

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Mission Network partners, Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, serve as directors of Menno Village, a sustainable agriculture initiative in Japan. Pray that more people will join this farming community, and pray for healing for their son, Kazu, who has been hospitalized with Crohn's disease.

Western District Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister in Texas, who will finish handing off his work to Howard Garver this month. Pray for a smooth transition.

This congregation: Please offer prayers for staff, students, and faculty in our local college communities that are beginning a new semester.

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.

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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

January 25 at BCMC: Attendance: General Fund: \$5,085.51; Living Stones \$847; Media Supplies \$10; Plant Fund \$400; Sr Hi Youth \$2,752.

Bethel College Mennonite Church February 1, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, piano

Introit *Thank you for the world so sweet* Bertaux

Cherub Choir

Jill Siebert, director; Mary Ann Boschmann, accompanist

Jason Wong, violin; Vada Snider, flute

Greeting Lou Gomez, worship leader

Call to Worship: Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

His praise endures forever.

***Hymn** *Open now thy gates of beauty* **HWB 19**

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children John Tyson

Worship music *Shall we gather at the river* arr. Wagner

Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Scripture reading Mark 1:21-28

Sermon *"The Demon is Always on My Back"* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Silence! frenzied, unclean spirit* **HWB 630**

v. 1 Nancy Mueller, soloist; vv. 2-3 Congregation

Kingdom report: Karen Penner, Darlene Dick, and
Marvin Thieszen on Jerusalem Seminar

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 *Fill now our life, O Lord* **STS 107**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book STS = Sing the Story

Sermon Illustration

(<http://www.humansofnewyork.com/>)



"I cried the first time I did heroin. I'd never wanted to do it. I always spoke out against it. But I was 245 lbs at the time, and I was with the first guy who had ever showed any interest in me. So I did it to feel accepted. Now, I'm always waiting for my next fix. Even when I manage to get clean, the *demon is always on my back*. I always thought I was too smart to be an addict. And I am smart. I sing, I write poetry. There was so much I could have done. And I cry every day of my life. Because I'm too smart for this to have happened to me."

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.

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Walter Jost is receiving care at Asbury Park, Lois Deckert is receiving care at Schowalter Villa.

I wish to thank the congregation for the many words of encouragement and prayers on my behalf during hospitalization and recovery. ~ Shirley Harms

Venture Club is ready for some great Wednesday fun each week in February and March! This is our group of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys and girls from our church, and is open to their friends as well. Our theme is "Missions in our World", and **we'll enjoy having a guest each week to share about their mission experiences locally or around the world.** We meet 7:15-8:00 p.m. in Room B-8 just like last Fall. Please contact Alan Leopard alan.leopard@scouting.org with ideas or questions.



Don't get called for clipping as you rush your way to the junior high club's annual SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE, today in front of the mailboxes after church.

Thanks in advance! Your donations to purchase our ready-made snacks help us go to snow camp and the pumpkin patch.

Wednesday night suppers coming up! Supper will be served at BCMC in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, Feb. 4 – Mar. 25. Check your church mailbox for a brochure with menus and schedule. See you at supper next Wednesday night!



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Feb. 4, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children youth and adult choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Feb. 2. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.00/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Feb. 4 menu: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, tropical fruit, strawberry cream pie.



Meal reservation(s) for February 4

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____

Attend all 8 meals—Name: _____

This Week at BCMC: February 1 – February 8, 2015

All are invited to attend a Circles of Hope Poverty Simulation on Sat. morning, 9–12, March 7, at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Teachers, youth workers, social workers, pastors, and anyone else interested in learning more about what it is like to live in poverty are urged to attend. There is no charge, but donations will be received to benefit the Circles of Hope program, a ministry of Peace Connections. Contact Peace Connections for more information or with questions. Child care will be provided. Please register your child(ren) for childcare by calling First Mennonite Church, 283-0273, before March 5.

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. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, or call Omar Voran.

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

The Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference is Feb. 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Speaker is Father John Dear. Information/registration at www.hesston.edu/avds or call 620-327-8109. Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. TheatreWorks brings the scriptures alive in "*I'd Like to Buy an Enemy*," Sat., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 general admission at the door, or free with conference registration.

Young Adult Snow Camp is Feb. 20-22 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp with group games, broomball, human curling, great discussion based worship times, singing, and many moments outside enjoying the beauty of creation. The cost is \$74. Online registration available at www.rmmc.org or call 719-687-9506.

The Mennonite Agri-Urban Banquet and annual meeting will be Sat., Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. Everyone involved or interested in the Agri-Urban program is invited. No sign-up required.

StoryTime at the Western District Conference Resource Library begins on Wed. Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. Join in the fun with Alisha Baughman. Call 283-6300 to sign up your preschooler or for more information.

You are invited to attend Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Meeting Mon., Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct., Newton. Dinner is \$11 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Mon., Feb. 9.

