

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Corin Wenger is participating in the mission training program of PROMINOA, a mission program of the Argentina Mennonite Church, and helping with youth ministry. Pray for him as he serves through a partnership that also includes North Central Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Mission Network.

Western District Conference: Give thanks to God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing – chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless, forgiven in accord with the riches of God’s grace, and sealed by the Holy Spirit for our eternal redemption (Ephesians 1:3-14).

This congregation: Give thanks to God for BCMC and for God’s care to all who travel this weekend.

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.*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 24, 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

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Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

O, Give thanks to the Lord!

GATHERING

Prelude *Morning has broken* arr. Lee Dengler

Sonata in D major, KV 284 • Allegro W.A. Mozart

Reverie Claude Debussy

Karen Unruh, pianist

Introit Cherub Choir

Megan Siebert, director; Nancy Hilty, accompanist

Greeting and prayer Weldon Martens

***Call to worship: Psalm 100** **HWB 821**

***Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **HWB 37**

(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Hymn *Let's sing unto the Lord* **HWB 55**

Scripture readings Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Philippians 4:4-9

Response: ...Thanks be to God.

Worship music *Peace like a river* arr. Eithun

Youth Bells; Vada Snider, director; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Thanksgiving reflections Mike Claassen and Emma Claassen

Thanksgiving reflections Erin Brubacher

Mel Voth

Hymn *We give thanks unto you* **HWB 161**

Matthew Schloneger, soloist on "Leader" part

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song* John Leavitt

Those celebrating a birthday in November are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring HWB)

***Dedication hymn** *As saints of old* (stanzas 1-3) **HWB 386**

Pony Express captains – please bring your packets forward during the offering dedication hymn, and place them in the basket.

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *You shall go out with joy* **HWB 427**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 1* Johannes Brahms

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS = Sing the Story

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.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer: "Amid football, family, and food we pause to remember and to thank. We remember the goodness of the country while aware of its faults. We are grateful for our ancestors in life and faith, our church, our families, our health, and our many possessions. Your generosity stirs up our gratitude. Let us be more generous always. You have given so much – not least your only Son Jesus Christ. All Thanksgiving Day long keep us amazed at your self-giving love."

Today concludes BCMC's "Pony Express" financial commitment process for preparing the 2014 budget. Packets of informational materials were circulated to BCMC members in local neighborhoods, and were mailed to non-resident or inactive members with commitment forms to complete. Today during the offering, neighborhood captains will return the packets during the offering dedication hymn. Thank you for your participation! (If you did not receive materials, and want to participate, contact the church office at 283-3667 or office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you to the Fellowship Sunday school class for serving refreshments during the fellowship time on Sunday morning during November, and to the Catacombs class for serving in December.

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 or at the door prior to performances.
- Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, Wed., Dec. 4, 11 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome
- Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, Fri., Dec. 6, 8 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*
- Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, Sun., Dec. 8, 8 p.m. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria
- You are invited to join First Mennonite Church, Newton, chancel choir to perform Handel's *Messiah* Sun., Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Rehearse Sundays, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in sanctuary. Dress rehearsal Sat., Dec. 14, 3-5 p.m. Bring *Messiah* book, or purchase at rehearsals.
- Newton Treble Clef Christmas Vespers - Sun., Dec. 1, 3 p.m., Shalom Mennonite Church, 300 E. 1st 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.
- Nativities Past and Present, Sat., Dec. 7 (part of Five Places of Christmas), sponsored by the Bethel College Women's Association, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., *Fine Arts Center*
- Benefit Christmas Show for the Harvey County Safe House, Sun., Dec. 8, 4 p.m., Salem United Methodist Church, Newton with the Heartland Ensemble. Admission is by donation.

The 45th Annual Holiday Home Tour is Dec. 8. One of the homes on the tour is Goerz House with Dr. Perry and Dalene White. At the house, Karen Schlabaugh and Joan Wulf will play the Bethel Deaconess pump organ, purchased by Mrs. Warkentine and donated by Mary Claassen Franz. BCMC members Eldine Harder, Elsie Flaming and Jane Hershberger will serve as hosts. Advance reservations may be made at Prairie Harvest. All proceeds go to local scholarships for private instrumental music lessons.

