

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

Western District Conference: Pray for Iglesia Palabra Viva, a new WDC church-plant in Liberal, KS, as they reach out to share God's love with their community.

This congregation: As we celebrate the birth of Christ and enter into this New Year, pray that we might be attentive to the new life God is birthing among us.

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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North Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-3667 Fax: 316-283-2079

Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off: Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667

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Bridge Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Susan Jantzen—Day off: Friday

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday

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Admin. Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

December 30, 2018

Christmas Sunday

Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events Jan. 10 from 7-9 pm at Mennonite Central Committee Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton and/or Jan. 21 from 1-5 pm at OVM, 900 N. Poplar, Newton. Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on Feb. 14. If you are interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange for delivery.

Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents The Prison Theater Project, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, Jan. 25, 7 pm at HCF East Unit, 400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson. RSVP to ben@offendervictimministries.org by Jan. 11 to attend. Preceding this event at 5 pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM's Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church, 211 E 5th, Hutchinson. Soup supper provided.

Five Times Harder will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, Dec. 30, 4 pm. They will perform Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. No admission charge. Tom Harder is pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro and Lois Harder is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

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*

The Neuf 9K and 2 mile run will be Jan. 12, 2019 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10 am outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register & read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca. Join us for this fun community event!

Newton Community for Racial Justice's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2019. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Newton Community for Racial Justice invites you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up here for service projects in Newton: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin> ~ *Sara Dick*

The Next Week at BCMC: December 30, 2018—January 6, 2019
Sunday, December 30, 2018
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and coffee and Christmas goodies in the Gathering Place
No Sunday school

Monday, December 31—New Year's Eve
2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
Tuesday, January 1, 2019—Happy New Year!
12:45 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
Church building will be locked

Wednesday, January 2
No staff meeting this morning
10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline
6:30 pm Junior Choir—Rm 28 and Cherub Choir—Rm 24
7:15 pm Menno Ringers—Rm B7
7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22
7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, January 3
7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14
Saturday, January 5
6:00 pm Chancel Bell Choir Epiphany Party in the home of Marlene V. Faul
Sunday, January 6, 2019—Epiphany Sunday
9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Andrew Thiesen, trombone
10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place
10:50 am Faith Formation
4:00 pm New Year Memorial Service to remember those BCMC members and friends who died in 2018—Sanctuary

Los pastores de Belén (The Shepherds of Bethlehem)

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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 January 1, 2019, New Year's Day.

Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be on vacation from Dec. 28, 2018—Jan. 1, 2019. For emergencies call 316-706-0887 (Susan Wheeler).

A New Year Memorial Service will take place at BCMC on Sun., Jan. 6, at 4 pm. This annual service is an occasion to light candles in remembrance of BCMC members and other loved ones who died in 2018. BCMC members, family, friends and community members are all welcome.

Pray for those in medical care: Orlando Fast, St. Francis, Wichita

Responses from our Journey Forward Wednesday evening sessions have been submitted to MCUSA via the Journey Forward feedback survey which had a December 31 deadline. Thank you, again, for your time and careful participation this past fall.

We are grateful for the addition of 16' trombone organ pipes, which have been enriching our congregational music! Thank you, Harold and Esther Thieszen, Barbara and John Thiesen, Kathryn Thieszen, and Jon and Maurine Thieszen for this gift, made in memory of Harold and Esther's parents, Daniel and Marie (Epp) Thieszen and Jacob G. and Katharina (Woelk) Klassen.

Everence continues the retirement workshop series in 2019, starting with *Make Medicare an easy step*, Jan. 14, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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.

<p>Dec. 23 at BCMC Attendance 390. General Fund \$9,116.50; Living Stones \$4,290; Community Play School \$500; Media Supplies \$180; Sr Hi Youth \$130; Transfer-General \$5; Gen Fund 2019 \$525; <i>The Mennonite</i> \$37; Caring Fund \$625; Organ Fund \$11,750; Kitchen-Coffee \$35; Peace Garden \$1,000.</p>
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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.

Centering Prayer will not meet Dec. 31 but will resume, Jan. 7, 2019. Centering Prayer meets from noon to 1 pm most Mondays at the Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus and is open to anyone. For more information, contact: Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu, or Nathan Koontz, nathan@hutchfmc.org

Bethel College announcements:

- **The Bethel College advancement/development office invites you to a holiday open house, Dec. 31, 9 am-3 pm.** Come to visit with staff, enjoy holiday treats and a warm beverage – and make your year-end donation. The office is on the main floor of the Administration Building on campus.
- **Kauffman Museum is closed Mondays, plus Tues., New Year's Day): hours 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m.** Visit the current special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920," featuring the collection of the late Ethel Ewert Abrahams. See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.
- **Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, Sat., Jan. 5, 8:30 am,** meet in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours with experienced birders in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail in North Newton.
- **Rachel Pannabecker presents "Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist," a Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program, Jan. 6, 3 pm,** Kauffman Museum. Pannabecker will talk about Abrahams' unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which she believes to be the largest in the United States, and which is now on display as the museum's special exhibit.