

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Angela (Wenger) and Tomoki Yamanaka of Mennonite Mission Network are co-pastors at Asahikawa Gospel Church in Japan. Their four children, Taira (7), Yoshiki (5), Mirai (4) and Kiera (1), provide natural opportunities to reach out to their community. Pray that the good news of Jesus' love will continue to flow thorough the Yamanaka family.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Associate Pastor Derek King as he is licensed towards ordination at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge.

**This congregation:** Pray God's blessings and care upon the five youth baptized today.

*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.**

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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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**Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider, 283-5231

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**Cherub Choir Director:** Megan Siebert, 785-580-9634

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## Bethel College Mennonite Church

2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117

316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

**May 11, 2014**

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

### TIME FOR WORSHIP

#### GATHERING

**Prelude** *Our Father, Thou in heaven art* Mendelssohn  
Verlene Garber, organist

**Introit** *Antiphonal Alleluia* Leavitt  
Junior Choir; Renee Reimer, director

**Gathering** Psalm 100

**Anthem** *God of life* Hadyn  
Chancel Choir; Doyle Preheim, director; Mary Jo Preheim, pianist

**\*Scripture Reading** Psalm 8:1, 3-9 **HWB 812**

**\*Hymn** *Holy God, we praise thy name* **HWB 121**  
(Children come forward during hymn)

#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with children** Weldon Martens

#### Recognition of Sunday school teachers and club leaders

**Anthem** *Poor wayfaring stranger* arr. Cooper  
Junior Choir; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

#### Choir recognitions

**Scripture reading** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Sermon** *The Message of the Cross* Weldon Martens

#### RESPONDING IN FAITH

**Anthem** *Wade in the water* arr. Printz  
Junior Choir

#### Service of Baptism & Reception into Membership

Austin Prouty, Christian Rodriguez

Sarah Turner, Jonathan Voth, Daniel Wagoner

**\*Congregational response** **HWB 777**

**Prayer of God's people** Heidi Regier Kreider

#### 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** *Praise God from whom* Pachelbel

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God from whom* **HWB 119**

**\*Dedication prayer**

SENDING

- \*Closing hymn                      *God be with you*                      HWB 430
- \*Benediction
- \*Benediction response    *God be in my head*                      Rutter  
Chancel Choir
- \*Postlude                              *Scherzo*                              Ridout

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.

**BCMC choir director transitions:** Today during worship we recognize staff concluding service at BCMC in May:

- Cherub Choir director Megan Siebert will graduate from Bethel College and plans to serve with Mennonite Central Committee SALT (Service and Learning Together) at a location in Latin America.
- Junior Choir director Renee Reimer will graduate from Bethel College and plans to assist with BCMC Vacation Bible School, then begin a half-time position as Youth Program Coordinator at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City.
- Interim Chancel Choir director Doyle Preheim and his wife Mary Jo plan to return to their home in Santa Fe, NM.

Thank you to these persons for their wonderful service at BCMC!

**BCMC announces openings for the paid positions of Cherub Choir Director** (for children grades K-3) and **Junior Choir Director** (for children grades 4-8) for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information and application forms, contact Ron Sawatzky, BCMC Staff Congregation Relations Committee representative.

**Staff:** Susan Wheeler will be out of town May 17-18. Monica Lichti is on vacation May 15-16. Weldon Martens is on vacation May 25-30.



Vacation Bible School 2014  
Bethel College Mennonite Church  
&  
New Creation Fellowship  
June 2-6 / 8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Registration Form – Deadline: May 15  
return to BCMC office**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Circle last grade completed:    preschool    K    1    2    3    4    5    6  
(There are classes for 3 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns/allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/primary caregiver \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested fee per child  
\$10 for 1, \$18 for 2, \$25 for 3 or more**

**Waiver of responsibility/Photo release**

I give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in this program. The leaders will not be held responsible for injury, etc. I give permission for my child's photo to be displayed during the week, shown in worship or congregational media.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith Statement: Daniel Wagoner**

I believe Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior, who died on the cross to forgive all our sins. I believe he was a teacher and taught how to love and live your life.

I commit myself to using all the ability God gives me for worship of him and service to others, until there isn't any left. I would like to serve BCMC through donations, through helping at the homeless shelter, and through the many activities we do in youth group.

Persons who have been influential to me are (1) my mom, who has shown me how to work hard and do things even if you don't want to; (2) my coach Don Cameron, for putting me on the right track early and being a mentor throughout my life. He teaches the team important lessons and his faith helps him look for the best in the student athletes he works with. He never gives up on someone and he is a huge role model, someone you can always look up to; and (3) Pastor Heidi, whom I have known since I was little and who is a leader in the church I look up to.

