

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit leaders will conclude a four-day meeting in New Orleans tomorrow. Pray for physical and spiritual renewal as they share their joys and challenges and encourage each other for continued ministry.

Western District Conference: Pray for Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation, as she continues to develop and post resources on the Year of the Bible website that is available to all Mennonite Church USA congregations.

This congregation: Pray for joy, health and safety for BCMC youth, as junior high youth attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this weekend, and senior high youth serve today's soup lunch to raise funds for their service trip to Denver next summer.

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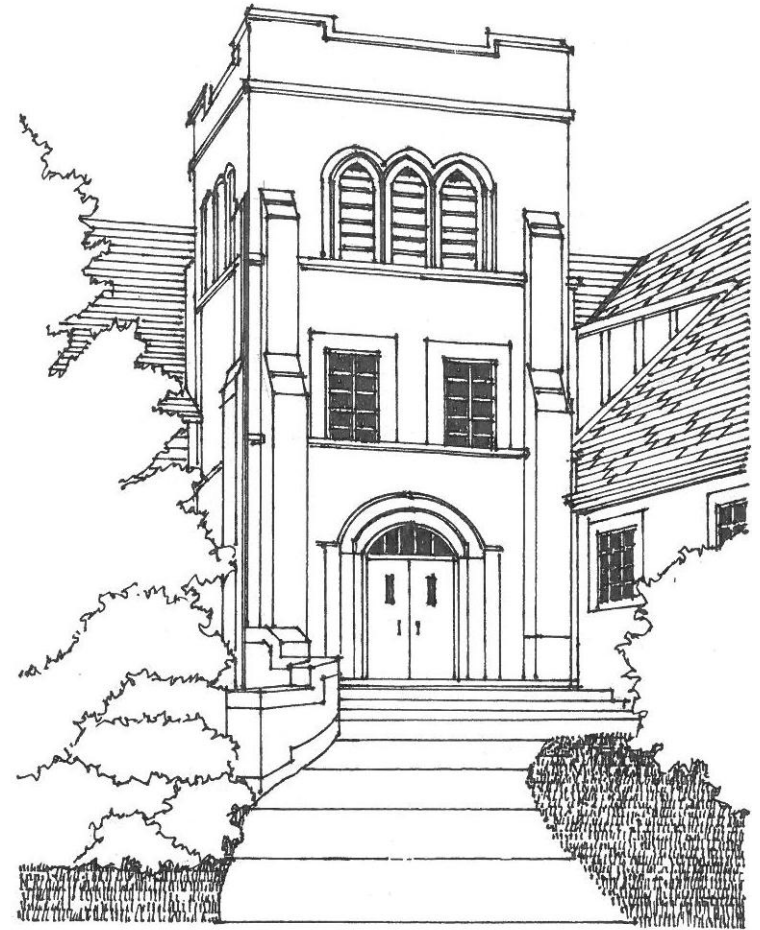
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Winter weather watch! In the event of extreme cold, snow or ice, please use caution when coming to and from the church. To check for church closing or canceled services, see the BCMC website at <http://www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org>. Information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



January 26, 2014

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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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 26, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

MENNONITE WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude *The God of Abram praise* Hebrew, arr. Carter
Come, Christians, join to sing Spanish, arr. Sanborn
Sonata No. 109 - Andante molto cantabile-Variation No.1 Beethoven
Eleanor Kaufman, pianist

Introit *Here, O Lord, your servants gather* [HWB 7] Yamaguchi
Chancel Choir; Doyle Preheim, director

Greeting Weldon Martens

***Hymn** *What is this place* **HWB 1**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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!**

Worship music *I waited for the Lord* Mendelssohn
Kathryn Kasper and Ron Garber, duet; Verlene Garber, piano

Sermon *Multiplying generosity* Heidi Regier Kreider

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR GOD'S WORK

***Hymn** *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

Prayer of God's people

Sung prayer *Calm me, Lord* (STS 45) Chancel Choir

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 *Lord, whose love in humble service* [#369] arr. Larkin
People with January birthdays are invited to come
forward during the offertory to receive a blessing

***Hymn** *What gift can we bring* (v. 1) **HWB 385**

***Offering dedication prayer**

***Hymn** *What gift can we bring* (vs. 2-3)

***Litany of dedication for Living Stones renovations (insert)**

***Hymn** *What gift can we bring* (v. 4)

Benediction

Closing anthem *Glory to God* (from *Susanna*) Handel
Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*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 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.

