

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Brian and Kelly McPhail as they deepen their relationships with their English students in China throughout the summer, and as they assist in coordinating visits with Fuller Theological Seminary and Mennonite Partners in China.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Discernment Task Force of Western District Conference as they guide the conference-wide conversation and decisions in response to the Rainbow Mennonite Church resolution asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine their pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction.

This congregation: Pray for Faith Formation Commission members as they select Sunday school teachers, plan for orientation with a new Mennonite Church curriculum (*Shine!*) and make other preparations for the new Sunday school year beginning August 17.

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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July 20, 2014

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler

July 20, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Mark Kreider, pianist
Greeting Adam Robb
Prayer Psalm 139:1-18 **HWB 823**
***Hymn** *What is this place* **HWB 1**
Valetta Seymour, pianist; Andrew Toews, trombone
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Nat Dick and Mark Kreider
Scripture reading Genesis 28:10-19a
Sermon *Stones and stairways* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *In lonely mountain ways* **HWB 560**
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 *Sång Till Lotta* Jan Sandström
Andrew Toews, trombone; Francis Toews, accompanist
***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**
Patty Shelly, guitar

***Benediction**
***Benediction response**
***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STJ = *Sing the Journey*

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.

Today's July Forum adult Sunday school elective at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary features sharing by Nat Dick and Mark Kreider on their Service Adventures in Oregon and Alaska, and by Megan Leary about her upcoming Mennonite Voluntary Service in Tucson, AZ. **Next Sunday, July 27**, the adult forum will be a presentation on Camp Mennoscah by Adam and Jill Robb.

BCMC member Megan Leary will serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in Tucson, AZ, this year. **This Wed., July 23, at 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, will be a support meal of taco salad in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Megan Leary's upcoming MVS and support her through prayer and finances. The meal will be by donation, to meet expenses not covered by the BCMC Education and Scholarship program. Any additional proceeds will go toward the BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fun. Make checks to BCMC designated MVS/Mission & Service Endowment.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider will be on vacation July 24-27.

BCMC annual Leadership Retreat will take place Sat., Sept 13, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Members of Church Board, Board-appointed committees (Auditing, Facilities, Finance, Gifts Discernment, Staff Congregation Relations, Bethel College Relations, Education and Service Scholarship) and Commissions (Deacon, Hospitality, Faith Formation, Witness and Worship), and staff are invited to this time of worship, fellowship, and discernment of God's presence and guidance for BCMC. Invitations with RSVP information will be sent closer to the date.

We offer sympathy to Lee and Susan Wheeler on the death of Lee's father, Leonard Wheeler, July 16 in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Pray for those who received hospital care this week: Fern Goering (released) and Dan Baumgartner at Newton Medical Center.

Children's Sunday school: Through July, children ages Pre-K through 8th grade meet together in Fellowship Hall for Sunday school. There will be no children's Sunday school Aug. 3 and 10; Fall Sunday school classes begin Aug. 17. **All Fall children's Sunday school teachers are requested to attend a meeting Wed., Aug. 13, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** for orientation to the new *Shine* curriculum, to review Sunday school procedures and safety guidelines for children and youth - and to enjoy some refreshments!

Scripture sing: First Mennonite Church, Newton, hosts an evening of song and scripture today, July 20, 7 p.m. Musicians will perform pre-selected songs connected with scripture texts, with opportunity for suggestions. The only requirement is to connect the song with the text. Bring instruments if you have them. If you want to sing a new song, bring the music.

Exploring Circles Dessert Night: If interested in exploring the possibility of being a volunteer Ally in Circles of Hope attend Thurs., July 24, 7-8 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Meet the members of a Matched Circle (Circle Leader and Allies), hear stories about building intentional friendships, ask questions or share concerns about what it's like to walk with someone who is setting goals to get out of poverty and meet other people who want to make a difference. All this and dessert too. RSVP to info@peaceconnections.org or 284-0000.

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 4. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain options if you continue to work, and answer related questions. Seminar will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com. ~ *Marlene Faul, BCMC Advocate*

Day on the Farm (rural Hillsboro) is a month away: Sat., Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will fun activities and food for all ages. More details later.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Summer Thresher Golf Classic and Barbecue, Sat., Aug. 3, at Galaway Creek Golf Course, Henderson, NE. For a brochure, go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends or contact 316-284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu.

Register with payment by Thurs., July 24, and save \$10!

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Family Camp** is July 26-27 at Camp Mennoscah. Jesse Graber and Ruth Harder are the leaders. For more information call 620-297-3290.
- **Health Spiritual Retreat**, a retreat for those affected by mental illness, along with family and friends, is Aug 31-Sept. 1 on the theme "Finding Your True Self." Activities include hayrack ride, worship and music, swimming, crafts, and sessions on the theme. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Camp Mennoscah.
- **Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 10, 6 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church with Michael Unruh and Greg Shelley leading the singing.
- **Women and Girls Retreat** - September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration forms available early July.

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with ice water available 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 8th grade students—meet in Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday school classes:

- July forum elective: Service Adventure reports from Nat Dick and Mark Kreider; Megan Leary will also tell about her upcoming Mennonite Voluntary Assignment—Sanctuary
- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd

4:00 p.m. Susan Wheeler leads worship at Bethesda Home, Goessel with Ruth Unruh, piano.

