

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants. Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com) and must be submitted by e-mail to [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 13, 2018. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2018, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

**This year's Masterworks at Bethel College** will be Mozart's *Requiem*, Sun., May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. Contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or [weash@bethelks.edu](mailto:weash@bethelks.edu), for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

**Know anyone who is interested in volunteering** with Mennonite Voluntary Service? We have four great placement options in Kansas City, including a new placement at Rainbow Mennonite Church! Please spread the word!

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Keep in prayer Loraine Cummings, Duane's mother, who has dementia and is experiencing a decline in health. May God give her peace and comfort and surround her with family at this time.
- May God's peace rest on Phil Aylward and his family as they mourn the passing of his father last week.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations Beatrice Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Beatrice, NE, as they host Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches, a study series with Brad Roth, Mar 18-19.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.