

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, requests us to pray “that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year.”

**Western District Conference:** Pray God’s blessing on the Western District Church Planters Retreat on Dec. 12 and the Church Planting Dreamers Advance on Dec 13.

**This congregation:** Pray for college students, faculty and staff as they complete Fall semester and final exams. Pray for safe travels, rest and renewal over the upcoming holiday break.

*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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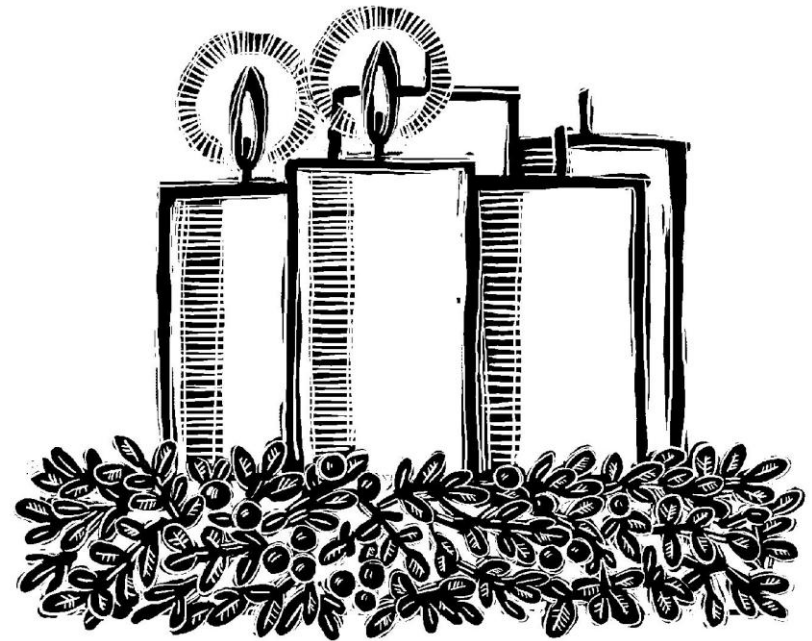
**Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert

**Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**November 30 at BCMC:** Attendance: 286. General Fund \$4,533.60; Caring Fund \$1,481.17; Living Stones \$1,100; Flower Fund \$45; Roland Enszen Memorial \$1,260.

# Second Sunday in Advent



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**December 7, 2014**

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**December 7, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. Worship**  
**Second Sunday in Advent: *Keep Awake!***

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**GATHERING**

**9:00 a.m. Prelude** Christopher Shaw, organist

*Lift up your heads* - arr. David Cherwien

*Advent (Winter)* - Hilary Tann

*Noel X* - Louis Claude Daquin

Fantasy on *Veni Emmanuel* - arr. Robert Lau

*My dancing day* - arr. David Schelat

*Silent night, holy night* - arr. Robert Hobby

*Hark! The herald angels sing* - arr. Neil Harmon

**Greeting** Duane Friesen

**Hymn** *O come, O come, Immanuel* (verses 1 & 2) **HWB 172**

Nancy Hilty, organist

**Lighting of Advent candles** Weldon and Florence Schloneger

**Prayer of confession:** Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed. We have not been at peace. We repent, and turn to you in love. Forgive our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Words of assurance**

**\*Hymn** *Comfort, comfort ye, my people* **HWB 176**  
(Children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Time with children** Adam Robb

**Anthem** *Dance and sing for the Lord will be with us*

Hebrew folk melody, arr. Hopson

Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

**Old Testament reading** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Psalms 85 selections with sung response** *Peace before us* **STS 16**  
Suzy Burch, guitar

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-9 – *Peace before us*, v. 2

Psalm 85:10-11 – *Peace before us*, v. 3

Psalm 85:12-13 - *Peace before us*, vv. 4-5

**New Testament readings** 2 Peter 3:8-15a and Mark 1:1-8

**Sermon** *Comfort and confrontation* Heidi Regier Kreider

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn** *On Jordan's banks* (vv. 1-3) **HWB 183**

**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** *O Come Emmanuel* arr. Purvis

**\*Dedication hymn** *On Jordan's banks* (v. 4) **HWB 183**

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn** *Bless'd be the God of Israel* **HWB 174**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude** *From heaven above* Christiansen

