

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Robin Gingerich teaches and serves in administrative roles at LCC International University in Lithuania through Mennonite Mission Network. She requests prayer for LCC's 70 Ukrainian students who are preoccupied with their families' safety, their financial situations, and security in their hometowns.

Western District Conference: Pray for the gathering of Western Conference and congregational representatives at Reference Council on Saturday. The focus will be on who we are (the WDC Survey report) and how we can be together (polity) as congregations of differing conviction.

This congregation: Pray for Bethel College campus ministries, which is sponsoring a 24-hour prayer vigil at the Agape Center in the Richert House, ending today at 6 p.m.

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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Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

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Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

November 2 at BCMC: Attendance: 262. General Fund \$12,016.07; Living Stones \$3,940.31; MCC Meat Canning \$790; Sr Hi Youth \$25; Transfer-General \$214.46; Tina Ediger Memorial \$200.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 9, 2014 – Stewardship Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship

Fruitful Branches on the Vine

GATHERING

Prelude Open Road
The morning trumpet by Mack Wilberg
Prayer of the children by Kurt Bestor, arr. by Andrea Klouse
It is well with my soul by Philip Bliss, arr. David Harrington
Beulah Land, arr. Esther Wiebe

Greeting Carol Flickinger
Call to worship Psalm 100 **HWB 821**
***Hymn** *Christ is our cornerstone* **HWB 43**
Karen Unruh, organist

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider
Anthem *Praise to the Lord (HWB 37)*
Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director
Scripture John 15:1-8
Anthem *Come, come ye saints* arr. Voth
Open Road
Sermon *Faithful and fruitful* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Thou true Vine, that heals* **HWB 373**
Prayer of God's people
Anthem *When dawn shines* by Mishaal Surti
Open Road

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 *In Thee Is Gladness* Wood
Dedication hymn *As saints of old (v. 1)* **HWB 386**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *As saints of old (vv. 2-3)* **HWB 386**
(Pony Express captains come forward during the hymn, to receive packets following the worship service)

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Alleluia* Gatlin, arr. Wright/Henry
Open Road

***Postlude** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* Manz

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STJ = *Sing the Journey*

Welcome to members of the Bethel College men's a cappella ensemble, Open Road: Leland Brown, Chase Stucky, Tyler Shima, Matthew Graber, Braden Unruh, Josh Booth, Tim Regier, Ben Kreider, and Riley King.

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 is Stewardship Sunday and the beginning of BCMC's annual Pony Express, a financial commitment process for preparing the 2015 budget. This year's theme is *Fruitful Branches on the Vine*, based on John 15:1-8. Today captains appointed by Finance Committee will pick up packets of commitment materials after worship, to distribute to BCMC members in local neighborhoods. (Materials are mailed to non-resident/ inactive members). **If for some reason you do not receive a packet, and want to participate, please contact the church office to add you to the list!** Join the Pony Express by prayerfully anticipating your financial commitment for 2015, filling out a commitment form when materials arrive at your home, and returning the form according to the directions in the packet. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 23, when captains return packets during worship.

We offer sympathy to Marlene Faul on the death of her brother-in-law Kenneth Kozak (Marlene's sister Barbara's husband), Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, October 31 at home. Services were held November 8 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls.

We offer sympathy to Heidi Ensz and family, on the death of Roland Ensz on November 6. The memorial service will be Wed., Nov. 12, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider will participate in the Bethel College Career Fair on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12.

Lyrics for selected anthems by Open Road:

Prayer of the children – by Kurt Bestor

Can you hear the prayer of the children
on bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room?
Empty eyes with no more tears to cry,
turning heavenward toward the light.
Crying, "Jesus, help me to see the morning light of one more day,
but if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take."
Can you feel the hearts of the children
aching for home, for something of their very own.
Reaching hands with nothing to hold onto
but hope for a better day, a better day.
Crying, "Jesus, help me to feel the love again in my own land, but if
unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, away from
harm."

... Can you hear the voice of the children
softly pleading for silence in their shattered world?
Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate,
blood of the innocent on their hands.
Crying, "Jesus, help me to feel the sun again upon my face?
For when darkness clears, I know you're near, bringing peace again."
...Dali čujete sve dječje molitve? (Serbo-Croatian)
Can you hear the prayer of the children?