**Today—Happy Mother's Day!**

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with coffee served in the Gathering Place. Children's Sunday school teachers, children and families are invited to a Sunday school teacher appreciation reception 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
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students—Rm 26; Sr Hi Youth—Rm 22

Adult Sunday school classes:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—*Planning for Fall 2014*—Rm 14
- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*The changing American family*, Stan Eitzen
- 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*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Literary Masterpieces of World Cultures*
- Sojourners—Chapel—Allyson MacFarland, volunteer at the Olympics

**Monday, May 12**

**2:30 p.m.** Burial service for Robert Goering—Greenwood Cemetery, Newton

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

**3:30-6 p.m.** Refreshments and fellowship with the Robert Goering Family—Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 13**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Library Committee—Rm 14

**Wednesday, May 14**

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting – Rm 14

**6:30 p.m.** Junior Choir Party—Fellowship Hall

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High youth—MCC Center, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Newton

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

**Thursday, May 15**

**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  
Women's Fellowship Board—Rm B-7

**Sunday, May 18—Bethel College Baccalaureate; No Sunday school**

**10:00 a.m.** Musical selections by seniors

**10:30 a.m.** Worship with music by Concert Choir and reflections by graduates and others.

### Monday, May 19

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 14

### Tuesday, May 20

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

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Rm 14

Women's Fellowship General Meeting—Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 21

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High youth—Rm 22

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

### Thursday, May 22

**5:30 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Finance Committee—Rm B-7

### Sunday, May 25

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells

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

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

**Is there a graduation** in your family's near future? If so, contact the church office so we can share this news with the congregation and celebrate with you!

**All are invited to a reception** honoring Bethel College graduate Renee Reimer Sun., May 18 from 5:30–8 p.m. on the lawn of Bethel College Mennonite Church (in the Gathering Place if inclement weather).

### **Coming up June 1 at BCMC:**

- **Worship will include commissioning** for church officers and members of Church Board, commissions and committees for the new program year that begins in June.
- **At noon will be the world's best noon hamburger fry** (and fundraiser) sponsored by the church youth - Come hungry!
- **At 1:00-3:00 p.m. an orientation session** will take place in the Chapel for chair-persons of commissions and Board-appointed committees, and staff liaisons. The session will be led by moderator Jim Robb, treasurer Richard Friesen and pastor Heidi Regier Kreider to review organizational and financial processes at BCMC, helpful practices for meetings, and other resources to equip leaders for ministry at BCMC.

**Join Mennonite Mission Network board and staff for a Celebration of God's Mission in Africa** with a special offering and dessert reception Sat., June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Newton. Hear stories and testimonies about the deep connection that Kansans have with God's work across Africa with speakers Stanley Green, James Krabill, and Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky. RSVP by May 30 to Karen Ritchie at KarenR@MennoniteMission.net or 1-866-866-2872, ext. 23003 (toll-free, direct) would be appreciated.

influential through their kind words and actions. They truly are the example of how to live life faithfully and gracefully. By the loving support of the congregation, family, and friends I will be able to serve as a mentor and role model to my peers and younger generations as they find their own faith journey. I strongly believe that Jesus is our Lord, Savior and Son of God and I am ready to commit to worship and serve him through nonviolence as I start my new faith story as a part of Bethel College Mennonite Church.

### **Faith Statement: Jonathan Voth**

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and when people ask why I believe in God I say, "Why do you believe that man went to the moon?" Were you there to see it and feel it? No, but you chose to believe that it is true and have a feeling that it is true.

This paragraph I wrote in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. What I believe is that God's breath is our air. We live and breathe God's blessing and our prayers and our love is what He wants for us to give to the people that don't follow God. And even though they don't follow God you should still love them like they do follow God. And the last thing I'm going to say is "War is not the answer even when you think that you hate them so much, but actually you love them but when you are at war you forget that you love them because you think about the ones that love you and you just want to protect them and then you regret either killing them or going to war against them and that is why I say war is not the answer!"

I commit to worship God and not to let the people lead me away from my Lord and Savior.

I would like to serve BCMC by speaking in worship services and help out by singing in the Chancel Choir. The people that influenced me were Glen Ediger, Ruth Harder, and my parents.

### **Faith Statement: Christian Rodriguez**

Jesus is my Savior. He is a leader, example, and helper. Jesus is good to me. I want to live my life to be like him. I believe Jesus will come back.

I am in Youth Sunday School, youth fellowship, and in bells and want to keep doing those things. In the past I have gone to Camp Mennoscah and last year went to another church camp, Camp Woods. I like ushering, playing bells and being a part of this church.

I commit to taking part in worship services in the future. I forgive people and give them a second chance. I commit myself to non-violence unless I am in a life and death situation.

