

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Caleb Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network who works with leadership development in Ecuador. Pray for wisdom, compassion and spiritual strength as he accompanies a young congregation in Calderón where most members are Colombian refugees.

Western District Conference: Pray for Byron Pellecer, who will be installed as church planter for Iglesia, Menonita Aposento Alto (Upper Room) in Wichita.

This congregation: Pray for God's strength and wisdom as we follow Jesus and practice peacemaking in our daily life, work and relationships.

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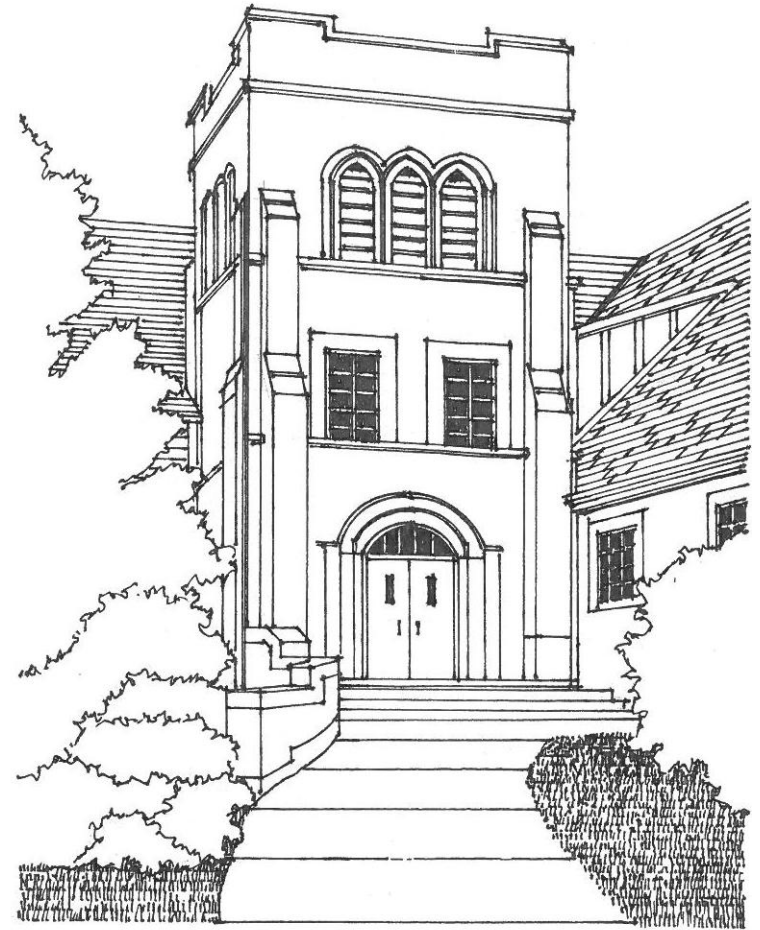
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Winter weather watch! In the event of extreme cold, snow or ice, please use caution when coming to and from the church. To check for church closing or canceled services, see the BCMC website at <http://www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org>. Information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



February 23, 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

February 23, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Sonata Op. 49, No. 2* Allegro – Minuet Beethoven
Eleanor Kaufman, pianist

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

Greeting Weldon Martens

Prayer: Psalm 119:33-40

***Hymn** *Holy Spirit, come with power* **HWB 26**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider

Anthem *My Shepherd will supply my need* Wilberg
Chancel Choir; Vada Snider, flute; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

New Testament reading Matthew 5:38-48

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!

Sermon *Who's keeping score?* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**
sing a cappella as directed

Kingdom Report: Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale

Jim Robb

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 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* (HWB #521)

American, arr. Larkin

People with February birthdays are invited to come
forward during the offertory to receive a blessing.

***Dedication hymn** *Take my life* (stanzas 1 and 6) **HWB 389**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Closing hymn** *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Deep peace* Douglas
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Allegro* Stanley

*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 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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Thank you to members of the Mosaic Sunday school class for serving refreshments during Sunday morning fellowship time in February, and to the Issues and Christianity class for serving in March.

