

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for peace and hope among the people of South Africa in the uncertain times of Nelson Mandela's passing from leadership. Remember especially Anna and Joe Sawatzky and their four sons with Mennonite Mission Network, and their colleagues in the Anabaptist Network in South Africa and at Bethany Bible School.

Western District Conference: Praise God for the gift of Holy Scriptures that equip God's people for every good work (II Timothy 3:17). Thank God for the inspirations and instructions of last week's Year of the Bible Launch and Assembly 2013. Pray that we will not just hear God's word but put it into action (James 1:22).

This congregation: Remember in your prayers students and teachers who anticipate their return to school within the month. May all find joy in reuniting with colleagues and fellow students. May a renewed sense of purpose and hope become real to them as they face the demands and many "unknowns" an upcoming year holds in store.

If you would like to request prayer or a visit, contact the church office or one of the pastors. The Prayer Network and Visitation Team are ministries sponsored by the 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.

Church office hours: 9:00 a.m. – noon on Mon – Fri; 1:00 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thurs.
Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

Notary public service is available in the church office.

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The lights in the sanctuary windows witness to our hope and prayers for peace. We encourage others to place a light in a window as a reminder to pray for peace.

~ *Witness Commission.*



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Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 4, 2013

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2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117 316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Ruth R. Harder, Susan Wheeler

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Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist
My life flows on in endless song [HWB #580] Lowry
Karen Loucks, piano; Vada Snider, flute

Introit *Chorus from Judas Maccabaeus* Handel
String Ensemble
Ruth R. Harder

Greeting and prayer

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

***Hymn** *Sing praise to God who reigns above* **HWB 59**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Worship music *Bourré* Handel
French Folk Tune arr. S. Brown

Old Testament reading Hosea 11:1-4, 8

Sermon *Hosea: A window on God's passion for humanity*
Loren Johns

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Confession and assurance

Hymn *You are all we have* **STJ 29**

Prayer **STJ 131**

Prayer of God's people

Offering
To learn more about BCMC or share a prayer request,
please fill out a card from the pew rack and place in offering plate.

Offertory *You raise me up* Løvland
Karen Loucks and Vada Snider

***Dedication hymn** *God, whose giving* (stanza 1) **HWB 383**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Great is thy faithfulness* **HWB 327**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STJ** = *Sing the Journey*

Welcome to guest preacher Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. All are invited to a **Sunday school elective** with Loren at 10:50 a.m. in the front of the sanctuary. This will be a conversation in response to the sermon, and opportunity for Loren to share more about his vocation as a Biblical scholar. All are welcome!

Thank you to members of today's string ensemble: Rebecca Schloneger, Esther Koontz, Rachel Evans, Jill Robb, Jonah Schloneger, John Mark Koontz, and Josué Coy-Dick.

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. Families with children: The Nursery (Rm 20 behind balcony) is available during worship for infants and toddlers. Rest-room with changing table is on the main floor next to the Sanctuary. Children's bulletins are in the foyer. Following Time with children, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave). We invite members and visitors to fill out welcome cards located in pew racks and place them in the offering plates. Cards are reviewed by BCMC staff for appropriate follow up.

We have a new church website and domain name! The new website address is: www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.