Monday, July 21

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

6:00 p.m. Megan Leary MVS Support Meal—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Elizabeth Raid and Lou Gomez; music by Marles Preheim, Vada Snider, Ruth Unruh and Jason Wong

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with ice water available in the Gathering Place.

10:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages; July Sunday school elective: Presentation on Camp Mennoscah

You are invited to an open house for Ray Regier's 90th birthday, Sat., July 26, 3-5 p.m. (come and go) at the Kidron Community Room.

BCMC young men and beyond, their sons and friends are invited to the 12th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 8-9. Arrive Fri. 6:30 p.m. or after. Stay only for the evening or overnight. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear, breakfast food to share Sat. a.m., etc. Contact Dave Linscheid.

Jolene Brackey, speaker and author, will share tips for creating positive moments with family and friends who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. This seminar is free to the public; seating is limited at 7 p.m., Wed., July 23, Water's Edge Restaurant, 703 S. Main, Hesston.

Western District Conference survey: You should have received a survey request via e-mail this week, forwarded by the BCMC office from the Western District Conference (WDC) Discernment Task Force. The Task Force will guide our conference-wide conversation in response to the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church introduced at WDC Assembly 2014, asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine their pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction. Your participation is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. Please respond to the online survey immediately, no later than Aug. 31. If you are not able to complete the survey online, paper copies are available in the church office and foyer. Fill them out and return to the church office or box in foyer by Aug. 24. **On Sun., Aug. 10**, pastor Heidi Regier Kreider will host informal information and discussion sessions related to the survey. The sessions will be in Fellowship Hall, one session during Sunday school at 10:50 – 11:45 a.m., and another session at 12:00 noon – 1 p.m. (bring a sack lunch if you'd like to eat lunch during that time). This will be opportunity to review background materials, and share questions and conversation together.

Delegates needed: The Gifts Discernment Committee will appoint BCMC delegates to the 2015 Western District Conference (June 28-30) and 2015 Mennonite Church Assembly (June 30-July 5) at the Kansas City Convention Center (KCMO). The BCMC budget reimburses delegates (18 for WDC; 6 for MC USA) for registration costs but all other expenses are the responsibility of the delegates. There will be important pre-assembly materials for this fall and next spring. Delegates will be expected to participate in preparatory sessions or access materials on websites. Please indicate your interest in serving as a delegate to either one or both assemblies. Contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, chair of GDC, by August 1.

The biennial convention of Mennonite Church USA will be June 30-July 5, 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri. Western District and South Central Conferences will serve as the host area conferences, with multiple opportunities for volunteering - full-time (40 hours of work during the convention week) or part-time. There are different types of "perks" depending on how many hours you put in. For guidelines for volunteer work see: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/volunteer/>.

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, Sept. 18-20, hosted by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, will engage in a theology that cares for God's creation, for the land and all that lives on it.. Many are becoming increasingly aware of the connection between the environmental crisis and humanity's detachment from the land and perceive the profound link between the (un)health of the land and the inner disorder of our Western society. As God's people, the church must imagine and embody an alternative that cultivates shalom between individuals, within and between communities, between humans and the rest of creation, and with God. All are invited to join the discussion.

The Great Plains extension of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in North Newton, ended its operation as an extension site on June 30, after declining enrollment and the increasing availability of online classes. It continues as a site for seminary-level education, offering one course per term. In this new configuration, it has been renamed AMBS-Kansas Center, with an office in the WDC building.

Katherine Goerzen has been named Coordinator of the AMBS-KS Center. **AMBS-Kansas Center will offer *Anabaptist History and Theology*** this fall semester, exploring the settings, ideas, and personalities that have shaped Anabaptism in early sixteenth-century church and society, and the relevance of this for contemporary church and personal life. Taught by Professor Lois Barrett, and meets on four weekends (Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, Dec. 5-6, with Fridays 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) in the classroom at the WDC offices. For more information, see www.ambs.edu/academics/fall-courses.cfm or contact the registrar at registrar@ambs.edu. Credit or audit. Early registration deadline is July 28--\$100 discount.

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

- **MCC Central States** introduces two new staff. Sharon Nelson, Young Adult Program Coordinator working from Denver, CO will coordinate, recruit for and grow MCC's young adult programs within the Central States region. Contact Sharon via email sharonnelson@mcc.org. New Office Manager, Denise Voth, is in the North Newton office. Denise will work manage the office, finances and donations in the North Newton office and also with dispersed staff/programs throughout the region. Denise can be contacted at 316-283-2720 or denisevoth@mcc.org.
- **Harvest Giving** - An opportunity to share the fruits of your labor with others around the world through Mennonite Central Committee. For Harvest Giving envelopes contact Maynard Knepp, 283-2720, or maynardknepp@mcc.org.
- **MCC responds to needs around the world:** MCC is providing vital items for life to Iraqis affected by conflict, food for displaced families in Gaza, responding to flooding in the Balkans and advocating for a compassionate response to migrant children along the U.S./Mexico border. Check mcc.org for detailed information about these responses and to join us as we work to address human needs in the name of Christ around the world.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter has moved to 900 W. Broadway, Bldg. 7 (Youthville campus). There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for HCHS. Needs are: Boxed meals (hamburger helper, etc.), pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, napkins, toilet paper, and new men's and women's socks and underwear. Next volunteer orientation training session is July 24 at HCHS at 6:30 p.m. Let Valetta Seymour know if you are able to be a new volunteer.