Pipe organ update: Tonal finishing on the organ will soon be complete! The renovated organ is scheduled to be used for the first time on Sunday, Mar. 9; the worship service that day will include a dedication of the organ. On Sat., April 19 at 3 p.m., a recital and hymn festival will be led by organist Christopher Shaw to celebrate the organ and Holy Week, with a freewill offering for Living Stones to assist in funding the organ renovation.

Mennonite Mission Network invites prayers for ministry in South Africa, as BCMC's mission partners Joe and Anna Sawatzky prepare to conclude their work there this year after eight years of ministry. Pray for African leaders during this time of transition, and for discernment of people being called to ministry of accompaniment with African leaders.

NEEDED! Players for BCMC's Men's Basketball team. Western District Tournament is March 24-25 and 27-29 at Bethel College. Join the team (if you are over 18), and keep Pastor Weldon off the court. Let Matt Koontz know if you want to play.

This Week at BCMC: February 23 – March 2, 2014

Levi Goossen will present Friends of the MLA (Mennonite Library & Archives) program Tues., Feb. 25, 7 p.m. on the history and significance of the Bethel College bell; in the Administration Building chapel.

Joel Linscheid will direct Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I in a “Spring Swing” concert, March 1, 7:30 p.m. at the historic Fox Theater in Newton, featuring music of the swing era with **guest soloists Brett Jackson and Aaron Linscheid**; free with donations accepted to support jazz at Bethel as well as the ongoing renovation project at the Fox.

Nicole Smith and Michelle Unruh senior piano recital, Sun., March 2, 2:30 p.m., Administration Building Chapel, Bethel College.

Organist Christopher Shaw in recital with pianist Sean Foster Sun., Mar. 2, 3 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton Ave., Wichita featuring Flor Peeters' *Concerto for Piano and Organ* and several spiritual and hymn-based works by Joel Raney. Free-will offering for the Plymouth Music Department; reception follows. Sean Foster is a senior music major at Wichita State University and serves as an accompanist at Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita. Christopher Shaw teaches middle school choir in Hutchinson and is the organist at Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita.

Women, mark your calendars for the annual Spring Supper, Thurs., March 20, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, with speaker Karen Dalke, pastor from Des Moines, IA, for women of all ages of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests. Supper, \$6.00 per person at the door, is at 6 p.m. Reservations required by Mar. 1, with Amanda Rempel at carempel@sbcglobal.net.

As the Camp Mennoscah Association plans for the future, the board of directors is adding a staff position to join camp director Olivia Bartel and maintenance coordinator, Gardell Stucky. The new position of executive director will focus on advancement. The board affirms that adding an executive director to the staff will help achieve the vision of being a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships and their connection to God. For more information about the executive director position send questions to campmenno@gmail.com.

The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. needs volunteer staff (1 month to 1 year) for the ministry of hospitality. The guest house, owned by Allegheny Mennonite Conference, provides a “home away from home” for international and US travelers. Priority need for short term volunteers March - August. One year volunteer positions are available beginning March and August 2014. All volunteers receive room and board. One year volunteers receive a stipend. Duties include baking, cleaning, laundry, maintenance, hosting breakfast & tea, and welcoming guests. Contact: International Guest House igh-dc@juno.com, (202)726-5808.

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—*Why is the Mennonite church declining?* Robert Schmidt
- 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—*Inter-religious Education*, Jim & Virginia Mininger
- Sojourners—Chapel—*The Kansas Paraguay Partners Story*, Merrill & Boots Raber

1:00 p.m. Youth catechism – Rm 22

2:00 p.m. Orientation / new member class – Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Faspa for new members—Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 24

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

4:00 p.m. Visual Arts Ad hoc group—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Rm 14

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper—Fellowship Hall

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

6:45 p.m. Adult program: *Perspectives on Aging* – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22 **8:00 p.m.** Youth Bells—Rm B-7

7:15 p.m. Venture Club—Rm B-8 and Junior High Club—Rm 26

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Great Plains Preaching Seminar—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Feb. 27, 4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

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Sunday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Worship-Sermon by Weldon Martens; Music-Chancel Bells and Junior Choir; Reception of new members

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

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

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider and Weldon Martens will attend Western District Conference training for Circles of Grace on March 1.