When dawn shines – by Mishaal Surti

When dawn shines, worry not your minds.
For, when the sun shines bright, at last I shall master this fight.
Quiet now your hearts, and please no tears.
Now is the ending of my part, as the light throws down all fears.
Tonight you watch in mournful sadness but, when the sun shines,
my spirit will renew its gladness; when dawn shines.
- poem by Justin Zadorsky

Alleluia – by Larry Gatlin

May all our alleluias
When spoken and heard
Be heartfelt thanks to Thee, dear Lord,
And not just lovely words.
And may each passing moment
Til the ending of our days
Be filled to overflowing
With our never-ending praise....
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

This Week at BCMC: November 9– November 16, 2014

Celebrity Server Fundraiser for Circles of Hope at Water's Edge

Restaurant, 703 S. Main, Hesston, Mon., Nov. 10, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Reservations are encouraged: 620-327-4099. All tips will be donated to support Circles of Hope.

Hesston College Alumni/Community Basketball Night

is Wed., Nov. 12, 6 and 8 p.m. Admission is free. High school youth can enjoy a free pre-game pizza meal and devotional with men's basketball coach Dustin Galyon at 6:30-7:15 in Bontrager Student Center Dining hall. RSVP at 620-327-4221 or admissions@hesston.edu.

Western District Conference Reference Council will be Sat., Nov. 15, 9 am - 3 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge. The WDC Discernment Task Force will report the results of the recent WDC Survey regarding authority, polity and sexuality. This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions /committees and pastors. Advance materials will be posted online, available only to persons who register prior to the meeting. **Register by Mon., Nov. 10:** online form at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> or call 316-283-6300.

The annual Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education (HPLE) program benefit dinner will be Fri., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton, fellowship hall. Enjoy a smothered pork burrito dinner, hear testimonies of students and learn more about the program. A freewill offering will be received. For more information contact 316-281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org.

Employment opportunities:

- **Newton Et Cetera Shop** seeks a Saturday clothing sorter. To apply, call 283-9461 or find an application online at newtonetceterashop.com.
- **Hesston College** seeks applicants for a Bookstore Manager. Visit hesston.edu/employment for more information about this position.

Do the Howard Hustle Two-Mile Walk/Jog/Run during Hesston College's Thanksgiving Weekend at 11 a.m., Fri., Nov. 28. Register before Nov. 20 for \$20 or after Nov. 20 for \$25. Go to hesston.edu/thanksgiving for more information and registration.

The Newton Community Chorale has its annual concert Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Directed by Ron Garber, the concert's theme is an American Repertoire with sacred, folk music, and spirituals. Admission is free with an offering taken to help support the chorale concert.

The BCMC building has been having various electrical issues. The BCMC Facilities Committee and BCMC staff are working with these issues and hope to have some solutions soon. In the meantime, please bear with us!

Today—Stewardship Sunday

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 —Rm 26
- Senior High Youth—Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Agape —KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study— Room 14 – Study on Philippians
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Mennonite Library and Archives*, John D. Thiesen
- Fine Arts —Rm 24—“*From Paul to Constantine*” Bart Erdman d.v.d.s
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the New Testament*
- Mosaic—Rm 20 – Sermon/worship reflection and responses
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Reflections on Menno Simons and Staley Lectures
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Perspectives from the moderator-elect of MC-USA*, Patty Shelly

1:00 p.m. Membership orientation class—Rm 14

3:30 p.m. Worship at Kidron Bethel Village led by Heidi Regier Kreider and Eleanor Kaufman, pianist

5:30 p.m. Sojourner's Sunday school class supper—Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 10

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

4:00 p.m. Janet Stucky Ministry Support Team – Room 14

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting— Rm 14

11:00 a.m. Memorial service for Roland Ensz—Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Art Committee – Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24), Junior Choir (Rm 28), Sr Hi Youth (Rm 22)

6:45 p.m. Adult Program—Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Venture Club (Rm B8) and Junior High Club (Rm 26)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary; Youth Bells—Rm B-7

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, November 13

6:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Banquet—Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, November 16

9:30 a.m. Worship with music by Cherub Choir and Youth Bells, sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

12:00 noon Membership class lunch in Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Membership class—Rm 14

Smile and say cheez! You may notice folks doing photography of BCMC activities in the coming weeks and months. This is to update photos on the BCMC website and for other publications and church records. Contact the church office if you'd like to offer your photography skills, have photos to share, or a suggestion for a good "photo op" at BCMC!

