

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Thank God for Mission Network personnel involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Laura Goerzen who is being ordained to pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, this morning.

This congregation: Pray for God's guidance in discerning youth sponsors for next 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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Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

February 15 at BCMC: Attendance: 252. General Fund \$10,038.32; Living Stones \$1,990; Plant Fund \$100; Caring Fund \$353.16; Thelma Bartel Memorial \$75.

Sermons will now be posted on the church website. Visit

<http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/media/> to listen to previous sermons.

Bethel College Mennonite Church February 22, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship *Upside Down & Inside Out: First Sunday in Lent*

FIRST LOOK

Prelude *O sacred head, now wounded [HWB #252]* Brahms
O lamb of God, innocent [HWB #146] Bach
Eleanor Kaufman, organist

Greeting John Tyson

***Hymn** *Great is thy faithfulness* **HWB 327**

(children come forward during hymn)

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider

Listening to scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Prayer of confession

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we'd do it differently.

People: **Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party do some of the heavy lifting.**

Leader: Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

People: **That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control. (Silence)**

Leader: Be patient with us, O God.

People: **Grow us in the depth of trust our effort can't produce.**

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Words of assurance (from Psalm 25)

Leader: *The Lord is good, teaching sinners the way to go.*

People: **God's paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who listen to God's voice. Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Heidi Regier Kreider

SECOND LOOK

Listening again: Genesis 9:8-17

Call to commitment:

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

People: **God, even in our mistrust and wanting more, we live in your promise and seek a deeper relationship with you.**

***Hymn** *There's a wideness in God's mercy* **HWB 145**

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving

Service of Communion

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup: You may go to a station close to you to receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat as you are served. (All bread is gluten-free).

Music during Communion *I love to tell the story* arr. Eithun
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Prayer after Communion

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 *My song is love unknown [HWB #235]* Osterland
People with February birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing.

***Dedication hymn** *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

***Dedication prayer**

Benediction

Benediction response *Let us break bread together* arr. Moklebus
Chancel Bells; Joel Linscheid, alto saxophone
Keith and Donna Woolery, percussion

***Postlude** *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* arr. Johnson
*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS= Sing the Story

Today is the first Sunday in Lent, a season of spiritual renewal leading to remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion, and celebration of resurrection on Easter. Our worship during this season draws on resources from Mennonite Church USA: *Upside Down & Inside Out*. God meets us where we are and loves us as we are – yet does not stop there, but instead turns our expectations and understanding “upside down and inside-out.” Each Sunday, we move beyond a “First Look” at scripture to consider a “Second Look.” The Time with Children each week explores different ways of praying, and suggestions are given to extend our encounter with scripture beyond Sunday worship. This week, look for signs of God's faithful covenant with all creation. In what ways is God sustaining the world, our community and your own life?

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: John Kliewer, Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Justina Neufeld and Floyd Bartel on the death of Justina's brother Willy Neufeld, Feb. 17, in Germany.

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.

You are invited to come eat cake with Milly Stucky as she celebrates 90 years of life, **today**, Feb. 22, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. No gifts please! **The flower arrangement this morning** is in honor of Milly's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Milly! ~ *Milly's Family*

Are you curious about being a Senior High youth sponsor? The Faith Formation Commission is currently seeking persons interested in serving as Senior High youth sponsors beginning in September 2015. The Faith Formation Commission appoints Senior High youth sponsors for two-year terms. Please contact John Tyson for further conversation.

Interested in supporting young adults? The Faith Formation Commission is seeking persons interested in joining a creative team to help launch a young adult Sunday school space. Please contact John Tyson for further conversation.

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 each week we have a guest 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 go to the “BC Scholarship Fund” 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*

This Week at BCMC: February 22 – March 1, 2015

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).

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 tinaschrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720.

Everyone's invited to a come and go farewell reception for Marlene Bogard Sun., Mar. 1, 3-5 p.m. at the WDC office, 2517 N. Main, North Newton. Marlene has served WDC for almost 25 years, and will leave her position at the end of February to become the Executive Director of Mennonite Women USA.

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.

Camp Mennoscah has two Scrapbooking Retreats on March 6-8 and 13-15. Contact: 620-297-3290 or find the registration form online at www.campmennoscah.org in Retreats.