BCMC collects food for the Salvation Army food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. You may place non-perishable food items on the front pew under the balcony, and Kathy Stucky will transport it to the Salvation Army. Thank you for helping to keep the pantry stocked throughout the year!

Kidron Bethel Village residents who are members and/or friends of BCMC, are invited to a gathering for coffee, donuts and fellowship and to meet BCMC's Caring Ministries student intern, Joe Kondziola, on Fri., Feb. 28, 9 a.m. at the Kidron Bethel Community Room.



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

***Penny Power** is in full swing. Kids - keep filling up those juice bottles! For adults, jars are in Sunday School rooms, in back of the sanctuary and in the Gathering Place.

***Quilter's Corner & Cookbooks:** Boxes are located between the mailboxes for donated items.

***Comforter Blitz:** Dates are Mon., March 10, from 12 noon to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Carol Peters.

***Run for Relief:** Join in the fun and help those in need. Be a part of the 2014 Run for Relief. Entry forms are available at the table at the back of the sanctuary, under the balcony for the next several Sundays.

***URGENT:** Volunteers are still needed for a variety of committees.

***BULLETIN BOARD:** Check the bulletin board in the lobby for updated information concerning Penny Power and the MCC Sale. Questions?

Contact committee reps Jim & Beaty Robb (620-345-7142), Dennis & Kathy Campbell (283-5151), Ron & Carol Peters (283-4232).

BCMC will host March 27 general meeting of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and 30 dozen cookies/bars are needed. If you would be willing to donate cookies/bars for this event please sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary, under the balcony. A reminder notice will be sent prior to the March 27 meeting. Thanks so much for your willingness to help out.

Life Enrichment Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Krehbiel Auditorium:

9:30 a.m. *Project-Based Learning the Farming Way*, Natise Vogt

10:35 a.m. *A Century of Bartlett Arboretum*, Robin Macy

11:30 a.m. *Two Wheels, Two States*, Larry Sperling

BCMC member Janet Stucky serves with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, and writes in a recent newsletter: "I have been entrenched in the French language for 5 months and am now using medical and nutritional language as I write and deliver nutrition lessons to my instructor all in French! I will soon begin my work at Bethesda Hospital. My task will be to bring a nutrition component to the services offered to patients at Bethesda Hospital.... Pray for me to understand and be understood in the French language, to be sensitive to the culture of the Beninois I work with and encounter in daily life, and to be effective in my new role at the Bethesda Hospital." To see a full newsletter check the foyer literature rack, bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or BCMC website.

Witness Commission calls our attention to Congressional hearings on solitary confinement to be held on Tues., Feb. 25. We are asked by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture to pause for one minute of prayer and silence on Feb. 25 to remember the many US prisoners held in conditions of solitary confinement. It is a reminder that our faith tradition calls us to build community and healing, not separateness.

At the annual business meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association, at First Mennonite Church of Halstead, 427 W. 4th St., Sun., March 9, 2:30 p.m., four recipients of scholarships awarded by the SMCHA will talk about their lives since those awards. Bernie Kaufman, works with Mennonite Women as well as being a part time library assistant in Moundridge and has served as assistant pastor; Alan Stucky, pastor of the Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Harper; David Roth, pastor of Kingman Mennonite Church; Jim Ostlund, pastor at McPherson campus of Journey Mennonite Church.



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Feb. 26, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. 6:45 pm program: *Perspectives on Aging: Conscious Aging, Orlyn Zehr*. 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., Feb. 24. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Feb. 26 menu: Beef and barley soup, potato soup, bread and crackers, cherry cheesecake bars. Child care provided 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room B6 by reservation.



Meal reservation(s) for February 26

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____

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