

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Today on Peace Sunday, Mennonite Mission Network joins Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite World Conference in “praying for the peace of Jerusalem.” May we all find inspiration to respond to conflict in ways that do not perpetuate violence.

Western District Conference: Pray for guidance for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as he meets with a Hispanic group wanting to start a new church in Omaha, NE.

This congregation: Give thanks for the gift of music and leadership in worship that Eleanor Kaufman has offered in her years as organist at BCMC.

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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Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

September 14 at BCMC: Attendance: 182

Contributions: General Fund - \$7,495; Living Stones - \$2,005;

Transfer-General - \$100

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

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Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, John Tyson

September 21, 2014

9:30 a.m. Worship



Peace Sunday

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude *Abide, O dearest Jesus* Bach/Marpurg/Peeters
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *This is my Father's world* arr. Christiansen
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director

Greeting Margaret Toews

*Call to worship: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,

“Peace be within you.”

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

***Hymn** *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**
(Children come forward during hymn)

Time with children Michelle Armster

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Micah 4:1-4 and Luke 19:41-44 Lois Preheim

Hymn *As the mountains surround Jerusalem* **Insert**

Patty Shelly, guitar; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Sermon *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – and Ferguson*
Michelle Armster

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Let there be light, Lord God* **HWB 371**
Prayer of God's People Dwight Platt

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 *Love divine, all loves excelling* Zundel
Dedication anthem *Song of thanksgiving* J. Ferguson
Chancel Choir

Dedication prayer

SENDING

Hymn *Dona nobis pacem* **HWB 346**
Sing a cappella – 1st time unison; 2nd time in canon
Sopranos begin first, then altos, then tenors/basses

Benediction

Benediction response *Peace I leave with you* Clausen
Chancel Choir

Postlude

Dona nobis

*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.

On this Peace Sunday we welcome guest preacher Michelle Armster, transitional executive director at Mennonite Central Committee Central States. At 10:50 a.m. she will meet with senior high youth and young adults at KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Reconciliation) for conversation on how Anabaptism informs a response to racial injustice. Sept. 21 is International Day of Peace, also designated by Mennonite Church USA as Peace Sunday. Today's worship is sponsored and led by members of the BCMC Witness Commission, drawing on resources from Peace and Justice Support Network of MC USA

All are invited to a congregational potluck lunch at noon today. A time of recognition for Eleanor Kaufman, organist, will take place at the lunchtime.

The BCMC Fall congregational meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A "prelude" for the meeting will be a slideshow of pictures from the past year at BCMC. Agenda for the meeting includes Witness Commission and Creation Care goals, delegates for the next Western District Conference assembly, Living Stones financial report, and conversation about the BCMC website. Hope to see you there!

We extend sympathy to the family of Kenneth Deckert who died Sept. 11 at Newton Medical Center. The memorial service for Kenneth will be Fri., Oct. 3, 11 a.m. at BCMC. An inurnment service took place last week at the BCMC Columbarium.

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Vi Ediger at Newton Medical Center; Tina Block Ediger at Via Christi-St. Francis; Marvin Esau at Newton Medical Center and Schowalter Villa.

On September 28 at BCMC, Mennonite Mission Network executive director Stanley Green will be guest preacher in worship, and speak in an adult elective during Sunday school in Fellowship Hall.

Fall Wednesday night suppers at BCMC will be Oct. 1 – Nov. 19. Meals are prepared by volunteer chefs Ben Lichti, Brenda Turner, and Marty Warkentine, and served at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall by members of BCMC Sunday school classes. You are invited to bring your own tableware, and make a donation to help cover supper costs. A program for adults will be at 6:45-7:15 p.m., with presentations on a variety of mission, service and creation care initiatives. A brochure with more detail on program and supper menus will be available soon.

Harvey County United Way Chili Cook-off is Sept 27, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on 6th St., downtown Newton between Midland Bank and Prairie Harvest. Come out to support Community Playschool, Peace Connections, and other local organizations, and vote for the "best chili" by contributing to fishbowls at booths. Tickets are available from a Community Playschool board or staff member for \$5 before Sept 22, \$6 at the event.

The annual Newton area CROP Walk for hunger relief will be September 28, beginning at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church on the corner of 1st and Main Street, with registration at 1:15 p.m. See Amy Tyson at the table in the rear of sanctuary if you are interested in walking, finding a walker to sponsor, or making a direct donation. You can also place a contribution to CROP in the church offering. To direct your CROP donation to Mennonite Central Committee, please make checks payable to MCC/CROP. Thanks to your participation in last week's offering during the Time with Children, we collected \$281.08 for CROP. Please prayerfully consider supporting the CROP Walk!

Harvey County Homeless Shelter announcements:

• HCHS seeks a full-time paid Volunteer Coordinator & Bookkeeper.

Duties include overseeing weekly volunteer schedule, communication with churches, financial records, and donor letters. Send resumes to james@hchs-ks.com or HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, Bldg 7, Newton, KS 67114.

• **Volunteer opportunities:** Cleaning, organizing donated items, repairs, and transporting items. Evening and overnight volunteers also needed. Next volunteer training is Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS. Contact Valetta Seymour at vmseymour@mtelco.net or 620-345-2733 if you are interested.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

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

Everence announcements—For reservations to these events, contact darlene.buller@everence.com or (620) 327-4043 or (877) 467-7294:

• **Women and money**—lunch presentation (noon to 1 p.m.) Wed., Sept. 24 at Hesston Public Library. Light lunch will be served.

