

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network as she continues to develop language fluency, and as she writes a project proposal for Bethesda Hospital in Benin detailing the nutritional needs of women and young children.

Western District Conference: Pray for the new Church Planting Commission as they receive orientation to the theology, principles, and practices of developing new churches.

This congregation: Pray for choir directors, accompanists and members beginning a new choir season this week, and give thanks to God for the gift of music!

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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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag



August 31, 2014
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2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117 316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, John Tyson

August 31, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Sonatina* from Cantata #106 J.S. Bach
All things bright and beautiful arr. R. Powell

Instrumental trio
Susan Wheeler

Greeting and prayer

***Hymn** *I sing the mighty power of God* **HWB 46**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children John Tyson

Scripture Matthew 16:21-28

Hymn *Take up your cross* **HWB 536**

Sermon *Follow Me* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *How clear is our vocation, Lord* **HWB 541**

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 *Lord, whose love in humble service* arr. P. Manz
Instrumental trio

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

***Dedication hymn** *Take my life* (vv 1, 4, 6) **HWB 389**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

***Hymn** *Guide my feet* **HWB 546**

Matt Schloneger, leader

*Benediction

*Benediction response

***Postlude** *Praise God* arr. P. Manz
Instrumental trio

*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 the instrumental trio offering worship music today: Vada Snider, flute; Ellen Neufeld, oboe; Heidi Regier Kreider, organ.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Heidi and Roland Ensz's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Heidi and Roland!

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Margaret Friesen at Newton Medical Center; Kenneth Deckert, Rehab Unit at Schowalter Villa.

BCMC collects food for the Salvation Army food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Next Sunday, Sept 7, you are invited to contribute by bringing non-perishable food items and placing them on the front pew under the balcony. Thanks to Kathy Stucky who takes the items to Salvation Army.

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. If you have not sent, called or emailed an RSVP, please do so as soon as possible!

Life Enrichment - Celebrating 40 Years - September 3

Bethel College designed *Life Enrichment* for people 60 and above. It meets on Wednesday mornings from September 3 through December 3 with breaks on October 15 which is Fall Fest week at the college and on November 26, Thanksgiving break. *Life Enrichment* provides information, inspiration and entertainment and is an excellent way to continue learning and meeting people from the surrounding area in a relaxed setting. It meets each week at Bethel College in Krehbiel Auditorium.

The September 3 program is:

9:30 a.m. *The Growth of an Idea*, Harold & Carolyn Schultz, Emerson Wiens, Walter Jost

10:20 a.m. Reception

11:00 a.m. *Lifelong Learning in the 21st Century*, President Perry White

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ = Sing the Journey

This Week at BCMC: August 31 – September 7, 2014

Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact: campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information on below events.

- **Day of Volunteering** for people of all ages to come out to Camp Mennoscah Sat., Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m., to work on various tasks. This is a kick-off to Work & Play Camp which starts on Sunday. A sandwich lunch and a hotdog cookout for supper are provided. (Be sure to tell the camp of any dietary needs.) Contact the camp if you plan to attend.
- **Work & Play Camp**, Sept. 14-17 is a service-oriented retreat for people of all ages and skills. No charge for this retreat, only a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person/meal. Contact the camp if you plan to attend.
- **Two Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah (Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 14-15) are for scrapbookers of all skill levels! Contact the camp or check the website.
- **Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting** will be Sept. 20, 5 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. There is a light supper, updates from camp staff and board members, election of new board members and a fun feature “Pastors Love Camp” with pastors from Topeka, Manhattan, Newton, and Hillsboro performing. Join in planning for the future as Camp Mennoscah continues to provide a place for people of all ages to seek God, enjoy nature, renew self and fellowship with others!

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Kansas Center offers *Anabaptist History and Theology* taught by Professor Lois Barrett on four weekends (Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, and 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 Western District Conference offices. For info, see www.ambs.edu/academics/fall-courses.cfm or contact the registrar at registrar@ambs.edu. Credit or audit.

Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop: Clerks needed at Et Cetera Shop, for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Call 283-9461 or email manager@newtonetceterashop.com.

- Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. Key qualifications: available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, ability to lift and carry heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461 by September 15.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program begins Tues., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. in Newton. The free six-week program was developed by Stanford University and helps individuals improve their health one step at a time. The free class will meet at the Newton Recreation Commission beginning on Tues., Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for six weeks. Call 283-6103 ext.312 or 283-7330 to register for the course or for more information.

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available.

