

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for chaplains in businesses in Paraguay. May they encourage Christian employees to exercise their calling to be salt and light in the marketplace, thus creating a more favorable spiritual climate at their companies and among their families.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for God's guidance for the Western District Conference Search Committee seeking a new Conference Minister. Pray for Sondra Bandy Koontz who chairs the committee.

**This congregation:** This weekend as Susan Wheeler shares sabbatical reflections and the Senior High youth are at Snow Camp, give thanks for travels and experiences close to home that allow us to gain new perspective and encounter God in new ways!

*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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**Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert

**Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**February 8 at BCMC:** Attendance: 226. General Fund \$8,055.50; Living Stones \$1,247; Sr Hi Youth \$15; Caring Fund \$100.

## Bethel College Mennonite Church February 15, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

### GATHERING

- Prelude** *Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving*  
Brahms and The Old Hundredth  
Pachelbel/Walther  
Verlene Garber, organist
- Introit** *God our Maker, give us peace* Christopherson  
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert, director  
Mary Ann Boschmann, accompanist; Vada Snider, flute
- Greeting** Heidi Regier Kreider
- \*Hymn** *Unto thy temple Lord, we come* **HWB 4**  
(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Time with children** Lee Wheeler
- Scripture reading:** Psalm 125
- Anthem** *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* (see next page)  
Movement IV from German *Requiem* by Brahms  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director
- Scripture reading:** Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5 **HWB 860 and 861**
- Sermon** *Sabbatical reflections* Susan Wheeler

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

- \*Hymn** *Beyond a dying sun* **HWB 323**
- 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** *Psalm* Young
- \*Dedication hymn** *For the healing...* (v. 1) **HWB 367**
- \*Dedication prayer**

### SENDING

- \*Hymn** *For the healing of the nations* (vv. 2-4) **HWB 367**
- \*Benediction**
- \*Benediction response**
- \*Postlude** *The Old Hundredth* Bach

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book**

**STS = Sing the Story**

**Requiem by Brahms:** This Spring the BCMC Chancel Choir is learning the Brahms *Requiem*, preparing to join the performance of the complete work at Bethel College on May 3. The Brahms *Requiem* does not use the traditional Latin setting of the Catholic Mass, but is a collection of scriptures drawn by Brahms from his King James Bible. His choice of scripture demonstrates his knowledge of biblical literature and reflects his focus on the living - the transition from mourning to comfort. English translation:

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen (How amiable are thy tabernacles),  
Herr Zebaoth! (O Lord of hosts!)

Meine Seele verlanget und sehnet sich (My soul longeth, yea fainteth)

Nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn (for the courts of the Lord)

Mein Leib und Seele freuen sich (my heart and my flesh crieth out)

In dem lebendigen Gott. (For the living God).

Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,

(Blessed are they that dwell in thy house)

Die loben dich immerdar (They will be still praising thee)

**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.

This Wednesday begins **The season of Lent**, a time of renewal leading to Holy Week (remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, last supper with his disciples, and crucifixion) and a celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter. A brief Ash Wednesday service will take place in the BCMC sanctuary on Wed., Feb. 18 at 7:00 -7:30 p.m. In the service we will hear scripture, offer prayer, and receive the sign of ashes as a mark of our mortality and confession of sin in the presence of God's loving grace and mercy. All are welcome! Next Sunday, Feb. 22. Communion will be served to mark the first Sunday in Lent.

**BCMC Sr Hi Youth** are attending Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this weekend, Feb. 13-15. **Sr Hi Youth received a total donation** of \$2,823 at the Soup Luncheon Fundraiser on January 25. We send our thanks and gratitude to the congregation for your generous support of our activities!

**We offer sympathy** to the family of Thelma Bartel who died Feb. 10 at Kidron Bethel Village. Thelma's memorial service was Feb. 14 at BCMC.