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book**

**STS = Sing the Story**

**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.

***Keep Awake!* is the theme for worship at BCMC during Advent.** During this season we await and celebrate the coming of Christ. **Advent banners** mark our movement through Advent. Created by Robert Regier, they present a gradual crescendo of light and color, providing possibilities for insight, discovery and renewal. **Reflection questions** related to each Sunday's sermon will be posted on the BCMC website and listed in the bulletin for conversation in Sunday school or for personal reflection during the week. Today's questions: When have you been comforted, or offered comfort to someone else? How is God calling you out of your "comfort zone" in order to participate more fully in God's love, peace and justice? How does BCMC proclaim and practice God's comfort in a hurting world?

**Today, during Sunday school at 10:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall,** 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. **John will also speak at Kidron-Bethel Village** in Menno Hall at 7 p.m., Mon., Dec. 8. This meeting is open for anyone to attend.

## This Week at BCMC: December 7– December 14, 2014

### Christmas season events in the area:

• **McPherson Community Brass Choir** directed by Jerry Toews performs at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, today, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

Alexanderwohl Church is one mile north of Goessel on Highway K-15.

• **Newton Treble Clef annual Christmas vespers** is today, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton. Music by Donna Stucky; Treble Clef Chorus, Sunflower Trio (Rebecca Schloneger, Matt Schloneger, Ken Rodgers); Michelle Armster, Joan Wulf; music and photography by Vada Snider, Karen Loucks and Duane Graham. Freewill offering for Treble Clef Scholarship Fund.

• **Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Open House** is Tues., Dec. 9, 4-6 p.m. at 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> North Newton. Meet new people in MCC Central States and visit with MCC alumni. At 4:30 p.m.: a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to Palestine/Israel.

• **Ten Thousand Village festival sale** will be in back of Prairie Harvest in Newton: Sun., Dec. 7 - 1 to 4 p.m.

**Homeless Shelter update:** The box in the back of the sanctuary is for items donated to HCHS, and 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!

**Offender/Victim Ministries** seeks applicants for the position of Director of Prison Ministries. This half-time position oversees the M-2 Prison Visitation and the Prison Arts programs at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Full position description available upon request. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters to libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

**Income from the use of Dillons cards to benefit Offender/Victim Ministries** is down over 20% from last year. Please help support the ministries of OVM by using Dillons reloadable gift cards to purchase groceries and prescriptions, and for fuel at Kwik Shop. OVM receives 5% of each dollar spent. Last year over \$16,000 was received from people using the gift cards. To purchase a reloadable Dillons card to benefit OVM, contact OVM at 283-2038, or stop by the office Mon.-Thurs., 8-5 p.m.

**Lupe Magdaleno from Sunflower Community Action** will present an update on the current status of immigration policy in the U.S., Kansas, and Wichita, Dec. 14, 3-5 pm at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N Woodland (23rd & Woodland), Wichita. The afternoon will begin with a prayer service for immigrants and conclude with a light meal. Free and open to the public. Among the event sponsors are Mennonite Church of the Servant and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, both in Wichita.

### Today—Second Sunday of Advent

**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 —1<sup>st</sup> grade in B-4; 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade stay in B-8)
- Grades 5-8 —Rm 26 • Senior High Youth—Rm 22
- Sunday school elective with John Bergen speaking on Christian Peacemaker Teams— Fellowship Hall

Adult classes:

- Agape, Mosaic, Seekers, & Sojourners classes –Attending elective with John Bergen in Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study— Room 14 – *Psalms*, Patty Shelly
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Hizmet & Hope*, James Juhnke & Miriam Nofsinger
- Fine Arts —Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine* - Bart Ehrman d.v.d.s
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the New Testament*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response

### Monday, December 8

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

### Tuesday, December 9

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

### Wednesday, December 10

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting – Room 14

**4:30 p.m.** Art Committee—Rm 14

**5:15-7:15 p.m.** Hospitality Commission work night— Kitchen

**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, December 11

**7:00 p.m.** Finance Committee—Rm 14

### Friday, December 12

**7-10 p.m.** Sr High Youth Group Gym Night—Bethel College Memorial Hall

### Saturday, December 13

**7:30 a.m.** Mennonite Men are invited to bring their significant others (spouses, children, siblings) to the Kidron Harvest Table for breakfast (\$4.00 per person). At 8 a.m., in Menno Hall, Marles Preheim and John Gaeddert will lead in the singing of Advent carols and a spoken meditation. We anticipate the inspiration of this time together.

