

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Today ends the 3-day Festival Tournament in Ulaanbaatar. JCS, MMN's partner agency in Mongolia, requests prayer for their Eagle Wings hockey team. Pray that the 15 boys and their coach will demonstrate God's love throughout the competition.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations offering support to immigrants and refugees who seek shelter and hope.

This congregation: Give thanks for the work of BCMC's Hospitality Commission, which creates a variety of avenues for us to extend hospitality to each other, including coffee/tea fellowship time, Wednesday night suppers, and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?".

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church February 24, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *O God, Thou Faithful God* Brahms
Verlene Garber, organ

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Introit *Lord have mercy* Bixel
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Donna Friesen

*Hymn of praise *Open now thy gates of beauty* **HWB 19**
Come and see **HWB 20**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Kathy Campbell

Scripture readings Psalm 37:1-9;23-24; Luke 6:6-13,27-38 George Leary

Worship music *If ye love Me, keep My commandments* Tallis
Chancel Choir

Sermon *Filled with what spirit?* Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* **STJ 95**

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 *What God Ordains is Always Good* Manz

People with February birthdays come forward for a blessing,
please bring a hymnal

*Dedication hymn *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* **HWB 76**

*Dedication reading (adapted from STJ 148)

Leader: God has shown us the meaning of generosity

**People: in the rich diversity of creation,
in the overflowing love of Jesus,
in the never-ending gift of the Spirit.**

Leader: God has abundantly blessed us, giving us years of life.

People: We give thanks with grateful hearts!

Leader: God has called us as a community

**People: to honor each other,
to serve each other with joy,
and to share our love and possessions with those in need.**

**ALL: Let us rejoice in what we have been given
and in what is ours to give!**

SENDING

*Sending hymn *O God, thou faithful God* **HWB 376**

*Benediction

*Benediction response Chancel Choir

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

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 the back of the 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).

Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- **Camp's online registration for summer youth camps AND Youth Volunteer Weekend** opened Feb. 1. Register online. Those interested in counseling or volunteering as kitchen staff contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.
- **Youth Volunteer Weekend** is March 15-16, for those grades 7-12. Full scholarships are available. Register online.
- **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are March 8-10 or March 15-17.
- **Camp's annual Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction** is at BCMC, Feb. 24 from 4-6 pm. This is to raise funds for summer staff who provide mentoring relationships and faith formation, which is what camp is all about. One set of hymns will be "bluegrass" and led by (former) summer staff.

Everence® will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop March 2, 9 to 11:30 am. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop is presented by Everence staff and takes place at Everence Financial Advisors, 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.

All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission spring supper Mar. 21, 6 pm, at First Mennonite Church, 1161 E. A Avenue, McPherson. The speaker will be Sheryl Wilson, Director of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Music by Michelle Unruh and Laura Unrau. Tickets are \$10 per plate for a light meal. RSVP by March 14 to: westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or call Marlene Faul at 316-283-3342.

Join Mennonite Central Committee Central States May 6-11 for a South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour focused on education related to a range of matters surrounding immigration. Cost is \$650. Contact Ana Alicia Hinojosa for more information: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands>

Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups, individuals and summer staff. Join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve for a week. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

The Sand Creek Community Garden (just north of the Bethel College campus) has a few plots available for rent for the 2019 season. Email communitygarden@bethelks.edu for more information or to request an application.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Closing reception for Anne Labovitz, “Exhibition in a Suitcase,”** Feb. 28, 6-8 pm, Regier Gallery, Fine Arts Center
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk** with experienced birders, March 2, 7:30 am, meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton.
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program: “Manipulating the Masses: Chinese Propaganda Posters,”** Kris Ercums, Ph.D., Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas, March 3, 3 pm, Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit “Campaign for a New China”)
- **Roxy Toporowych presents *Julia Blue*, an independent feature film (rated PG-13 for some violent situations),** March 8, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert,** March 10, 3 pm, Memorial Hall [**NOTE CHANGE** from some previously printed calendars]

Everence will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. Feb. 26, 2 and 8 pm. (EST). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement *savings* into retirement *income* and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit www.everence.com/retirementincome or contact Valerie Diaz at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3349 or valerie.diaz@everence.com.

The new Women’s Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is March 15-17. This weekend is for women ages 18 and older with worship sessions led by Anita Amstutz, guiding each session along themes from her book, “Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath”, calling us back to the living waters that Jesus offered the Woman at the Well. Register online today (www.rmmc.org).

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Annual Meeting is March 10, 2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church of McPherson. Kip Wedel, associate professor of history at Bethel College will discuss Anabaptist attitudes toward American civil religion. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are required. All are welcome.