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—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—Planning Session
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*My research and writing on Paul—recent work*, Howard Snider
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Personal Encounters with Scripture
- Mosaic—Rm 22—Sermon reflection/response and other topics
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Jerusalem Seminar participants will share
- Sojourners – Chapel—2:17—*This could send you to prison*, Al and Nadine Peters

Monday, February 23

2:30 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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 26

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

The 2015 Western District Conference basketball tournament is scheduled for the evenings of March 16-17 and 19-21 at Bethel College. BCMC will once again participate in the tournament. Please contact John Tyson at 215-896-1047 or john.bcmc@sbcglobal.net by March 4 to sign-up. There is a \$10 fee.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Wed., Feb. 25 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 a.m. *Sweet legacy—A family history told in maple syrup*, Steve Lehman
10:35 a.m. *Managing rail traffic through Newton*, Justin Gee
11:30 a.m. *Education issues in Kansas—not just finances*, Allen Jantz, Lisa Janzen Scott and Doug Siemens
- **Sun., Feb. 22, 3 p.m.** – Bethel College Alumni Choir concert Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton
- **Mon., Feb. 23, 9 a.m.** –Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas (SOA) Watch, Krehbiel Auditorium, and at **7 p.m.** at the offices of the *Kansas Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR)*, 2515 College Ave. The public is invited. Father Roy will also speak in Hesston College's Feb. 23 chapel service, 11 a.m., Hesston Mennonite Church.
- **Tues., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.** – Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I KMEA preview concert, Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Tues., March 3, 7:30 p.m.**—Pete Zimmer Trio, Krehbiel Auditorium. Zimmer is a New York-based jazz drummer.
- **Thurs., March 5, 7 p.m.** – Friends of the MLA program, Bethel College Ad Building chapel. Speakers: James Juhnke, book project on Kansas Mennonites and politics since WW2, and Robin Ottoson, dissertation research on Hillsboro Mennonites during the Vietnam era.
- **Sun., March 8, 3 p.m.** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, *William Byrd Suite* and *Kleine Dreigroschenmusik*, Krehbiel Auditorium.

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

“**Anabaptist Values in Politics**” is the topic of a presentation by Duane Goossen at 8 p.m. Fri., Mar. 6, at Hesston College's Kropf Center, Room 150. Goossen is a senior fellow at the Kansas Center for Economic Growth and a member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka. He served 12 years as Kansas budget director and seven terms in the Kansas House of Representatives. Goossen's presentation is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to attend the business meeting at 7 p.m. or to come at 8 for Goossen's presentation.

It is very exciting to see the children using Activity Bags each Sunday during Worship. At the end of each use, adults should help supervise the children to return all items to the bag. This will help reduce the number of lost or broken items, and ensure that the next child who uses the bag has all the fun and learning they want. Thanks! ~ *Sheri Leopard (activity bag coordinator)*

BCMC will hold an auction Saturday morning, June 27, sponsored jointly by the Facilities Committee and Art Committee to raise funds for the Visual Art Fund and Facilities Plant Fund. Donations wanted: Quality items such as antique furniture, tools and art. Whether cleaning or downsizing, consider what quality items you might want to donate. Questions? Contact Jerry Buller or Darlene Dick.



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

***Dates to Remember:** Quilts and quilt related items need to be received by March 16 to be included in the quilt sale booklet. The BCMC quilt display is March 15. Forms can be found on the website or contact a committee member.

***Cookbooks and Quilters Corner Items** can be left for donation by church mailboxes.

***Urgent Needs** for volunteers on a variety of committees including feeding of the multitude checkers, verenike making and frying, and children's activities. Let us know if you are interested and we'll be happy to get you more information.

***Do you enjoy arts and crafts, sewing, baking or gardening?** Be thinking how your talents and interests can contribute to the Kansas MCC Relief Sale this year.

***Run for Relief forms are available** and can be found online at KMRS website or check with a committee member.

***Watch the bulletin boards for additional sale information.** Beginning in March, there will be a table at the back of the sanctuary with forms and sign-up sheets. So many opportunities!

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



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Feb. 25, 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 BCMC Bethel College students Eric, Ben, and Alex share about their campus experiences.** 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.23. Cost is by donation with all proceeds to go to the BC Scholarship Fund. Please bring your own table service. **Feb. 25 menu:** Sloppy Joes, potato salad, fresh fruit, cookies.



Meal reservation(s) for February 25

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____