**Thank you very much for your cards,** calls and prayers following the deaths in our families of Juanita Janzen on January 3 and Elaine Johnson on January 20. The memorial service for Vern's sister was January 17 in Hesston. The inurnment and memorial service for Norma's mother will be May 23 in Casselton, North Dakota. ~ *Vern Preheim & Norma Johnson*

**You are invited to come eat cake** with Milly Stucky as she celebrates 90 years of life, Sun., Feb. 22, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. No gifts please! ~ *Milly's Family*

**Venture Club** is ready for some great Wednesday fun each week in February and March! This is our group of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Lepard at alan.lepard@scouting.org with ideas or questions.

**At Wednesday Night Church Supper on February 25** you can enjoy fellowship around tables over a meal of sloppy joes, potato salad, fresh fruit and cookies, and also support the BCMC effort to increase scholarships for our students attending Bethel College. All donations for the supper will be used to raise the needed \$2,000 to double scholarships beginning Fall 2015. You will hear our BCMC Bethel College students Eric, Ben, and Alex share about their campus experiences. The Youth Group and their Mentors will serve the meal. Supper begins at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own table service. A short program will begin around 6:40. Many thanks for helping the cause!  
~ *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*

**Death penalty repeal update:** Rep. Steven Becker has introduced HB 2129 calling for a repeal of the death penalty in Kansas and replacing it with life without parole. We are asked to send letters to Rep. John Barker, chair of the House Judiciary Committee asking him to give HB 2129 a hearing to allow the committee to hear the most important issues related to repeal, including the cost savings that repeal would bring to the State.  
~ *Witness Commission*

**The BCMC Library** has a collection of 51 books written by 24 authors who are currently our church members. Copies of this book list are available in the library. **The January 2015 issue of *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*** is available in the BCMC Library for a one-week checkout.

## This Week at BCMC: February 15 – February 22, 2015

**Enjoy an evening of vocal music** when Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers join the Doane College Choir (Crete, NE) and McPherson College Choir for a collaborative concert at 7 p.m., Sat., Feb. 21, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Admission is free.

**Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*** at 4 and 7 p.m., March 9 and April 13 with Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall speaking on Medicare and Social Security, providing instructions on how to enroll, explaining your options if you continue to work, etc., at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, or darlene.buller@everence.com to reserve a spot.

**Attending the Circles of Hope Poverty Simulation** on Sat., March 7, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at First Mennonite Church affords incredible life-changing insight into the experience of many Newton community members. There is no charge, though there will be a basket for donations for the Circles program which is a ministry of Peace Connections. Contact Peace Connections for more info, 284-0000. Child care will be provided. Register your child(ren) with First Mennonite Church, 283-0273, before March 5.

**Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly** will be June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. The BCMC Gifts Discernment Committee has appointed the following people to serve as delegates from BCMC: Lois Preheim, Dianne Epp, Lou Gomez, Ben Kreider, Jonathan Zerger, Heidi Regier Kreider and Vern Preheim (alternate).

**Young Adult Snow Camp** is Feb. 20-22 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. The cost is \$74. Online registration available at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) or call 719-687-9506.

**All are invited to a 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 will team 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, email [tinascrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinascrag@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.

**The Western District Conference Resource Library** welcomes Jeanette Roberts as the part-time Interim Librarian beginning in March. Jeanette will be in the library on Thursdays. For assistance from Jeanette, email her at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org), or plan your visits on Thursdays. You are welcome in the Resource Library any day of the week, and other WDC staff will assist you as much as possible.

