

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pray for Moriah Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network as she teaches about community and youth development, alternatives to violence, trauma and healing, and Christian spirituality in Australia.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Pastor Brian Pellecer who will be leading the Hispanic church plant in Wichita, KS. Pray that he might proclaim the good news clearly, be wise in new contacts, and make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4:4-5).

**This congregation:** Give thanks for artists and designers, builders and bakers, quilters and carpenters, and all in our congregation who create beautiful and useful things. Pray that they would "long enjoy the work of their hands." (Isaiah 65:22)

*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.**

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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.

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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.*



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**November 17, 2013**

# Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

**November 17, 2013**

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

## TIME FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

**Prelude** *Sonata Opus 6 • Allegro* Beethoven  
*Sonata in D • K381 • Andante* Mozart

Eleanor Kaufman and Nancy Hilty, pianists

**Introit** *Heilig* Mendelssohn  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director

*English text:* Holy, holy, holy is God the Lord of hosts!  
All nations are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

**Greeting** Darlene Dick

### Opening responses from Isaiah 12:

Surely God is our salvation!  
Let us trust and not be afraid.

**The Lord God is our strength and our might.  
With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;  
make known God's deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that God's name is exalted.

**Sing praises to the Lord, who has done gloriously.**  
Let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**\*Hymn** *From all that dwell below the skies* **HWB 49**  
(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with children** Glen Ediger

**Old Testament reading** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Hymn** *O day of peace* **HWB 408**

**New Testament reading** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**Scripture response: ...Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *The work of hope* Heidi Regier Kreider

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

**Anthem** *Walk in the light* Spiritual/arr. Thomas  
Chancel Choir

**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** *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing* [HWB #17]  
Dutch, arr. Sanborn

**\*Dedication hymn** *As saints of old* (stanzas 1-2) **HWB 386**

**\*Dedication prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Hymn** *God, who stretched* **HWB 414**  
Sing a cappella as directed

**\*Benediction**  
**Benediction response** *A song of thanksgiving* Ferguson  
Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude** *Now thank we all our God* Crüger

\*All who are able are invited to stand

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

**Welcome visitors and friends!** May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The Nursery (Rm 20 behind balcony) is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers. 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/prayer cards located in pew racks and place them in the offering plates for response by pastoral staff.

**During fellowship time at 10:30 a.m.** today all are invited to Fellowship Hall, to enjoy a cupcake in celebration of the birthday of Janet Stucky, BCMC member serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin. A fishbowl offering will also be received to support Janet's work. Make checks payable to BCMC designated "Mennonite Mission Network – Janet Stucky." Janet's Ministry Support Team is collecting messages to send Janet for her birthday on Nov. 19. To add a greeting or blessing, send it to Jeanette Stucky.

**Next Sunday concludes** BCMC's "Pony Express" financial commitment process for preparing the 2014 budget. Packets of materials are circulating to BCMC members in local neighborhoods, and were mailed to non-resident or inactive members. All BCMC members are invited to participate in the Pony Express by prayerfully filling out commitment forms when materials arrive at your home, and returning them as instructed. Neighborhood captains: Plan to return packets during the offering dedication hymn in worship on Nov. 24!

**Thank you** to all from BCMC who hosted Bethel College students for friendship meals at your homes last Sunday evening! – *BC Relations Team*

**Celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kidron Bethel Village Assisted Living** at a come-and-go open house today 2 to 4 pm, 3056 Ivy Court.

#### **Bethel College events:**

- Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, today, 3:30 p.m. - *Federal Theatre Project: A Grand Experiment* readers' theater at Kauffman Museum.
- Philharmonia Orchestra concert, Mon., Nov. 18, 7 pm, Memorial Hall
- Life Enrichment: Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Krehbiel Auditorium:  
9:30 a.m. *History of Marion County*, Brian Stucky  
10:35 a.m. *Beautiful Public Places*, Bob Workman  
11:30 a.m. *Stop the Drama*, Nate Regier

**Newton Community Chorale**, directed by Ron Garber, performs Fri., Nov. 22, 7 p.m. at BCMC. The concert includes *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*, *Lord of the dance*, *Ye followers of the Lamb*, and selections from Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes Op. 52*. Joining the concert are student singers from Bethel College. Admission free; free will offering.

**A Benefit Dinner** for Instituto Bíblico Anabautista will be Fri., Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Mennonite Church, Newton. For reservation contact [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342 by Mon., Nov. 18.

**Help the people of the Philippines:** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has begun response to Typhoon Haiyan, providing funds for immediate needs and supporting partners in initial assessment and determining long-term recovery. To donate to this effort, go to [mcc.org/typhoon-response](http://mcc.org/typhoon-response).

#### **Holiday events:**

• Hesston College presents the English opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, 8 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 28 and 4 p.m., Sat., Nov. 30 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 for the general public; \$5 for students, purchased through the Hesston College Bookstore by calling 620-327-8105, online at [books.hesston.edu](http://books.hesston.edu) or at the door prior to performances.

• You are invited to join First Mennonite Church, Newton, chancel choir to perform Handel's *Messiah* Sun., Dec. 15, 7 pm. Rehearse Sundays beginning Nov. 17, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in sanctuary. Dress rehearsal Sat., Dec. 14, 3 - 5 pm. Bring *Messiah* book, or purchase at rehearsals.

• Newton Treble Clef Christmas Vespers - Sun., Dec. 1, 3 p.m., Shalom Mennonite Church, 300 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Music by Vada Snider, flutist; Karen Loucks, pianist; Treble Clef chorus, harpist Hilary Wolfe, Hearts 4 Him; Nancy Johnson, violinist, and Joan Wulf, pianist. Freewill offering.

