

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Adam and Jeanette Strode of Mennonite Mission Network are beginning full-time language and culture study in preparation for an assignment with a community-based ministry in Bangkok, Thailand. Pray for them in this time of transition and intense learning as they build relationships.

Western District Conference: Pray for our church planters: Byron Pellecer in Wichita, Moises Romero in Liberal, and Karen and Steve Mascho in Gladewater, TX. Pray for the gathering of Mennonites at the national church planting event Exponential in Orlando, FL, April 28-May 1. Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, will be attending.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Creation Care Committee, as they educate and encourage our congregation toward better stewardship of resources, sustainable lifestyles, and care for God's creation.

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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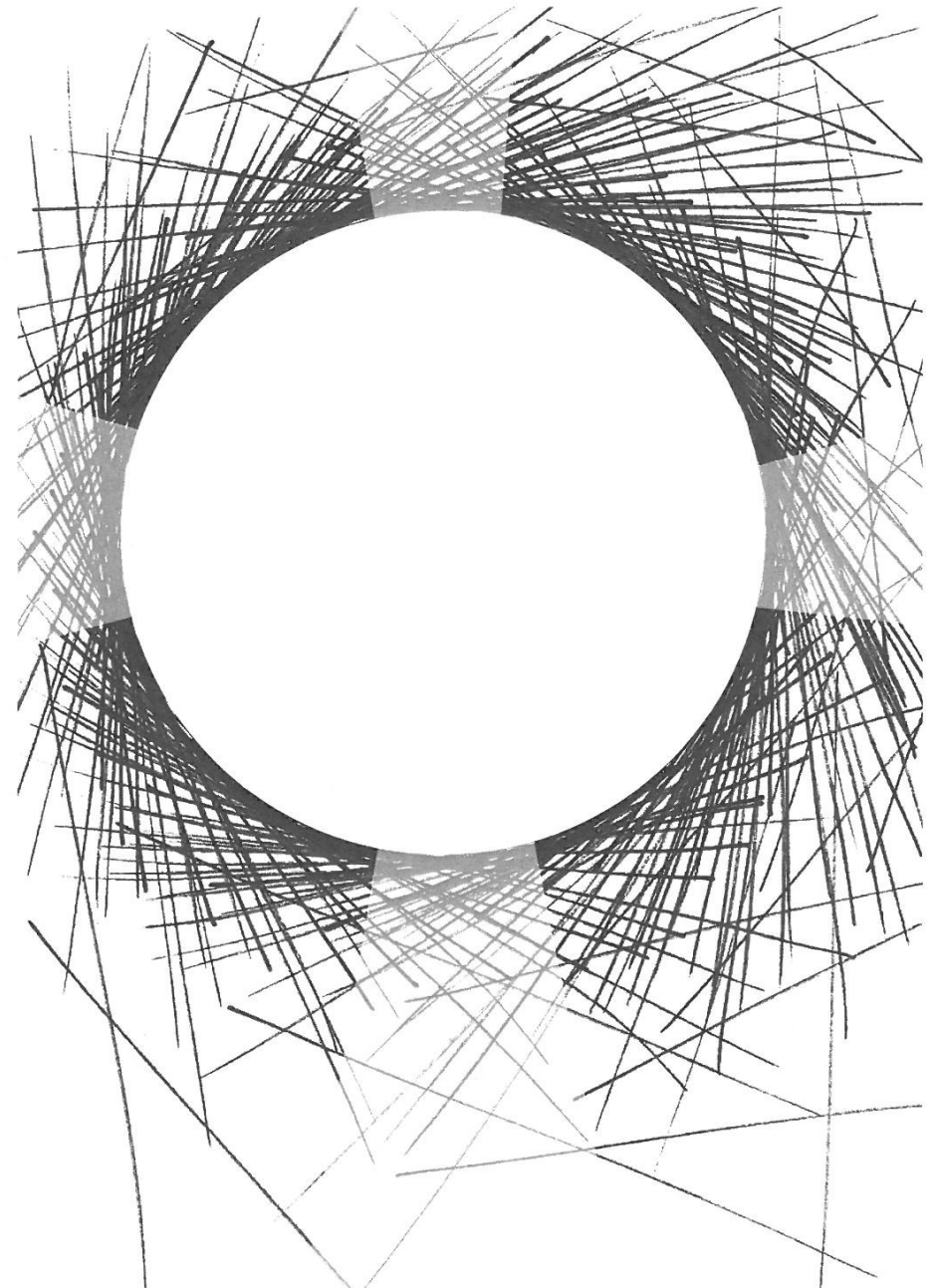
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Let there be light
CREATION CARE SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2014

