

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for volunteers who share their time and energy to support the work of WDC.

This congregation: As we are aware of the unrest in our lives and the world around us, we pray God's Spirit will help us see and give us courage to follow God's paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

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



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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Paths of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness
Advent 2
GATHERING

Prelude Sunflower Trio

Introit arr. Larson
Glad Tidings of Joy
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Call to worship Susan Wheeler
L: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.
P: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.
L: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.
P: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.
ALL: then we will see the salvation of our God!

Lighting the Advent Candle **STS 3**
Come, Light of the world
Mabel Wall, candle lighter
Ken Rodgers, piano

Verses: Come, Light of the world
Come, Prince of Peace

*Hymn **HWB 174**
Bless'd be the God of Israel
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Worship music arr. Gramann
A la Nanita Nana

Scripture reading Jim Jantzen
Luke 1:68-79

Sermon Susan Jantzen
Keeping watch for what?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn of response **HWB 463**
Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Communion Ken Rodgers, organ

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

*Dedication hymn **STS 1**
Praise the One who breaks the darkness
verses 1 and 3

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn **STS 16**
Peace before us
verses 1, 2, and 4

*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)

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 Sunflower Trio, (Matt Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, Ken Rodgers, piano,) who presented the prelude this morning.

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

Sunday, December 9, 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
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*The Old Testament Prophet-Amos-Amos 5*
- **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—*Grace: Return from Exile*
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Football at Bethel in a new era*, Terry Harrison, Bethel College football coach

Monday, December 10

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

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, December 11

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

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

5:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Task Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, December 12

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 **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, December 13

6:30 pm Search Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm BCMC Women's Fellowship Executive Board—Rm B7

Sunday, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Advent Prelude by BCMC Children and Women's Trio (Dawn Yoder Harms, Cherie Wedel, Colleen White)

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

Camp Mennoscah : online: 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 no later than Dec. 10. If under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult.
- **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 by Dec.26 so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies

You are invited to the Hopeful Blues Christmas Concert, today, 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, today, 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 (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link), or call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217.

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/>

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.

Thank you to Bob Regier who designed the Advent banners used at BCMC. Anna Juhnke wrote the following poem with these banners in mind:

*“Each Sunday the darkness retreats,
pushed back as new banners advance.
bolder bands of color draw us forward.
journeying toward the hidden source of light.*

*From Christmas Eve through Epiphany
the mystery bursts upon us;
diagonal, vertical and horizontal lines
leap into a single glory of manger, cross and star*

*God the redeemer
draws all things into the light of Christ the Son.
God the big bang, Creator,
drives back the dark margins of the cosmos.”*

Christmas Decorations Trivia – The Tatted Snowflakes were made by Sue Unruh Pack (sister of Vi Unruh and Mary Ann Gertsen) ; Lillian Molzen made the Crochet Angel Topper; the large wreath in the south entrance was made by Gayle Jackson; in the 1990’s the Crochet Snowflakes were made and candles and greenery were added to the windows; about 1998 we started using an artificial tree. For more trivia or questions contact Sharon Koehn.

A special thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, food, and expressions of concern after my fall, two surgeries and subsequent recovery. Your support during this time is appreciated. ~ *Lois Reimer*

We offer sympathy to Marty Warkentine, Brian Warkentine, Kendal Warkentine, and their extended families, on the death of their father, Dave Warkentine, Nov. 26. The memorial service was Dec. 8 at BCMC.

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, the discounted rate is \$37. If interested in joining the group plan, contact Monica Lichti in the church office **by Dec. 10.** Use this slip to renew; or call or email the church office.

Name _____

Check for \$37.00 is attached

The Olson Instrumental Music Scholarship Holiday Home Tour is today. Four homes are 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 today, from 5–8 pm. 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. 30th, 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:

- **33rd annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, today, 8 pm**
- **Kauffman Museum is open through the holidays** (closed Mondays, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day): hours 9:30 am—4:30 pm weekdays, Sat-Sun., 1:30-4:30 pm. 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.

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. **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 this congregation.

This Christmas, consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call MCC office for details, 316.283.2720.

Dec. 2 at BCMC Attendance 274. General Fund \$13,333.50; Living Stones \$945; MCC Meat Canning \$200; Sr Hi Youth \$370; Gen Fund 2019 \$125; *The Mennonite* \$481.50; Caring Fund \$200; Flower Fund \$120; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$1,000.