People who have influenced me are my parents, who are part of the Casa Betania congregation, Orvin & Janet Voth, and the whole BCMC church.

### **Faith Statement: Sarah Turner**

Growing up in a Christian based family has really shaped me into the person I am today. Throughout my faith journey I have not experienced any extravagant happenings that either changed my beliefs or my views. For it was for the smallest actions or experiences that has led me here to this day on my faith journey. Whether it be with sitting in a discussion in Sunday School, helping out around the community, or participating in a week at Camp Mennoscah, all of these experiences plus many more open one's eyes to all the good my faith has presented before me.

I have been truly blessed with two supportive Christian parents that encouraged and taught me about all the benefits that faith holds. Them as well as past and present Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders and Pastors have all been extremely

**Concert by men's a cappella ensemble *Open Road***, Sun., May 11, 7 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall.

**Orvin and Janet Voth, Jon and Ian, and Christian Rodriguez** plan to leave May 23 on a bicycle trip to Alaska. (Janet is driving the van.) They plan to be back in Newton before school starts. The total trip (one way) is about 4000 miles. The return is by van. They have arranged with Mennonite Central Committee to make this a charity ride to support the Global Family program with focus on programs that are underfunded: House of Hope, Haiti; Small Steps, Bosnia; and Proyecto MAMA, Honduras. To donate, write check to Mennonite Central Committee, 21 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500 with the program and the Voth family in the memo line.

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

**If you have an interesting story about your life** you want preserved, Joe Kondziola, BCMC Caring Ministries intern, will be using National Public Radio's StoryCorps to collect stories about uniquely Mennonite struggles. If you have a story about your experiences with pacifism, life in service of the church, or simply want to share your story, contact Joe. He will be conducting interviews from May 18 - June 7. Please, share your story of faith.

**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](http://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, [dorothyfnf@cox.net](mailto:dorothyfnf@cox.net) or 316-281-9364 by May 30.

**Bethel College seeks** a full time Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development. This position provides administrative support services for the Development Office, manages the database as related to donor gifts and produces donation letters and computer reports as needed. See [www.bethelks.edu/jobs](http://www.bethelks.edu/jobs) for complete details.

## Children's Sunday school teachers and leaders 2013-2014

### Nursery during worship

Jr. and Sr. high youth with mentors, Megan Leary and Rebecca Trumble

### Toddler Play Group Sunday school 2-3 year olds

Rachel Pannabecker, coordinator with Gwen Neufeld,  
Gayle and Tom Jackson, Helen Bargaen, Shirley Harms

### Pre-K/Kindergarten, Grade 1

Barb Koontz and Margo Schrag; Barb Voran and Victoria Janzen  
Schmidt, Kathy Campbell and Dennis Campbell; Renee Reimer,  
Nicole Smith, Megan Siebert and Sheri Lepard

### Grades 2, 3, 4

Matt Koontz, Rebecca Trumble, Rebecca Schloneger

### Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

Mike Claassen, Alice Suderman, David Kreider, Alan Lepard

### Grades 9-12

Weldon Martens and Ben Lichti

**Sunday school musicians** Suzy Burch, Erin Brubacher, Renee Reimer

**Bible storytellers** Carol Flickinger, Bonnie Krehbiel  
Kathy Campbell

**Venture club** Annette Lamp and Lois Preheim

**Jr. high club** LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens

**Sr. high youth** Karen and David LeVan, Ben Lichti



### Today we recognize our Junior Choir graduates with a Chorister Guild pin.

Thank you Katherine Lamp,  
Will LeVan, Zoe Siemens and Jason Wong  
for your years of singing in the choir!

## Faith statements of those being baptized today

### Faith Statement: Austin Prouty

My faith journey has been a lifelong and continuing experience. From my earliest memories, I can recall attending church and Sunday school with my family. I was raised by parents and extended family who all believed that prayer was an important part of daily life and taught me to make time in each day to pray. Through attending church, I have been able to make many friends and memories that would not have been possible without the amazing company I am in here.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and is my Lord and Savior, and that God is the source of all things good in the world. Throughout my life I have seen many miracles, both in my own life and in people around me, that I have never had any doubt as to the existence or greatness of God. I see God as the goodness in other people, as well as in nature and other peaceful times.

From attending Bethel College Mennonite Church, I have been able to form a great appreciation for Mennonite values, including looking for peaceful solutions to conflicts and making service to others a high priority. During my teen years I have been involved in several service projects and activities at BCMC including ushering, Youth Group service trips, Vacation Bible School, and volunteering at the MCC center, Kidron Bethel Village, the Et Cetera Shop, and other activities. I commit to continue being involved in these activities and to be willing to help out with future events where I may be needed. I also commit to the continued involvement and support of the church as I continue to grow in faith and spirit.