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

April 27, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

CREATION CARE SUNDAY

Prelude		Karen Loucks, pianist
	Variations on <i>Gather us in</i>	arr. Helman
	Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director	
Introit	<i>O splendor of God's glory bright</i>	HWB 646
	Introduction by Margaret Toews, flute; Congregation sing vv. 1-5	
Greeting and welcome		LuAnn Zook
Responsive reading		HWB 806
Opening prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Morning has broken</i>	HWB 648
	(Children come forward during hymn)	
Time with children		Glen Ediger
Hymn	<i>God, who stretched</i>	HWB 414
Reflections		Dwight Platt
Poem		LuAnn Zook
Worship music	<i>I will arise and go to Jesus</i>	arr. Moglebust
	Chancel Bells; Florine Eitzen and Rebecca Schloneger, percussion	
Reflections and readings		Margaret Toews
*Hymn	<i>Creating God, your fingers trace</i>	HWB 325
Prayer		LuAnn Zook
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	<i>Sunshine on my shoulders</i>	Denver
		Doug Siemens, guitar
	People with April birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring hymnal).	
*Dedication hymn	<i>Let there be light</i> (vv. 1 and 4)	HWB 371
*Dedication prayer		LuAnn Zook
*Concluding remarks		Margaret Toews
*Closing hymn	<i>God, who touches earth</i>	HWB 511
*Benediction		LuAnn Zook
*Benediction response		
*Postlude		

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS= Sing the Story

*All who are able are invited to stand

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.

Thank you to Creation Care Committee for planning today's worship service! Committee members are Glen Ediger, Duane Friesen, Lorna Harder, John Pannabecker, Dwight Platt, Margaret Toews, Lee Wheeler, LuAnn Zook. **Offering dedication prayer and benediction** are from the book *Earth Prayers: 365 Poems, Prayers and Invocations for Honoring the Earth*, ed. by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon.

At noon today, all are invited to a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Then plan to attend the **spring congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Agenda includes election of church officers, annual reports, report from search committee for Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, and Living Stones update. A report booklet with full agenda was in church boxes last Sunday. **Children in need of care** during the meeting should meet in Room B-6 at 12:40 p.m. Attending the children will be our youth volunteers--Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Tran, Laura Tran, and Jon Voth -- supervised by members of Faith Formation Commission.

One of BCMC's Living Stones long-range plan priorities is to strengthen a sense of congregational community. In that spirit, you are invited to wear a nametag at church today, to help get better acquainted. Nametags and pens are available at the sanctuary entrances. -- *Hospitality Commission*

Each school year, BCMC sponsors a paid internship for a Bethel College student in a selected focus area. Applications are invited for the 2014-15 internship, in the area of "Worship and the Arts." For internship description and application form, contact the church office. Applications due April 28.

These are Jesus Friends is the theme of Vacation Bible School, June 2-6 at BCMC. Don't miss it! More information to come soon.

