

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children in Japan. Mike works as chaplain and associate professor of Christian Studies at a women's junior college. Teresa, co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, also ministers through hospitality and family ministries.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Church Planting Task Force and Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as they attend to new church opportunities and continue to support existing church plants.

This congregation: Pray for Bethel College students and faculty during interterm, for safety and learning for those who are on travel courses, and also for growth and discovery for those gathered here on campus.

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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Winter weather watch! In the event of extreme cold, snow or ice, please use caution when coming to and from the church. To check for church closing or canceled services, see the BCMC website at <http://www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org>. Information about church closings will also be listed on local radio and TV stations if possible.



January 12, 2014

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

January 12, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Songs without words, Op. 85, No. 4* Mendelssohn
Sonatina • Allegro - Rondo Dussek
Eleanor Kaufman, pianist

Introit *All that hath life and breath* Clausen
Chancel Choir; Doyle Preheim, director

Greeting Matthew Schloneger, worship leader

Call to worship from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all say,
"Glory!"
Give strength to your people, O Lord!
Bless your people with peace!

***Hymn** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* **HWB 50**
Stanzas 1 and 3, Refrains – Congregation; Stanza 2 - Choir
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Old Testament reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Hymn *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30**

Gospel reading Matthew 3:13-17

Scripture response:

For the Word of God in scripture,

for the Word of God within us,
for the Word of God among us,

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Ascribe to the Lord* Powell
Chancel Choir
Sermon *You are my Beloved* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *O Holy Spirit, Root of life* **HWB 123**
Kingdom Report Margaret Toews, Witness Commission chair
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 *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart* Atkinson, arr. Ham

***Dedication hymn** *Praise God, from whom* **HWB 118**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Closing hymn** *Go, my children* (stanzas 1-3) **HWB 433**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Go, my children* (stanza 4) Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS = Sing the Story

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Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The new nursery at rear of sanctuary 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.

Artist reception for Teresa Pankratz, Thurs., Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m., Bethel College Fine Arts Center Gallery.

Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., is Mon., Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Retired Bethel College art faculty members Bob Regier and Paul Friesen will have an exhibit of pastels and wood sculpture in the Birger Sandzén Gallery in Lindsborg, Jan. 14-Feb. 23, with the artist reception Sunday, Jan. 19, 2-4 p.m. For more information about the gallery, see www.sandzen.org.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service invites all to their annual meeting and program Jan. 19, 2 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. The program will feature the Partnership Home Project. Learn how your church could get involved. Refreshments will follow the program.

It's time for men to register for a new season of singing with the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. All money received from offerings at KMMC concerts go to Mennonite Central Committee. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board. "*We sing that others might live.*"

Perspectives is a 15-session global mission course to meet Monday nights, 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The first class will be taught by James Krabill of Mennonite Mission Network on *The Living God Is a Missionary God*. For more information contact Alaina Kaufman at alainakaufman@yahoo.com or see perspectives.org.

In the coming year Mennonite Central Committee has several Representative and Area Director positions to fill. These positions carry the primary administrative responsibility for MCC programs around the world and are central to the work of MCC. All job descriptions are at serve.mcc.org. Openings include: MCC Representatives in Democratic Republic of Congo, North East Asia (China, ROK, DPRK), and Egypt; and Area Directors for Southern Africa and Central West Africa. Direct inquiries or candidate suggestions to Susan Wenger, HR AA-International Leadership Placement, susanwenger@mcc.org, 717-859-1152, ext. 204.

Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go. Each year, through the Mennonite Central Committee Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, more than 50 young people from Canada and the U.S. serve alongside MCC partners around the world. Visit salt.mcc.org for more information.

January 5 at BCMC: Attendance: 164. General Fund \$7,357.18; Media Supplies \$10; General Fund 2013 \$155; Living Stones \$3,125; Marlin Frey Memorial \$50.