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Today we observe Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday. The global Anabaptist community consists of 1.7 million baptized believers in 243 national conferences of churches in 83 countries. Of these 72.5%, or 1.3 million adult believers are members of Mennonite World Conference. World Fellowship Sunday takes place on a Sunday close to Jan. 21, the date of the first Anabaptist adult baptism in Switzerland in 1525. This year, worship materials were prepared by churches in Asia, on the theme of God's abundant harvest from seeds sown in generosity. MWC encourages contributions to support the global community, electronically at <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/ways-give> or sent to Mennonite World Conference, 50 Kent Avenue., Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1, Canada.

The worship service concludes with a Litany of Dedication celebrating the completed Living Stones renovations in the BCMC facility. **At noon** all are invited to a soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the senior high youth, with proceeds going to support their service trip to Denver with DOOR (*Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection*) this summer. Please welcome our guests at tables reserved for representatives from PBA Architects, Regier Construction Co., contractors, church staff and Implementation Task Force members who made this project possible! They will be recognized with appreciation during the lunch. **At 1:00 p.m.**, all church members and regular participants are encouraged to attend the congregational meeting in the Sanctuary, where agenda includes Living Stones updates, 2013 financial reports, approval of the 2014 budget, and update from the associate pastoral search committee. A full agenda and report booklet was in church boxes last Sunday.

Thank you to all who submitted creative suggestions for the name of the renovated area. The Hospitality Commission selected "Gathering Place" to reflect the area's use for fellowship and hospitality.

In church boxes were copies of the 2014 Gifts Discernment Survey. Please complete and return the survey by Feb. 3. Survey can be filled out on-line (via the BCMC website), see the printed survey for instructions.

Witness Commission is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to repeal the death penalty in Kansas. There is sponsored legislation in both the House and the Senate that makes repealing the death penalty a hopeful possibility this year. Sending letters to your legislative representatives is an important part of this effort. Someone from the Witness Commission will be at the back of the sanctuary today to assist you with helpful information, addresses, sample letters, stationery, envelopes, and pens.

Bethel College Concert Choir end-of-European-tour home concert, today, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

The Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) is Feb. 21-23 at Hesston College as part of MCUSA Year of the Bible with “*Reading the Bible in an Instagram World*”, a refreshed version of Hesston's Biblical Literature course, including Heilsgeschichte or Salvation History with faculty members Michele Hershberger and Marion Bontrager, and artists Ted Swartz and Jeremy Kempf who bring the scriptures alive through drama/music. Go to www.hesston.edu/avds for information. Western District has a \$30 rebate available for 30 WDC participants. Contact Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org to sign up for the post-event issued rebate.

Agri-Urban invites all of its supporters and interested people to an appreciation dinner Feb. 1, 6 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. No reservations necessary.

A Year of the Bible opportunity: John D. Roth, professor of history at Goshen College, will speak at First Mennonite Church, Newton, Feb. 1 and 2. On Sat., Feb. 1, 10 a.m., with teaching and discussion of *Testing the Spirits: Why the Reformation debate over the Bible still matters today*. Brunch is provided. For Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., Roth's sermon is, *By Whose Authority? Witnessing to the Living Word in a Skeptical World*. (To attend brunch, RSVP to the First Mennonite Church office at 283-0273.)

AMBS-Great Plains Extension announces a financial aid award that reduces the Audit fee from \$110 to \$50 per credit hour for the spring class, *Understanding the Church's Contexts*, with Lois Barrett, professor. (Credit fees remain the same.) The class meets Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. for 14 weeks. Register immediately online at www.ambs.edu/forms/one-course-registration.cfm to enroll. This practical course examines assessment of a congregation's mission and vision and then develops a Christian engagement in the larger environment.