The 2014 Comforter Blitz will be March 10 and 11, 2014. Look through your scrap bin for bright and colorful cotton or cotton blend fabrics. We are in need of 60 x 80 (or 82 x 90) pieced tops to use for the blitz. Bring pieced fabric to the MCC Center to be set aside for the blitz!

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market, Sat., Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Menno Hall Chapel, 3001 Ivy Drive, and employees will offer for sale their arts and crafts creations and food gifts, including peppernuts.

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
 - 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th 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—Fellowship Hall
 - Bible Study—Rm 14—A study of *Ephesians*
 - Catabombs—Rm B-5—*Mennonite Museums*, Jim Juhnke
 - 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—*Swiss Historical Tour*, Ron & Lois Preheim, and Laverne Stucky

12:00 noon - Lunch in Fellowship Hall for children pre-school – Grade 6 and families, before Christmas program photo shoot at Kreiders' at 2825 N. Main

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

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27—No Junior, Cherub, Chancel or Bell Choirs

Thursday, November 28—Happy Thanksgiving! Office will be closed; building will be locked

Friday, November 29—Office will be closed; building will be locked

Saturday, November 30

2:15 p.m. Chancel Bells practice in sanctuary

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells; Communion will be served

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

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

Next Sunday, Dec. 1, begins the season of Advent; a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's coming. On Dec. 1 here at BCMC Communion will be observed, as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. In church boxes today is a flier listing scriptures, music and special events for the season.

At their November 7 meeting, the Board selected five persons, along with the Lead Pastor, as a cross section of our congregation to serve as the Search Committee for the “settled” Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. We are pleased that all persons agreed to serve in this capacity. They are John Esau as chair person, Bonnie Krehbiel, Josh Brubacher, Valetta Seymour, Doug Siemens and Lead Pastor Heidi. Please keep these persons and this process in your prayers as they seek to find the person to minister in this position at BCMC.

Thank you for your birthday wishes for Janet Stucky, now serving in Benin with Mennonite Mission Network. Also, thank you for last Sunday’s offerings of nearly \$500 towards her support. Your continual prayers of support connect BCMC to God’s mission in the world. -
Ministry Support Team

BCMC Living Stones update: Finish work is being done in areas being renovated, including ceiling, lighting, cabinetry, and wood trim. The BCMC pipe organ is currently set up for work at Dobson Organ Company in Iowa. The organ’s return is scheduled for Jan. 20, with projected completion of the installation and the final tonal finishing by Mar. 7. Thank you for your continued contributions to support Living Stones!

Thank you so much for your gift to the MCC Meat Canner. Because of your generosity, the Central States warehouse was able to can 68,000 pounds of meat this year. We are blessed by your congregation’s support!
Anna Yoder, Donor Relations Coordinator, MCC Central States

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. 6th 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!



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. 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: _____

Preparation for Christmas Eve 7 p.m. program: Photographs will be taken today of children pre-school through grade six depicting in costume the story of Jesus’ birth, to be used in the Christmas Eve program. 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, where children will be outfitted in costumes and pose for photographs. (Sunday school children will also sing, and Junior and Senior High youth will be invited to serve as readers in the program).



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.

The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension will offer a 3-credit course "Congregational Song" (audit option) in spring semester in four weekends: Feb. 7-8, March 7-8, April 4-5, and April 25-26--with the Friday class from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and the Saturday class 8:30 - 4:30. Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith is professor; all classes will be held at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton. Choir directors, organists/pianists, pastors, worship leaders and singers are urged to sign up by Jan. 6 (saving \$50). Register online; www.ambs.edu/forms or contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu; 316-283-7098, etc. 206 for information.

Take part in the annual Hesston College Thanksgiving Weekend tradition, the Howard Hustle Two-Mile Run/Walk at 11 a.m., Fri., Nov. 29 on the Hesston College campus. Go to hesston.edu/events/thanksgiving for more information and registration forms.



It’s time to renew our group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* for 2014. *The Mennonite*, monthly magazine for Mennonite Church USA, has articles that challenge and inspire, news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community, and more. If you are interested in joining our group plan, fill out this form; attach payment of \$37.00, made out to BCMC with “*The Mennonite* subscription” in the memo line. **Place this form, along with your payment, in the offering plate or bring to the church office no later than Sunday, December 15.**

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I am subscribing to *The Mennonite* through the BCMC group plan
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