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

- 2-3 year olds through 4th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for snack, then Room B-8 for singing before going to classrooms (2-3 year olds in B-6; Pre-K – 1st grade in B-4; 2nd-4th grade stay in B-8)
- Grades 5-8 – Room 26
- Senior High youth – Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Not meeting in August
- Catacombs—Rm B-5
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine*, Bart Erdman lectures on dvd
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Wisdom of the Buddha*, Duane Friesen
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Update on Bethel College*, Perry White

Monday, September 1—Labor Day—Office closed and building will be closed and locked

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

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and 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, September 4

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, September 7

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

Young and middle-aged men’s group will meet 8 a.m. Sat., Sept. 13, at Mojo’s on the Bethel College campus.

Chancel Choir season is about to begin! Consider joining this committed group of singers dynamically contributing to the BCMC worship experience on a bi-weekly basis. First rehearsal is Wed., Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the chancel. All persons interested in joining the choir are welcome.

~ William Eash, Chancel Choir director

Five tractor drivers are needed from BCMC for the shuttles at the Kansas State Fair on Mon., Sept. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact Jim Robb if you are able to help. This volunteering effort helps to defray the cost of renting the fair buildings for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

• **The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** is Sat., Sept. 20, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a water development project in Kenya. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Brochures are on the bulletin board or MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line on the website.

• **MCC announces** a Learning Tour to Kenya, Feb. 7-17, 2015. Discover sand dams at work and other MCC-supported programs in health, education and peace. Estimated cost **\$1110** per person for food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare extra; space limited. For more info contact Anna Yoder by Sept. 22 at annayoder@mcc.org or 283-2720.

• **The 2015 Kansas MCC Relief Sale** will be April 17-18. It's not too early to think about ways to support the sale! BCMC Relief Sale committee reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell, Ron & Carol Peters and Tom & Gayle Jackson. Together we can make a difference!

John Bergen has concluded summer training with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Chicago, and recently traveled to Iraqi Kurdistan to serve as a temporary reservist to the CPT team there. He writes, *"Here we deal with the increasing refugee crisis due to ISIS, as well as support activists confronting government corruption and communities dealing with the devastation wrought by oil corporations. I am excited to begin my work with CPT in this way, and hope that each of you will continue to walk with me and other peacemakers in the future. Thank you for your support, and blessings and peace to all."*

Bethel College golf tournament. Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Sat., Sept. 13, in Newton. For details, follow the Events and Golf links at www.bethelks.edu/alumni/, call 316-284-5251 or e-mail wnugent@bethelks.edu. Early registration discount deadline Sept. 2.

Everence Announcements:

• **Women and money is a series of lunch presentations** (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24 at Hesston Public Library. Topics are *Taking the lead – women in the modern-day workplace*, *Living generously – within your means*, *Leaving something – for those you leave behind* and *Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues*. Light lunch will be served. For reservations, contact darlene.buller@everence.com or (620) 327-4043 or (877) 467-7294.

• **Everence Financial will present an informational seminar:** *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on four Mondays Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8. Financial Advisor Robert Wall and Financial Representative Megan Smith will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. For reservations, contact Darlene Buller at the contact numbers above.

• **Find out how you can support causes** by joining Everence for an informational seminar, *Creative tools for maximizing your charitable giving*, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., Sept. 16, at the Old Mill conference room, 301 N. Main St., Newton. Learn about charitable giving, minimizing your taxes, and wills and trusts from an Everence advisor and local attorney. RSVP by Sept. 10 by contacting Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Circles® of Hope increases understanding of poverty and helps to end poverty in the community. To become an ally or if you are already an ally and wish to add to your resources, the following sessions are for exploration of Circles of Hope and volunteer training: PART I: Sat., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (snacks and drinks included) PART II: Tues., Sept. 9, 5:30 to 8 p.m. (share a meal with the Circles community) Both sessions at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton, in the Fellowship Hall. Reserve your spot at 316-284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org. See announcement on bulletin board.

Hesston College will host Homecoming 2014: *Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration, Sept. 25 to 28.* Alumni and friends are invited to take part in the weekend featuring alumni from diverse multicultural backgrounds giving presentations and performances focused on their "Go Everywhere" life and career experiences. Also included are class reunions, athletic events, tapas style picnic and festival, entertainment stage, and music and drama shows. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for schedule and registration information.

Next year's Western District Conference Assembly will take place in fall of 2015. Previously, it had been planned for June 29-30, 2015, just prior to Mennonite Church USA Convention. A specific date will be announced later.