

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is currently in the United States for a few months. She requests prayer for Ukraine and the upheaval that touches all levels of society. Pray for wisdom and restraint for government authorities, and pray that churches will model Jesus' way as an alternative to violence.

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Elizabeth Raid who is being ordained today at Bethel College Mennonite Church. She serves as a campus pastor at Mennonite Friendship Communities in Hutchinson.

This congregation: Pray for all who continue to grieve the death of family members or friends during the past year, and give thanks for God's comfort, strength and healing love in the New Year.

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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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.

Pastor: Heidi Regier Kreider, heidi.bcmc@sbcglobal.net

Home phone 284-0448, day off is Friday

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler on sabbatical Jan. 1-Feb.7, 2015:

Harold Thieszen providing pastoral care ministry during Susan Wheeler's sabbatical

Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson, john.bcmc@sbcglobal.net

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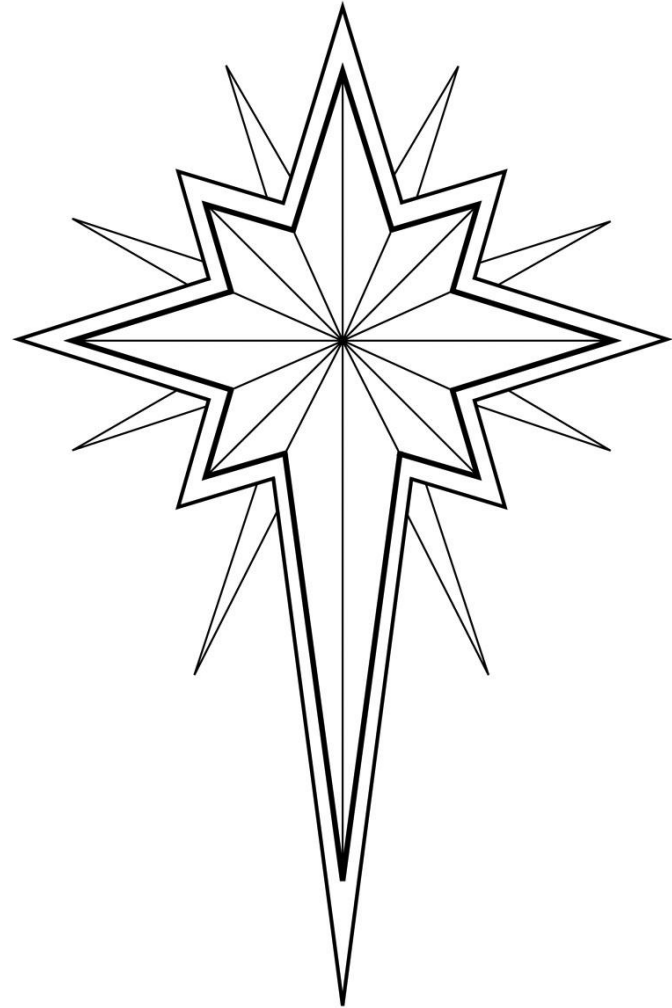
Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider, 283-5231

Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

December 28 at BCMC: Attendance: 269. General Fund \$8,177.10; Transfer-General \$82.37; General Fund 2015 \$630; *The Mennonite* \$74; Living Stones \$19,391; Inez Koehn Memorial \$65.



Bethel College Mennonite Church
Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2015

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January 4, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
Epiphany Sunday

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STS = *Sing the Story*

GATHERING

- Prelude** Mark Kreider, piano
Selected movements from *Piano Sonata Op. 2, No. 2* - Beethoven
- Greeting** Mike Claassen
- Lighting of Christ candle**
- *Call to worship**
Arise, shine! **Arise, shine!**
Your light has come! **Our light has come!**
Behold the glory of the Lord. **Alleluia!**
- *Hymn** *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Time with children**
- Old Testament readings** Isaiah 60:1-6
- Gospel reading** Matthew 2:1-12
- Hymn** *The virgin Mary had a baby boy* **HWB 202**
- Epistle reading** Ephesians 3:1-12
- Sermon** Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

- *Hymn** *Brightest and best* **STS 29**
- Commissioning for Harold Thieszen** led by Elizabeth Raid,
chair of Staff Congregation Relations Committee
- 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**
- *Dedication hymn** *Worship the Lord in the beauty* **HWB 220**
- *Dedication prayer**

SENDING

- *Hymn** *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* **HWB 32**
- *Benediction**
- *Benediction response**
- *Postlude**

*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 in pew racks and place them in the offering plates for response by pastoral staff.