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—Rm 26 • Senior High Youth—Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Agape—KIPCOR at 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Women's Encounters with Jesus*: Luke 13:10-17
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Paul and the Roman Empire*, Keith Sprunger
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine* - Bart Ehrman d.v.d.s
- Mosaic—Rm 22—Sermon reflection and response
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Sanctuary—Discussion of Janine Wedel's latest book *Unaccountable*, Janine Wedel
- Sojourners – Chapel—*Our Time to Sing* (Refreshments served)

1:00—3:00 p.m. Pastor Evaluation Conveners Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting--Rm 14

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

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

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club (Rm 26); Venture Club (Rm B-8)

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

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—(Rm B-7)

Thursday, February 5

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Sunday, February 8

9:30 a.m. Worship—music by Junior Choir; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

Janine Wedel, professor at George Mason University and daughter of Arnold and Delores Wedel will be talking to the Seekers Sunday school class about her latest book, *Unaccountable*. Seekers extend an open invitation to everyone to attend this session which will be meeting in the front of the sanctuary.

BCMC has a commitment to help staff the Harvey County Homeless Shelter for evening and night shifts for 1 week every 3 months. We are also responsible for taking evening meals to the Shelter during that week. As our congregation ages, we are in more need than ever to replace some of the faithful volunteers who can no longer serve. Please consider helping out at HCHS. Our next responsibilities at HCHS are Feb. 11 to Feb. 17. There are a number of ways that one can help. If you would be available to help fill an evening or night shift (a 1 hour volunteer training session is required, or alternatively, you could serve with an experienced volunteer), or if you can help prepare and/or serve a meal, please contact Valetta Seymour. Consider asking your SS class to help with this important ministry by sharing in the making and serving a meal.

Copies of the MC USA statement on Israel-Palestine will be available in the rack in main entryway for those interested. A signing table will be set up in the back of the sanctuary on February 8 for those wishing to sign a letter of support for the statement that will be sent to the MC USA Resolutions Committee. ~ *Witness Commission*

Bethel College announcements:

- **Wed., Feb. 4 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 a.m. *NHS Azteca Dancers*, Patrice Olais, Newton High School
10:35 a.m. *Our Trip to Alaska* (It took all summer!), Janet and Orvin Voth
11:30 a.m. *In jail, my mind opens...: Life Writings at Hutchinson Correctional Facility*, Ami Regier, professor of literary studies and Will Shoup, student, Bethel College
- **Centering Prayer will meet every Monday from noon-1 p.m. starting Feb. 2 in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus.** All are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com; Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu; or Karen Andres, davidkaren@powwwer.net.
- **Sat., Feb. 7 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk;** meet at 8:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot, Main & 27th Streets, North Newton, for a 1 to 1 ½ hour walk on Sand Creek Trail with experienced birder Gregg Friesen; binoculars helpful but not required.

Community Playschool is looking for persons interested and willing to occasionally fill in as a substitute teacher. These volunteers work with a class of 10 or fewer children and another adult in the room. Benefits include warm smiles from the children, an engaging morning where you are allowed to play with blocks and toys and acknowledgment from a very grateful director! If you enjoy working with children and would like to help out in this important mission of your church, please contact Jeanette Leary at 283-3667 for more information.



Kansas MCC Relief Sale is April 17-18 at Hutchinson Fairgrounds!

***Fellowship Meals are March 1 and March 8.** Be a host and invite someone to your house to "come and dine" or be a guest in another family's home. Churches may also host Fellowship Meals which consist of members from the congregation (Sunday School class, Circle Groups, etc.) Forms are located on a table by the mailboxes. **Registration forms are due Feb. 13**
***Quilter's Corner** collection box is located between the mailboxes. A list of suggested items is in the box.

***KMRS has a website and is also on Facebook:** www.kansas.mccsale.org, or the KMRS page on Facebook. Watch for posting of events and pictures of donated items.

***If you have an auction item** that you would like to have publicized in the Sale Bill, deadline is Feb. 16. Forms are available on the bulletin board, or contact a committee member.

***Penny Power begins next Sunday.** Watch for what's new with the Penny Power challenge!

***We have already been receiving commitments for purchasing pre-sale items!** Reminder that forms are due Feb. 8. Thank you!

BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell, Ron & Carol Peters, and Tom & Gayle Jackson.

Everyone is invited to a special Mennonite Central Committee learning event on Sat., Feb. 28, 9 a.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center Bethel College. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop will follow the seminars. If you plan to attend, please email tinaschrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff, counselors, and volunteers in February. Camp Mennoscah will be at Goshen College on Feb. 6, and Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges on February 9, 10, and 11, respectively, from mid-morning to early afternoon.
- Camp Mennoscah Scrapbooking Retreats are coming. A registration form will be ready soon for the March 6-8 and March 13-15 retreats. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org with questions.