The Next Week at BCMC: February 24—March 3, 2019

Sunday, February 24, 2019

- 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**; 3–4th grade in **B3**; 5–8th grade in **Room 26**
 - **Senior High students**—Room 22 • **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
 - **Bible Study**—Rm 14—*Exodus 32-34*, Patty Shelly
 - **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Mennonite Communities: Mountain Lake, MN*
 - **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—*Doctrine of Discovery*
 - **Sojourners**—Chapel—*BCMC Timeline Project*, Austin Prouty

Monday, February 25

- 2:30 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 6:00 pm** Newton Investment Club Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm** Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm** Library Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, February 26

- 11:00 am** Memorial service for Shirley Harms—Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm** Education and Service Scholarship Comm.—Pastor Dawn’s office
- 7:00 pm** Women’s Fellowship Circle 4—Anna Marie Wiebe’s, 31 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

Wednesday, February 27

- 12:45 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 8:00 am** Staff meeting—Rm 14 • **10 am** Bulletin announcement deadline
- 5:00 pm** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14
- 6:00 pm** Wednesday night suppers begin—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm** Junior Choir—Rm 28 and Cherub Choir—Rm 24
- 7:00 pm** Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22
- 7:15 pm** Junior High Club—Rm 26; Journey Club—Rm B8
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary • **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, February 28

- 7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7
- 7:00 pm** Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, March 1—Playschool Family Night—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 2

- 1:00 pm** Newton Chorale Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 3—Transfiguration Sunday

- 9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells
- 10:30 am** Fellowship time in the Gathering Place
- 10:50 am** Faith Formation • **4:30 pm** Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

The Paul Harms family thanks the congregation for their prayers, cards, visits, and other expressions of support during Shirley's illness and death.

We offer sympathy to Keith Rhoades, Stacey Rhoades, Marc and Denise Rhoades, Jon Eric and Tammy Rhoades and their extended family on the death of their wife and mother, Susan Rhoades, Feb. 16. The memorial service was Feb. 23 at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to Emerson and LaWanda Wiens and their extended family on the death of Emerson's brother, Ernest Wiens, Parkside Homes, Hillsboro, on Feb. 17. The memorial service was Feb. 21 at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Esther Rinner, Justina Neufeld, Newton Medical Center.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: If you signed up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner as a guest, you will learn your host's name today (look for a slip in your mailbox.) If you have any questions or did not receive the information, contact Kathryn Simmons immediately. (816-719-1968).

Pastor Dawn's three-year review is coming in March. The Staff Congregation Relations Committee has invited BCMC board, commission and committee members to participate, and also encourages any other interested BCMC members and active participants to join the Appreciative Inquiry Process. Groups of 6-7 people will respond to several questions, the anonymous feedback then goes to Western District Conference facilitator Keith Harder, he shares an overview with Dawn, and also reports to the congregation. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact SCRC chair Dave Linscheid (dave.linscheid@gmail.com, 316-727-6967) by Feb. 28.

The Visual Arts Committee is still accepting submissions for the timeline on display in the Gathering Place. Place submissions in the basket under the podium, or email electronic submissions to prouty.austin@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Meals begin this week! You will find an information flyer in your church mail box. Come join this multi-age community building time here at BCMC.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Feb. 27, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office, 316-283-3667 or email the office by 10 am Mon., Feb. 25. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 27

Number attending meal ___ Name: _____

Attending all 6 meals—write yes here _____

The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 12-13:



• **Sign up to donate baked goods or to volunteer at the sale** starting next Sunday, March 3, under the balcony after worship.

• **All are welcome to the 12th annual Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz** March 4, 5, 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. Mar. 4, 9 am to 5 pm; Mar. 5, 9 am to 5 pm; Mar. 6, 9 am to 4 pm. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the work day. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC.

• **What else can you do to support the sale?** Donate items to the General, Silent and Children's Auctions. Woodwork, needlework, cotton tea towel sets, hobby items and other quality handmade creations sell at Kansas Crafts. Divide houseplants and start vegetable plants for Plants & Things. Run, jog or walk in the 5K Run for Relief.

• **More sale information** is on Facebook and at <https://kansas.mccsale.org>.

This year's BCMC liaisons are Cynthia and Dave Linscheid; Ada and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen; and Peggy Souder and Nate Dyck.

If you are interested in attending the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention this coming July 2-6 in Kansas City, MO, and possibly being a BCMC delegate, BCMC will cover the cost of early registration (by March 19) for six delegates. Get complete information about the convention at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org>. Contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee chair for more information.

Cookies are requested for a March 14 meeting of Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale representatives here at BCMC. If you can contribute 2 dozen cookies for the meeting, please email Cynthia Linscheid at cdlin319@gmail.com. Thanks!

For a meaningful service opportunity, consider becoming a volunteer at New Hope Shelter. Contact Valetta Seymour, seymour12314@gmail.com or 620-217-7536. Volunteer orientations are at the shelter the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm. BCMC provides volunteers for the shelter every 9 weeks. Feb. 27-March 5 is the next time for BCMC to serve.

Feb. 17 at BCMC Attendance 214. General Fund \$10,753.33; Living Stones \$2,070; Kitchen Comm. \$1,000; MCC Meat Canning \$50; Sr Hi Youth \$575; Columbarium Fund \$4,000; Caring Fund \$250; Transfer-Funeral \$836.57; Transfer-Sunday School \$30; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$300; Kitchen-Coffee \$22, David Warkentine Memorial \$1,110.