Life Enrichment Wednesday, Apr. 30, at Krehbiel Auditorium:

9:30 a.m. *Therapeutic Harp*, Judy Mace

10:35 a.m. **Double session:** *Do you know the Chapman Artist Henry Varnum Poor?*, Ron Michaels

Concert schedule for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:

Today 7 p.m. – Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple St., Wichita

May 4 7 p.m. – Bethel College Memorial Hall, North Newton (The BCMC Chancel Bells will be performing with the KMMC.)

June 8 4:30 p.m. – Bethany College Presser Hall, Lindsborg (a joint concert with the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus)

Bethel College announcements:

• **Annual Masterworks concert** with works by Berlioz and Debussy, and Camille Saint-Saëns' *Requiem*, today at 4 p.m., Memorial Hall. Includes presentation of Erwin C. Goering and Verna Kaufman Goering Music Award to Daniel Hege. Tickets available at the door.

• **Aaron Tschetter senior voice recital**, Sat., May 3, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel

• **Wind Ensemble** concert, Krehbiel Auditorium, Sun., May 4, at 3 p.m.

• **Men's Ensemble** joins Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Memorial Hall, Sun., May 4 at 7 p.m.

• **Jazz on the Green**, Wed., May 7, 8 p.m. (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain)

• **Concert by Woven**, a cappella women's ensemble, Fri., May 9, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. The concert marks the release of Woven's second CD, *Wander Free*. (Woven members are Lisa Goering, Caroline Mayhew, Karina Ortman, Erin Regier, Renee Reimer, Jill Siebert, Megan Siebert, Ariel Silva and Michelle Unruh.)

"**Managing Differences Within Faith Communities**" is still open for "certificate" option--non credit. Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) offers a two-day intensive for individuals for \$300 per person--or \$250 for 2 people or \$200 for 3 or more from a congregation. The course meets Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day. Call Kirsten Zerger, 316-284-5217, or register online at www.kipcor.org at calendar.

Casa Betania Mennonite Church will have a burrito fundraiser on Fri., May 2 and Sat., May 3, chicken or pork, \$2.50 each. To order and for information on pick up of burritos, call (316) 644-5800.

• Casa Betania's **6th Anniversary** will be June 15, at Athletic Park, with a worship service in the morning and lunch following. Feel free to come for worship, or just come for lunch. More details later.

This Week at BCMC: April 27 – May 4, 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.
- Bible Study—*Old Testament Parables*—Rm 14
- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Creation Chaos & Covenant*, Ted & Co. video
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 28—DVD *Jerusalem: Center of the World* (to be continued April 27, May 4 and May 11)
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Book study-*If the church were Christian*, Philip Gulley
- Sojourners—Chapel—Paul Unruh, Mennonite Disaster Service Storyteller

1:00 p.m. Youth catechism – Rm 22

Monday, April 28

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

7:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Rm 14

6:30 p.m. 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, May 1

3:00 p.m. Search Committee – Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Church Board – Rm 14 Creation Care Committee—Rm B-8

Sunday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir and Menno Ringers; recognition of graduates.

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

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

Staff: Weldon Martens is on vacation today; Susan Wheeler will be out of town through Tuesday.

April 20 at BCMC: Attendance: 326. General Fund \$10,168.21; Transfer-General \$150; Living Stones \$4,775; Flower Fund \$132; Caring Fund \$1,576; Organ Fund \$6,761 (from Organ Concert of 4-19-2014)

AMBS—Great Plains Announcements:

• **Good news from AMBS - Great Plains!** We have been approved to continue offering graduate level courses in Kansas under a "step-down" accreditation provision called "ongoing course offering site" beginning July 1, 2014. Therefore, there will be one course per session (fall, interterm, spring, summer) at the Kansas site in the next academic year. We will celebrate the past 34 years of the Great Plains Extension and the new, simpler structure on Sunday, June 1 at 4 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Mark your calendars and join in this service of thanksgiving.