### 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—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

Adult classes:

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Women's Encounters with Jesus*: John 7:54-8:11
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Ehrman on Paul* (from the Bart Ehrman dvd series)
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Personal Encounters with Scripture
- 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—Rm 21—Race relations in North Newton and Bethel College
- Sojourners – Chapel—*Our Life Story* with Brent and Lora Dungan

### Monday, February 16

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 14

### Tuesday, February 17—Women's Fellowship Circles

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

**2:00 p.m.** Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel

Circle 2—Kidron Bethel Sunroom

Circle 5—Heidi Regier Kreider's, 2825 N. Main, North Newton

**7:00 p.m.** Circle 3—Work Night for Community Playschool—Fellowship Hall

Circle 4—Dianne Epp's, 11 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Rm 14

### Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

**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)

**7:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Service—Sanctuary

**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 19

**4:00 p.m.** Visitation Team—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Witness Commission—Rm B-7

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**Sunday, February 22—First Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells; Communion will be served

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

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

**1:30—3 p.m.** Milly Stucky Birthday Party—Fellowship Hall

**4:30 p.m.** Wichita AGO Organ Tour—Sanctuary

**Bethel College announcements:**

• **Wed., Feb. 18 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium

**9:30 a.m.** *Turkey: Hizmet and Hope*, James Juhnke and Miriam Nofsinger

**10:35 a.m.** *Art is Ageless*, Noell Dickinson, Presbyterian Manor, Newton

**11:30 a.m.** *The Weather is Going to the Dogs*, Ross Janssen and Millie, Chancel 12, Wichita

• **Thurs., Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m.** – **Artist reception for Debra Payne** and “Behind the Scenes,” *outside the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* at Bethel College. Payne’s exhibit, now in the gallery, features scenes from Newton; open weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (exhibit closes Feb. 20).

• **Fri., Feb. 20, 11 a.m.** –New Testament scholar Bart Ehrman speaks in Bethel College convocation, *Krehbiel Auditorium*. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Ehrman will also speak at *Word and Note* at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Feb. 20-22. See bulletin board for details.

• **Sun., Feb. 22, 3 p.m.** – Bethel College Alumni Choir concert Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton

• **Tues., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.** – Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I KMEA preview concert, Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center

**The final film in KIPCOR's 2014-2015 film series, “Released”** is a series of hopeful stories of four parolees who prove that the tide of recidivism can be reversed, if former prisoners are given the support they need to reenter society, Krehbiel Auditorium, 3 p.m., Sun., March 1. The Retired Deputy Warden of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, Steve Dechant, will be facilitating a TalkBack session after the film.

**Cornelius Krahn Mennonite Multimedia Contest** for High Schoolers: The *Mennonite Life* journal invites high school scholars and artists to submit essays, creative writing, multimedia projects, or other original works of art or music on topics related to Mennonite and Anabaptist history, identity, or theology. Deadline: April 1, 2015. Cash prizes. See flyer and details at ml.bethelks.edu



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

\***Quilters:** To have your quilt or quilt related item included in the buyer guide, items must be received by March 16. The BCMC quilt display is March 15.

\***Quilters Corner Box** for donated items is located by church mailboxes.

\***My Coins Count/Penny Power** is off to a great start! Don't forget to see the weekly progress at the foyer bulletin board.

\***Looking for gift ideas?** MCC Bucks! If you would like to purchase one dollar gift certificates, contact a committee member. They come in packets of ten, and can be used like cash at the sale.

\***Sale Bill Items** - If you have an auction item to be publicized in the Sale Bill, forms are on the bulletin board by the office. Deadline is Feb. 16.

\***THANK YOU** to Sunday School classes for your contributions toward the expenses of the sale!

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

**Mark your calendar for Feb.19, 6:30 p.m., for a Valentine’s meal fundraiser** at Iglesia Casa Betania, First Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 429 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton. Bring your significant other to celebrate. Make your reservation by calling 316-644-5800 or email jscazares@cox.net.

**Camp Mennoscah announcements:**

• 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.



**It's Supper Time!** Wednesday night supper Feb. 18, with serving line open from 6:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. **This Wednesday the Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** 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.16. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.00/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Feb. 18 menu: Shepherd’s pie, peaches, brownies and ice cream.



**Meal reservation(s) for February 18**

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_