• Winter Luminary Walk with music and dance, Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Nov 29 and 30 and Dec. 6 and 7. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 students, \$2 children ages 3-15.

### **This Week at BCMC: November 17-24, 2013**

#### **Today**

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with coffee served in Fellowship Hall

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages – Visitors welcome!

Children and youth Sunday school classes:

- 2-3 year olds—Rm B-6; pre-K through 4th grade students—following snacks in Fellowship Hall, meet in Room B-8 for singing and story
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students—Rm 26
- Sr Hi Youth—Rm 22

Adult Sunday school classes:

- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- Young Adult gathering—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Rm 14—A study of *Ephesians*
- Catabombs—Rm B-5—Reflections on *Worship and Arts Symposium*
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—Discussion of issues and events
- Mosaic—Rm 20
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Reading the Bible again for the first time*, Marcus Borg
- Sojourners—Rm 28—*Experience at Menno-Hof Information Center*

#### **Monday, November 18**

**3:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 23

#### **Tuesday, November 19—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings**

**1:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

**2:00 p.m.** Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel Village  
Circle 2—Susan Wheeler's, 101 Willow Lane, Hesston  
Circle 5—Emmy Midkiff's, 33 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

**5:30 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B-8

**7:00 p.m.** Circle 3—Aldine Sprunger's, 2412 College Ave., North Newton  
Circle 4—Ilene Schmidt's, 18 Lakewood Circle, North Newton  
Deacon Commission—Rm 23  
Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, November 20**

**6:00 p.m.** Supper—Fellowship Hall

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

**6:45 p.m.** Adult program: *Singing Our Thanks* – Fellowship Hall

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth group—Room 22

**7:15 p.m.** Venture Club – Room B-8; Junior Hi Club – Room 26

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

**8:00 p.m.** Youth Bells – Room B-7    **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

#### **Thursday, November 21**

**4:00 p.m.** Visitation Team—Rm 23

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-8

**Friday, November 22 7:00 p.m.** Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with reflections by several BCMC members, music by Cherub Choir, Youth Bells, and pianist Karen Unruh, and return of Pony Express financial commitment packets by neighborhood captains during the offering.

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with refreshments in Fellowship Hall

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages


**12:00 noon** Pizza lunch for Sunday school children before Christmas photo shoot – lunch is in Fellowship Hall

**3:30 p.m.** Heidi Regier Kreider leads worship at Kidron Bethel Village

**BCMC Living Stones update:** The BCMC pipe organ is currently set up for work at Dobson Organ Company in Iowa. Slider chests and wind system have been tested, taller pipes have been racked and checked for clearance, swell shade action motor and linkage is finished, and the console is nearly finished with some wiring left to be done. Remaining work will rebuild and install tremulants, voice the new pipes and go over existing pipe work. Return date for the organ is Jan. 20, with projected completion of the installation and the final tonal finishing by Mar. 7.

**Staff:** On Nov. 21 Heidi Regier Kreider and Susan Wheeler will be out of the office to attend Western District Conference Pastor’s Day Apart on the theme of *Journeys with Scripture*.

**Christmas Eve program preparation:** Photographs will be taken next Sunday, November 24 of children pre-school through grade six depicting in costume the story of Jesus’ birth. A pizza lunch at noon in Fellowship Hall will be provided for children and their families. After lunch, parents will transport children to Kreiders’ place at 2825 N. Main St., where children will be outfitted in costumes and pose for photographs. For children pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (in the photos), if you have not confirmed your participation please email Weldon Martens at weldon.bcmc@sbcglobal.net.



**It's Supper Time!** (It's the last one!) Wednesday night supper Nov. 20, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. Adult program: *Singing our Thanks*. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 18. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Nov. 20 menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, peas, dinner rolls, cranberry salad, pumpkin dessert. Child care provided 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room B6 by reservation.

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**Meal reservation(s) for November 20**

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child care needed 6:45-7:30 p.m. for (names) \_\_\_\_\_

**Advent preludes:** If you or someone you know (church or family members) would like to offer music for BCMC’s Advent preludes, contact Music Coordinator Rebecca Schloneger. The 1st Sunday of Advent is Dec. 1.



**The Bible in 90 Days** will be a BCMC Sunday school class to run Jan. 5 – Apr. 6, 2014, hosted by the Bible Study Sunday school class. Other individuals or

Sunday school classes are invited to join the Bible Study class in this journey through scripture! Participants will read through the Bible according to a daily schedule, with videos and discussion in Sunday school about the week’s readings, and the option to purchase additional resources. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating.

**Join the Harvest of Love!** This annual campaign runs Nov. – Dec., sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance and Salvation Army to gather non-perishable food and money to assist with needs in Harvey County. The goal is \$30,000 and 30,000 pounds of food. Make checks payable to “Harvest of Love” and send to Salvation Army at 208 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Newton, KS 67114. You may also bring food items to BCMC and place them on the first pew under the balcony, near the south sanctuary entrance. Thanks to Kathy Stucky who transports BCMC’s food donations to Salvation Army!

**On a table by church mailboxes** are prayer cards for Nat Dick (Albany, OR) and Mark Kreider (Anchorage, AK), in Service Adventure with Mennonite Mission Network. Mark recently wrote, *Dear BCMC, Thank you very much for your generous support to our Service Adventure unit in Anchorage. I am blessed to have such a caring community in BCMC – and it shows in the letters, e-mails, and prayer and financial support.*”



**You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Art and Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church Dec. 14. To contribute fill out the section below, attach payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated “Flower Fund”) and place in offering plate or bring to church office by Nov. 24. Contact Mildred Voran for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm or 11 pm program.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_