

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: This is a month of transitions for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants with some finishing their terms and others beginning. Pray that God would bless their coming out and their going in. Pray especially for Matthew Cordella, serving in Elkhart, Ind., as he recovers from back surgery.

Western District Conference: Pray for Richard Gehring, moderator, and Anita Kehr, moderator elect, as they assume their new responsibilities in Western District Conference.

This congregation: Pray for young adults in transition as they seek opportunity for work and academic study, discern priorities and significant relationships, and explore vocational direction for their lives.

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 27, 2014

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler

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Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Variations on *In God, my faithful God* Boehm

Eleanor Kaufman, organist

Introit *As the thirsty deer at morning* Burton

Marles Preheim, soloist; Vada Snider, flute; Ruth Unruh, piano

“As the thirsty deer at morning seeks the hidden, flowing stream,
So will I at dawning waken, seeking God in life and dream.
In my searching, in my working, God is with me all the way,
Helping ev'ry good I'm trying. Lifting me up throughout the day.
In the night my song is with me, in the day His love surrounds;
Hope and healthful life He gives me; happiness in Him abounds.
I will seek thee, Lord, at dawning, as the deer seeks out the stream.”

Greeting Susan Wheeler

Call to worship: Psalm 105:1-6, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* **HWB 582**

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Margaret Goering

Worship music *Gavotte* Bach

Jason Wong, violin

Old Testament reading Genesis 29:15-28

New Testament reading Romans 8:26-27

Romans 8:28-39

HWB 849

Hymn *By gracious powers* **HWB 552**

Sermon *A life-giving legacy* Elizabeth Raid and Lou Gomez

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *In the bulb there is a flower* **HWB 614**

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 *Shepherd me, O God [HWB #519]*

Haugen, arr. Honoré

People with July birthdays are invited to come forward
during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring hymnal).

***Dedication hymn** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Christ is coming!* **HWB 295**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Andante* Handel

*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.

Today we welcome to the pulpit BCMC members Elizabeth Raid and Lou Gomez. They serve as the pastoral ministry team at Mennonite Friendship Communities in South Hutchinson, providing leadership in worship, Bible study, pastoral care, visitation, counseling, and volunteer services.

Today is the final July adult Sunday school forum, featuring a presentation on Camp Mennoscah by Adam and Jill Robb at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. **Today is also the final session of summer Sunday school for children** ages Pre-K through 8th grade, meeting together in Fellowship Hall. There will be no children's Sunday school Aug. 3 and 10.

This Week at BCMC: July 27 – August 3, 2014

Everence Financial presents a seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 4 at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare, instructions on how to enroll, options if you continue to work, and related questions. 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 Sat., Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 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.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** for those affected by mental illness, and their family and friends, is Aug 31-Sept. 1 on the theme *Finding Your True Self*. Activities include hayrack ride, worship/music, swimming, crafts, input sessions. Partial scholarships available. Contact Camp Mennoscah to register.
- **Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 10, 6 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, with Michael Unruh and Greg Shelley leading the singing.
- **Women and Girls Retreat** - September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Contact: womengirlsretreat@gmail.com. Registration forms available from the BCMC Women's Fellowship.
- **Camp Mennoscah has a few open weekends this fall** for almost any size group. Contact 620-297-3290 for more information. Reservations are on a first request basis.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Kansas Center will offer *Anabaptist History and Theology* taught by Professor Lois Barrett this fall semester, exploring the settings, ideas, and personalities that shaped Anabaptism in early 16th-century church and society, and its relevance for contemporary church and personal life. Meets 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 Western District Conference 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.

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. For more information see <http://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Rooted-and-Grounded.cfm>.

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: Presentation on Camp Mennoscah —Sanctuary
- Agape (Young Adults)— KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

7:00 p.m. Archive Ad Hoc Committee—Rm 14

Thursday, July 31

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team – Room 14

Sunday, August 3

9:30 a.m. Worship - Sermon by Peter Goerzen, new Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations at Bethel College; music by Sunflower Trio.

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

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

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.

BCMC member John Bergen is participating in a month-long training with Christian Peacemaker Teams this summer in Chicago. To pay for this training in human rights documentation and conflict transformation, John needs to raise \$750. If you are interested in contributing please send checks to Christian Peacemaker Teams, PO Box 6508; Chicago IL 60680-6508, and put “for John Bergen” on the memo line. – *Witness Commission*

The new Sunday school year for children and youth begins August 17.

That day during worship we will celebrate with a blessing of children's backpacks, commissioning for Sunday school teachers, and presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders. Also during worship **John Tyson will be installed as the new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation.** A congregational potluck lunch will take place at noon, as an opportunity for fellowship and to welcome John and Amy Tyson to the BCMC community.

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!

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, commissions, 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.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider is on vacation today and Aug 1-3. Susan Wheeler will be out of town Aug. 2-8. If pastoral care concerns arise on Aug 2-3 while Heidi and Susan are both out of town, please contact Deacon chair Marion Deckert.

Western District Conference survey: You should have received a survey request via e-mail, 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 no later than August 31. Read all of the instructions carefully. To fill out the survey you need to go to the link which says: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinon>. 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 August 24. **On Sunday, Aug. 10**, pastor Heidi Regier Kreider will host 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.

The biennial convention of Mennonite Church USA will be June 30-July 5, 2015, in Kansas City. Western District and South Central Conferences will serve as 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 hours worked. For more information see: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/volunteer/>.

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

- **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.

Volunteers Needed at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: 75 people, including former staffers and residents of the old Pleiades, attended a groundbreaking ceremony 7/20 for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp's new Pleiades Project. See photos on RMMC's Facebook page. And now the work begins. Volunteers are needed beginning August 4 to take down the old buildings and remove several large trees from the building site. This is the largest building project undertaken by the Rocky Mountain ministry since 2000 (Dining Hall/Lodge addition) and we'll need the help of volunteers and donors of past, present, and future. To volunteer, contact Camp at 719-687-9506.