**8:00 a.m.** Young and Middle Aged Men's Breakfast—Mojo's, BC Campus

**4:30 p.m.** Mosaic Sunday school party – Meet at Kreiders' (2825 N. Main) for caroling, then supper at 6:00 p.m.

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## **Sunday, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-28.

**9:00 a.m.** Prelude by Howard Glanton, guitarist

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

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


**A list is available of the 22 new books** added to our library this week. Come, see, pick up a list. ~ *Library Committee*

**Thank you** to all who expressed sympathy and sent cards during the recent death of our brother-in-law, Laurence Bartel. Again, the church demonstrates itself as a caring community! ~ *LaWanda and Emerson Wiens*

**KC 2015! Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly** will take place June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. Registration opens on January 5. For more information, see [www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention) or [www.Facebook.com/MCUSA.Convention](http://www.Facebook.com/MCUSA.Convention). In church boxes is a flier listing some of the featured speakers for MC USA Convention, and on the bulletin board is the November 2014 “KC2015” newsletter. Gifts Discernment Committee is appointing BCMC delegates to MC USA Assembly.

**Coming up:** On Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) at BCMC the service at 7 p.m. will be led by children and youth, and Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will sing. At 11 p.m. will be a candle-light service of Lesson and Carols with anthems by Chancel Choir and congregational singing. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join in these special times of worship!

**Women’s Fellowship** of BCMC will have a Christmas Tea on Tues., Dec. 16, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Music will be provided by Karen Loucks, Vada Snider and Bethany Schrag. All women are invited to attend.

 **You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated “Flower Fund”) and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by today, Dec. 7**. Contact Mildred Voran for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm or 11 pm program.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of : \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Join the Harvest of Love** 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. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Newton, KS 67114. Or bring food items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance under the coat racks. (Note different location to place food.)

### **Bethel College announcements:**

- **Today, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.**— The Bethel College Alumni Choir will give its inaugural concert, a selection of secular and seasonal songs; *Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, 1200 Boyd Ave., Newton*. Andrew Voth directs.
- **Sun., Dec. 7, 8 p.m.** – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria.
- **Sun., Dec. 21, 3:30 p.m.**— Lisa Weaver, author of the new book *Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen’s Mennonite Central Committee Medallion*, will present a program, including slides of Klassen’s artwork, a historical framework for the story and her process of creating this picture book for all ages, *Kauffman Museum auditorium*. The book is for sale in the museum shop and Lisa will also be signing copies that afternoon. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

**Charles Olson Music Scholarship Annual Home Tour** is Sun., Dec. 14, 2 to 4 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. Advance Reservations are available at Prairie Harvest, 601 N. Main St., Newton. Music by Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra Quintet includes Donna Woolery. Homeowners include John and Judy Harris, Jason and Racquel Thiesen-High, Joe and Deborah Hamm, and Nathan Dick and Peggy Souder. Eldine Harder will host at one of the homes. The scholarship funds private instrumental music lessons for high school recipients, including students from BCMC.

### **Mennonite World Conference announcements:**

- **Register now for PA 2015**, the Mennonite World Conference Assembly to be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 persons have registered already, including 150 from Zimbabwe! What about you? Make plans now. Go to [www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015) to visit the Assembly web page, then select “Register Now”.
- **Consider joining MWC’s Assembly Prayer Network**. Prayer is essential in planning and hosting a global Assembly. Join a network of over 60 people from 20 countries to pray for Assembly – its staff, volunteers, leaders, and participants. When you join the Prayer Network, you will receive monthly communications with scriptural meditations, stories, information surrounding Pennsylvania 2015, and items to pray about. See more at: <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015prayernetwork>

**Check out BCMC’s website** at [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) to read the latest Pastor’s Post and see other updates from BCMC. **And be sure to ‘like’ BCMC’s Facebook page** to receive updates and connect with friends in our community of faith!