This Week at BCMC: January 12 - 19, 2014

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with coffee served in newly renovated foyer area

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:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- *The Bible in 90 Days*—Fellowship Hall
- Catacombs—Rm B-5
- Elective—Kristi Smith from the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty—Front of the sanctuary—Hosted by the Seekers SS Class
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—Discussion of issues and events
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Sojourners—now meeting in the Chapel—*Reading the Bible again for the first time* by Marcus Borg—Duane Friesen

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, January 16

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Witness Commission—Rm 23

Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Worship: sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider, music by Chancel Bells

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with refreshments in renovated gathering area

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

Welcome to Doyle Preheim who will serve as interim Chancel Choir director Jan - May 2014. Doyle will direct choral activities at Bethel College while William Eash is on Concert Choir tour in Europe in January and on sabbatical during spring semester.

Kristi Smith from the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty will be speaking to the Seekers Class during the Sunday School hour today in the front of the sanctuary. The session is open to anyone who is interested. We have an opportunity to encourage Kansas legislators to take action to abolish the death penalty in the upcoming legislative session. There will be opportunities for letter writing during and after the Sunday school hour.
~ *Witness Commission*

Coming up January 26: BCMC's newly renovated space will be dedicated in a litany at the close of worship, and the youth will serve a soup-luncheon at noon as a fund-raiser for their service trip to Denver this summer for DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection). Representatives from PBA Architects, Regier Construction Company, and contractors who worked on the renovations have been invited to be our guests for lunch, and to be recognized at the beginning of the congregational meeting that follows at 12:45 p.m. Meeting agenda will also include a 2013 financial report, approval of the 2014 budget, a Living Stones update, report on the Associate Pastor search process, and action on recommendations regarding Mennonite higher education and service scholarships and the Mission and Service Endowment Fund policy. A complete agenda and financial report booklet will be put in church boxes on January 19.

BCMC Living Stones update: The Hospitality Commission will decide on a new name for the renovated foyer area. Your suggestions for a name are invited! Write an idea on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

Living Stones Organ Update: The pipe organ will arrive at the church next Sunday, Jan. 19. The unloading and moving the organ components into the church will begin Mon., Jan. 20 at 8 a.m. We thank each person who is saying "yes" to assist and to each person who is volunteering to participate in the unloading and reinstallation of the organ. The tonal finishing is scheduled to be completed by March 7. Contact the Organ Renovation Task Force: Harold D. Thieszen, contact person and chair, Eleanor Kaufman and Chris Shaw, recording secretary.

Come to the library to pick up a list of the new books recently added and available for check-out.

Mennonite Men meet Jan. 11 at the Kidon Bethel Village Harvest Table for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by a program with Carl and Rosalind Andreas: "From Bill Collector at Bethel Deaconess Hospital to Negotiator of Health Benefits for Industrial Workers: Some Highlights."



All church clean up day January 25, 8:30 a.m. to finish. Come help remove construction dust. Bring your own dusting and cleaning supplies (rags, polish, etc.). ~ *Facilities Committee*

Are you interested in learning more about BCMC, or becoming a member of the congregation? An orientation class will be offered in several Sunday-afternoon sessions in Feb. To participate, contact Heidi Regier Kreider at heidi.bcmc@sbcglobal.net. or 283-3667.



Kansas MCC Relief Sale is April 11-12 at Hutchinson Fair Grounds!

* **Fellowship Meals are Feb. 23 & March 2.** Be a host and invite someone to your house to "come and dine" or be a guest in another family's home. Churches are also encouraged to host Fellowship Meals which consist of members from the congregation (Sunday School class, Circle Groups, etc.) Brochures are in your mailboxes. **Registration forms are due Feb. 2.**

* **TODAY** members of the KMRS committee will be visiting Sunday School classes to share briefly about the amount of money that needs to be raised to meet the expenses of the sale. Forms will be given to Sunday School contact persons that indicate the amount of money the class wants to contribute for this purpose.

* **Plan now to support the sale** --- make a craft item --- plan a peppernut, zwieback, poppyseed roll or pie baking party with your SS class or mentor/mentee --- donate items to Quilter's Corner --- choose one of the many ways that you can volunteer at the sale! Start saving those coins - Penny Power is coming soon! BCMC Relief Sale committee reps are Jim & Beaty Robb, Dennis & Kathy Campbell, and Ron and Carol Peters.