sunday, December 16, 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 8th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for Christmas program practice
  - Senior High students—Room 22
  - **Agape**—Rm 26
  - **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Mark 13:1-37
  - **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*The Old Testament Prophet Amos*—Amos 6-9
  - **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—*Preparing for What Is*
  - **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Christmas Carols and Goodies*, John Albertson, leader
- 2:00 pm** Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Monday, December 17—Church office closed

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

BCMC building will be locked in the evening in order to accommodate emergency light testing

### Tuesday, December 18

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

**7:00 pm** Women's Fellowship Christmas Program in Fellowship Hall

**7:00 pm** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

### Wednesday, December 19

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

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**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

**No Chancel Bell practice tonight**

**Thursday, December 20** — There will be no Visitation Team meeting today

### Saturday, December 22

**5-9 pm** Soup supper in Fellowship Hall and Dress Rehearsal in sanctuary  
For all involved with the Dec. 23, Sunday Christmas service

### Sunday, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am** Advent Prelude by the Garber Family

**9:30 am** **Children's Christmas Program:** Worship by the children and youth of BCMC

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

**No Sunday school this morning**

**Poinsettias in the church donated by:**

Carl & Rosalind Andreas ..... Our BCMC Forefathers & Foremothers  
Dennis & Kathy Campbell ..... Our parents—Barbara & Orlando Friesen;  
Willard Campbell  
William & Esther Kreider Eash ..... Our parents  
Florine Eitzen & Family ..... Stan Eitzen  
Dianne Epp & Family ..... Anthony R. Epp  
John & Bernice Esau ..... Keith Esau  
Marlene Ewert & Cliff Dick ..... Mary & Henry Dick  
Linda & Jake Ewert  
Orlando Fast & Family ..... Maxine Fast  
Marlene V. Faul, Sharon, Mary & Families ..... James O. Faul  
Carol Flickinger ..... Clara Frances Gaeddert &  
Jackson Ray Gaeddert  
Charles & Patricia Friesen ..... Ruth Boese and Maddox Crabtree  
Richard & Dorothy Nickel Friesen ..... John W. Nickel,  
Arthur & Viola Friesen  
JoAnn Funk & Family ..... Francis Funk, Levi Funk, Jonas & Bertha  
Krehbiel, Arnold & Edna Funk  
Martha & Marilyn Graber & Family ..... Eldon W. Graber  
Dorothy & Willis Harder ..... Kurt Harder  
Paul & Eldine Harder ..... Timothy Scott Harder, Rev. Henry N. &  
Hilda Klassen Harder, John J. & Sara  
Siemens Franz, Rev. Delton & Marian  
Claassen Franz  
Don & Marilyn Harrold ..... Janna Harrold  
David & Rose Haury ..... Ben Haury, Vernon & Rubena Wiebe,  
Bob and Ada Mae Haury  
Mary Ann Jost & Family ..... Walter Jost  
Dick & Barb Koontz ..... Elbert & Ruth Koontz, Aldene Delk  
Matt & Jennifer Koontz ..... Imogene Scott  
Bruce and Charlotte Kreider ..... Allen & Esther Unruh, Ken Unruh,  
Suone Graber  
Gwen & John Mattice in honor of Paul & Shirley Harms  
Emmy Midkiff & Family ..... Frank Midkiff  
Marles & Norma Preheim ..... Our Parents  
Merrill & Boots Raber ..... Sharon Reid  
Elizabeth Raid ..... Lou Gomez, Jr.  
Bob & Vernette Regier ..... Zachary Regier  
Jim & Beaty Robb ..... Orlo & Helen Goering  
Stewart & Marge Robb  
Ron & LaVonne Sawatzky ..... Henry & Edna Goossen  
Richard & Frances Siemens in honor of Our Grandchildren  
Frank & Kathy Stucky ..... Harley & Ruby Stucky; Robert Jackson  
in honor of Hazel Jackson Stevinson  
Francis & Margaret Toews ..... Aaron & Susan Toews  
Henry & Meribeth Claassen  
Barb Voran in honor of Norma Preheim  
Lenore Waltner & Family ..... James Waltner  
Kip & Cherie Wedel ..... Marie & Arnold Wedel

**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 church office will be closed Monday. The church building will be locked Mon. evening, Dec. 17.** Monica Lichti will be testing the emergency exit signs and lights in the building which means breakers in the church will be off for a time. There will be no electricity in parts of the building.

**There will be a congregational meeting at 2 pm today in Fellowship Hall.**

**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.

**Everyone is invited to the Women's Fellowship Christmas Program Tues., Dec. 18, 7 pm,** in the sanctuary. Gabriel's Trumpets provide the program and refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**The BCMC Witness Commission invites you to participate in this year's Advent Project** benefiting New Hope Shelter. Flyers list current needs. If you prefer, gift cards from Et Cetera Shop in the amount of \$10 are also welcome. The project runs 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.

**Pray for those in medical care:** Maureen Hean, Esther Rinner at Newton Medical Center.

**An Illustrated Advent Wreath packet for children** is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents, grandparents or those who have friends who are children or anyone who likes to cut and create. This interactive material also contains simple meaningful prayers for each Sunday. Please help yourselves and enjoy.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 23, will be the time our children and youth share music and drama with the service beginning at 9:30 am! On Dec. 30, Nathan Toews and Leidy Muñoz will share about their experiences as Mennonite Central Committee Country Representatives in Bolivia. December 30 worship begins at 10 am. Nathan is a member of BCMC.**

**Dec. 9 at BCMC** Attendance 278. General Fund \$5,273; Community Play School \$500; Media Supplies \$10; Sr Hi Youth \$85; Transfer-General \$138; Gen Fund 2019 \$1,250; *The Mennonite* \$407; Living Stones \$750; Flower Fund \$85; Kitchen-Coffee \$6; Lou Gomez Mem. \$100.