• **Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices**—4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8. at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

• **Fall Scrapbooking retreats** are Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 14-15.

Registration forms available at website below, or call for more information.

• **Camp Mennoscah** seeks an Office Assistant 30 hrs/week. Responsibilities include scheduling reservations, entering camp/retreat registrations, accounting tasks and assisting with custodial tasks and hosting groups. To apply send resume and cover letter by Sept. 30 to Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, PO Box 65, 9458 SE 40th St., Murdock, KS 67117, or campmno@mennowdc.org. For more information, call 620-297-3290.

Peace Connections and Circles of Hope will have a Poverty Simulation, Sun., Sept 21, 2:30– 5:00 pm (registration 2:00 p.m.) at Bethel College Memorial Hall. Discover what it's like to live through a month of a low-income family. RSVP to Peace Connections, 284-0000 to reserve a spot.

Wichita chapter of American Guild of Organists announces a Choral Evensong program Sun., Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., at East Heights United Methodist Church, 4407 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, featuring the Trinity Choir from Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. Free.

Webinar on Israel-Palestine Conflict, *Jesus Weeps*, is a one-hour webinar sponsored by the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA and will give an overview of the basic history and current situation, Dec. 4 at 8 pm (EST). Register online at: <http://www/pjsn.org/Resources/congregations/Pages/Jesus-Weeps.aspx>

As the Mountains Surround Jerusalem

Kevin Bates S.M.

Chorus

F Dm Gm C F

Voice

As the moun-tains sur-round Je - ru - sa - lem, so the Lord wraps his

6 F C F B^b F C Dm C/E

peo - ple a - round. Now and for - e - ver more. For - e - ver

Verse

13 F F Dm C F

more. v.1 Re - mem - ber how lone - ly your jour - ney be - comes. Re -
(Fine) v.2 Re - mem - ber the vio - lence you see e - very day. Re -
v.3 I think there's no boun - dary that love can - not cross. I

19 Gm C F

mem - ber the ques - tions you can - not un - tan - gle. And re - mem - ber the
mem - ber the ques - tions your world can't un - tan - gle. And re - mem - ber the
think there's no ques - tion that love can't un - tan - gle. And I think there's a

24 B^b Dm C F Gm C

fear of the fu - ture - you feel. And re - mem - ber your heart has a
ghettos where your fam' - lies must dwell. And re - mem - ber I'm ask - ing you
future if love has its way And it's love that is ask - ing us

29 F

home. As the
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This Week at BCMC: September 21–September 28, 2014

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

Adult classes:

- Agape, Sr Hi youth, young adults, college-age join Michelle Armster for conversation—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Study on Malachi
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Sabbatical study of Brahms*, William Eash
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine*, Bart Erdman lectures 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
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Book-Boil and Bubble: The Amazon Women of Kansas*—James Yoder

Noon—Potluck lunch—Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m.—Congregational meeting—Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 22

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

7:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 23

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, September 24

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 25

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Room B8

Sunday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Worship: Sermon by Stanley Green, music by Chancel Bells

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Elective with Stanley Green—Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m.—CROP Walk registration—1st Christian Church. Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Newton Et Cetera Shop seeks clerks for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. The Shop also has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. To apply, call 283-9461 by Sept. 15.

Hesston College Homecoming 2014—*Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration*, Sept. 25 to 28, will feature alumni involved in music, law, government leadership and theater. For info see hesston.edu/homecoming

Mennonite Women USA seeks fulltime Executive Director to direct the mission of empowering women within the Mennonite Church. This person will supervise dispersed staff, coordinate ministries, programs, publications and promotional material. See full description at mwusa.org. Send inquiries or resume to Kathy Bilderback at kabilderback@cableone.net by Sept. 30.

Bethel College announcements:

• **Today, 3 p.m.**, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution 2014-15 film series begins with the 2007 documentary *Miss HIV*, in Krehbiel Auditorium. Free with donations for KIPCOR. The film addresses the battle over strategies to cope with the ongoing AIDS epidemic. Talk-back session will follow screening.

• **Wed., Sept 24**—Life Enrichment for adults age 60 and over:

9:30 a.m. —*What Dr. Google won't tell you about diabetes*—Jan M. Hoffman
10:35 a.m. —*Human trafficking awareness and prevention in Kansas*—Jennifer Rap

11:30 a.m. —*Photographing the 8 wonders of Kansas*—Harland Schuster

• **Sun., Sept. 28**—*Bethel College Wind Ensemble Plays the Classics II* opens the concert season at Bethel, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Free with freewill offering taken to support music study and performance at Bethel.

Kansas Coalition against the Death Penalty will host a talk by death row exoneree Curtis McCarty on Sept. 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, at 344 S. Martinson St., in Wichita. For more information, contact Valetta Seymour, BCMC Witness Commission.

Thank you to the 1,700 Western District Conference (WDC) members who completed the 20-question Discernment Task Force Survey. You also provided the Task Force with 500 pages of comments! The Task Force met Sept. 2 to compile the first 1,000 surveys and they are now working on the 700 that arrived in the last week. The full report of the Survey will be released at WDC Reference Council meeting at Eden Mennonite Church on Sat., Nov. 15; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> so we can plan for food and so you can receive materials in advance.

Save the dates: a Ten Thousand Villages festival sale will take place in Newton in the mezzanine above Prairie Harvest in downtown Newton on Nov 20-22, Nov 28-29, and Dec. 4-7. Watch for more details!