In today's worship service BCMC member Harold Thieszen will be commissioned to assist with pastoral care responsibilities such as visitation, funerals, and other caring ministries Jan. 1 – Feb. 7, 2015, while Susan Wheeler, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, is on sabbatical leave.

BCMC will celebrate World Fellowship Sunday on January 18, 2015. Each year Anabaptist-related churches around the world are encouraged to worship around a common theme on a Sunday close to January 21. On that date in 1525 the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Switzerland. World Fellowship Sunday provides an opportunity to remember our common roots and celebrate our worldwide faith community.

Thank you to the Fine Arts class for serving coffee during fellowship time in December, and to the Seekers class for serving in January.

All are invited to a reception faspas on Jan. 18, 5 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton, for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister for Western District Conference who will retire on Jan. 31, 2015.

Mennonite Men will meet Fri., Jan. 23 (note the change of date—time will be announced later). S. Roy Kaufman will discuss land and climate issues. Kaufman is the author of *Healing God's Earth*.

As we continue our Sunday School year, we want to give special recognition of the time invested by the teachers, leaders, and helpers of our nursery - high school Sunday school classes. As a way to say "Thank You!", we invite all Nursery - HS SS teachers, etc. to "pop" into the library today for a special treat during fellowship time. ~ *Faith Formation Commission*

BCMC member Elizabeth Raid will be ordained in a service today at 3:00 p.m. at BCMC, with a reception following. All are invited! Elizabeth and her husband Lou Gomez serve as the pastoral ministry team at Mennonite Friendship Communities in South Hutchinson.

This Week at BCMC: January 4, 2015– January 11, 2015

BCMC's annual New Year Memorial and Communion service is today at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. During the service, candles will be lit for BCMC members and loved ones who have died during 2014, and communion will be observed. Family, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

It's time for men to register for a new season of singing with the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus; an opportunity to combine the love of singing with making a contribution to the mission of the church. All offerings received at KMMC concerts go to Mennonite Central Committee. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, or call Omar Voran. *"We sing that others might live."*

Scrapbook Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is Jan. 16-18. Come for a fun time to fellowship with other "scrappers." For details about any of the winter retreats go to www.rmmc.org or call us: 719-687-9506.

Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly will be June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. Registration opens January 5. For info see www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention. The BCMC Gifts Discernment Committee is in the process of appointing delegates to represent our congregation at the delegate assembly.

BCMC Witness Commission calls attention to the issue of repealing the death penalty which will come before the Kansas state legislature in the session beginning Jan. 12. Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty (KCADP) calls for letters to the editor. Witness Commission will sponsor letter-writing sessions to legislators today and Jan. 11 in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to write a letter and need helpful facts, contact Valetta Seymour of Witness Commission.

The BCMC winter congregational meeting will be Sun., Jan. 25, 12:45 p.m. following a soup luncheon served by Senior High youth. If commissions, committees or church members have topics for consideration at the meeting, please inform moderator Jim Robb prior to the Jan. 8 Church Board meeting, where congregational meeting agenda will be confirmed.

Thank you! for your contributions to the Harvest of Love, an annual campaign during Nov-Dec to raise food and funds for the Salvation Army food pantry. The goal of \$30,000 and 30,000 pounds of food is nearly met. During the coming year, BCMC will continue to collect food for Salvation Army on the first Sunday of each month. Place food items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance under the coat racks.

Today—Epiphany 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 at 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study — Room 14—Psalms
- Catacombs —Rm B-5—*The Challenge of the church library*, BCMC Library Committee
- Fine Arts — Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine* - Bart Ehrman d.v.d.s
- Mosaic — Rm 22
- Issues & Christianity — Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*
- Open Circle —Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Audio interview of Janine Wedel with Harvard's Lawrence Lessing on *Unaccountable*, Wedel's latest book
- Sojourners – Chapel —*History and Evolution of Mennonite Press*, Steve Rudiger

3:00 p.m. Ordination service for Elizabeth Raid—Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. New Year Memorial and Communion Service—Sanctuary

Monday, January 5

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

7:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, January 6

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

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Room 14

6:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary; Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14; Creation Care Committee—Rm B-7

Saturday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Young and Middle Aged Men—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College

Sunday, January 11

9:30 a.m. Worship with music by Chancel Choir; sermon by John Tyson

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education