Check out BCMC's website at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org to read the latest "Pastor's Post," and see other updates from BCMC.

BCMC members living at Schowalter Villa are invited to a gathering on Friday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. in the Schowalter Villa chapel for coffee, refreshments and fellowship together with pastor Heidi Regier Kreider and representatives from the Deacon Commission.

On December 7, during Sunday school at 10:50 a.m., the Witness Commission and Seekers Sunday School class will host BCMC member John Bergen who has recently returned from Iraqi Kurdistan where he served with Christian Peacemaker Teams. All are invited to hear John talk about his experiences during this Sunday school elective in Fellowship Hall.

Save the dates: a Ten Thousand Villages festival sale will take place in Newton in the Prairie Room at Prairie Harvest in downtown Newton on Nov. 20-22, Nov 28-29, and Dec. 4-7.

Homeless Shelter update: BCMC will provide volunteer help and meals Nov. 12-18. A volunteer orientation is Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS, 900 W Broadway, Bldg. 7. Contact Valetta Seymour if you are available to volunteer. Remember the box in the back of the sanctuary for donated items to HCHS. The box contains a list of needed items. In lieu of a holiday meal fundraiser this year, HCHS asks for donations to be sent to HCHS, PO Box 978, Newton, KS 67114. Consider this ministry in your holiday giving!

All are invited to join the Harvest of Love, the annual campaign during November-December sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance and Salvation Army to gather non-perishable food and donations to assist households in need in Harvey County. Make checks payable to "Harvest of Love" and send to Salvation Army at 208 W. 6th St., Newton, KS 67114. Or bring food items to BCMC and place them on the first pew under the balcony, near the south entrance of the sanctuary.

Bethel College announcements:

• **Wed., Nov. 12 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium

9:30 a.m. *In the Studio Live-A Gallery Residency*, Christopher Gulick and Rachel Epp Buller

10:35 a.m. *Birds and the People Who Watch Them*, Gregg Friesen

11:30 a.m. *A 40-Year History of Kansas-Paraguay Partnership*, Merrill and Boots Raber

• **Today, 3:30 p.m.** – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum lecture at Kauffman Museum with John Harrington, professor of geography at Kansas State University, on *Global Climate Change: What It Might Mean for Kansas*.

• **Sat, Nov. 15, 8:00 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 16, 3:00 p.m.** – BC Concert Choir joins Wichita Symphony Orchestra concert to perform Mozart's *Requiem* at Century II Concert Hall, Wichita. Contact WSO for tickets.

• **Sun., Nov. 16, 3 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum auditorium – Selections from PBS documentary *The Abolitionists* as part of the Created Equal Film Series followed by discussion with Kip Wedel, assistant professor of history.

• **Mon., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.** in Memorial Hall – Double concert: Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra with guest conductor Daniel Hege, featuring pieces by Schubert, Gluck and Grieg, and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble (high school honors group), under the direction of Joel Linscheid.

• **Thurs., Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.** Artist reception at the Regier Art Gallery in Bethel College's Luyken Fine Arts Center with artist-in-residence Christopher Gulick. In the gallery Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. will be several of his completed pieces on display. During his residency, he is working on new pieces, based on conversations he has with people who stop by the gallery to visit him and look at his sketchbooks.



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. Adult program: *Journey to KIPCOR* with Dan Wassink, Senior Mediator and Facilitator at KIPCOR

To make supper reservations, complete this form and place in offering, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, sign-up on bulletin board near church office, or call office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 10. **Your reservation helps the cooking crew know how much food to prepare!** Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Nov. 12 menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, apple crisp.

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Meal reservation(s) for November 12

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____