• **Prayers for Mennonite Church USA at AMBS-Great Plains.** On Fridays, beginning April 25 through May 30, from 12:00-12:30 p.m., all are invited to prayers for Mennonite Church USA and church leaders. Meet at the AMBS-Great Plains Classroom at the 2500 Place building in North Newton. The prayer time, led by Peter Goerzen, will follow the guide developed by AMBS professor David Miller, with praise, confession, and intercession based on Scripture.

• **Year of the Bible Event:** A Webinar will be hosted at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains classroom, 2517 N. Main, North Newton, Wed., Apr. 30, 1-2:30 p.m. on *Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?* with Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at AMBS-Elkhart. No pre-registration required but fee of \$25 must be paid at webinar in cash or check to "AMBS-GP," memo line "Webinar – Scripture." Simply show up, listen, and join others in follow-up discussion. Contact mbgard@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 for information.

Delegates are needed to represent BCMC at the annual assembly of Western District Conference, July 4-6, Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie (near Dallas), TX. The \$60 registration fee will be reimbursed to each of the 19 delegates after registering online at www.mennowdc.org. A chartered bus option is being considered: leaves July 4 at 9 a.m. and returns July 6 at 7 p.m.; Cost is \$58-\$110 depending on size of bus. Reserve bus seat by June 3 by calling WDC at 283-6300. Other costs: adult lodging/meal package (2 nights, 5 meals) - \$150 double occupancy; \$180 single occupancy. Adult meal package if not staying at Lakeview (3 meals, no breakfasts) - \$30. If you are interested in serving as a BCMC delegate, please contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen.

An interesting challenge awaits: *Read the Bible in 90 Days* provides inspiration and requires discipline. Resources for this experience are available and include a Bible reading plan, DVDs with a leader's guide and a companion handbook. For more information contact the Faith Formation commission or the church office staff.

Newton Et Cetera Shop needs your donations! Bring gently-used clothing, household goods, bikes, and furniture to the alley door Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thanks for supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local community efforts by donating to Et Cetera Shop.

Service Adventure participants Mark Kreider and Nat Dick are entering their "home" stretch! To help them make it through the last months of their incredible journey, their support teams will be sending care packages in early May. If you have anything you'd like to include in this package - a card, some candy, or whatever suits your fancy - there will be two boxes in the Gathering Space next Sunday, May 4. We know Mark and Nat will appreciate your well-wishes and support! Thank you in advance! ~ *The SA Support Teams*

The Anchorage Unit of Service Adventure (Mennonite Mission Network) is selling notecards featuring Alaskan nature photography by participants Mark Kreider and Marlene Allebach. The cost is \$20 for a set of 10 cards including shipping. Funds raised will go towards the unit's year-end trip to explore southern Alaska. To order cards you may make a check out to Service Adventure and send to 1310 W. 47th, Anchorage, AK, 99503 or visit www.markkreider.blogspot.com for photos of the notecards and more information. If you have questions, contact Mark at mrkreider@cox.net. Thank you for the generous support this year!

Camp Mennoscah Announcements:

- Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps, for 3rd grade through high school, begin June 8 and run through the end of July. Grab a registration form at www.campmennoscah.org and send it in. Scholarship forms are also available on the camp website.
- Camp needs kitchen staff, nurses, and a head cook for summer youth camps. Kitchen staff is needed for June 8-14, June 15-19, and July 27-August 1. A nurse is needed for June 15-19 and July 13-19, and a head cook is needed for June 15-19. Contact: campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290. Parents can receive a camper discount.

Mennonite Central Committee needs a large quantity of new or used (clean, unstained) T-shirts and neck-ties. These will be upcycled by volunteers at the Material Resource Center in Ephrata, PA into scarves and tote bags to be given away at the Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Church USA convention in 2015. Bring your T-shirts and neck-ties to the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th) by May 9.

• **Save the date:** the annual backyard mini-music festival known as Song on the Lawn will be Sun., June 8. Mark your calendar, invite friends and family and plan to enjoy an evening of music at Willow Spring Downs, 1582 Falcon Rd, Hillsboro, to benefit MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.