Litany of Dedication for Living Stones Renovations

Moderator: I Peter 2 speaks of Living Stones as a spiritual community of faith and a spiritual house for a holy priesthood. As we have planned, focused, worked on the Living Stones projects at Bethel College Mennonite Church the past two years, we have come to the place of celebration and dedication today of the physical Living Stones renovation. We come with thankful hearts and praise to God for what is and what is to come.

Implementation Task Force Chair: We have acted together to be good stewards of this church facility, to continue to serve as a house of worship to our Lord, and a center for service to the mission of our faith.

Congregation: We are re-dedicating a church here...

ITF Chair: ...where children can be nurtured to grow in grace and goodness and learn to love God.

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Moderator: ...where youth can be challenged to claim our future, and prepare to serve in the name of Christ.

Congregation: We are re-dedicating a church here...

ITF Chair: ...where we can fellowship and build together a community of hope and peace.

Moderator: We give profound thanks for the renovation completed, for those who prepared us for this time,

ITF Chair: ...for the tempered patience of the crafter and engineer, the calloused hands of the builders,

Moderator: ...for those who have given of their money, and for those who have prayed and cared for us through these months.

Congregation: “Like living stones, may we be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”

Pastor: May we be the church where people find peace in the face of turmoil. May we be servants and visionaries, planters and harvesters, stewards of a living treasure.

Congregation: May we be a church that is a testimony of God's grace. May the body of Christ thrive in this place. May the world see an increase of God's love, justice and peace. Amen.

This Week at BCMC: January 26 – February 2, 2014

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with coffee served in the Gathering Place

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—*The Gospel of Mark I*, Marion Deckert
 - Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
 - Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd
 - Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
 - Seekers—Rm 21
 - Sojourners—Little Chapel—*Health Ministries Clinic*, Wendell Wiens
- 11:45 a.m.** Soup luncheon sponsored by Youth Group—Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m.** Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m.** Worship at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall with Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Sarah Turner
- 4:00 p.m.** Worship at Bethesda Home, Goessel with Pastor Susan Wheeler and Bethel College Caring Ministries Intern Joe Kondziola

Monday, January 27

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, January 28

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

2:00 p.m. Associate Pastor Search Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 29

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 30

4:00 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

Sunday, February 2

9:30 a.m. Worship - Sermon by Weldon Martens, music by Chancel Bells

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with refreshments in the Gathering Place

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

2:00 p.m. BCMC Orientation Class—Rm 14

You are invited to a birthday party to celebrate the 95th birthday of Martha Koehn, 2-4 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 13, in the sun room of the Kidron Bethel Village Health Care. ~ *Wendy Jones, daughter of Martha Koehn.*

BCMC will again provide volunteers for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter Feb. 19-25. There will be a volunteer orientation before then, on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shelter.

Are you interested in learning more about BCMC, or becoming a member of the congregation? An orientation class will be offered on Sunday afternoons in February, beginning on Feb. 2 at 2-4 p.m. in Room 14. 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 & Mar. 2.** Deadline is fast approaching to participate in the Fellowship Meals. Be a host or guest for this great fund-raiser for MCC as well as meeting new people. **Registration Forms are due Feb. 2.** Contact a committee member for a brochure.

***Sugar, milk, postage or T-Shirts?** Commitment forms for items that can be pre-purchased for the Relief Sale are **due Feb. 2.** Return forms to Larry & Karen Penner or a committee member. Thank you for your generosity!

***Sale Bill Items** - If you have an item to donate to the auction and want it publicized in the Sale Bill please contact a committee member or pick up a form in the church office. **Deadline to get items on the Sale Bill is Feb. 5.**

***Quilter's Corner** collection box is located between the mailboxes. A list of suggested items is in the box.

***Penny Power begins Feb. 16.** Start saving those coins!

***URGENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS** - Check your mailbox for a flier (on green paper) listing the many urgent volunteer needs of the sale and please give them your prayerful consideration. Contact any committee member or Matt Voth, Chair of the Board, if you would be willing to serve in any of these positions.