

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Mission Network partners, DOOR Denver and DOOR Hollywood, are hosting local junior and senior high youth groups next weekend. Pray that students and leaders will be open to seeing the face of God in the people they encounter.

Western District Conference: Pray for a fruitful beginning for Howard Garver, new Associate Conference Minister for Texas and Director of Church Planting. Pray for safe travel as Howard will be commuting from Sarasota, Florida, for the first six months.

This congregation: Pray for God’s care and strength for members of the congregation and our families who struggle with mental, emotional and physical health concerns.

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

February 1 at BCMC: Attendance: 286. General Fund: \$18,166; Living Stones \$5,500; Jr Hi Fund \$692.80; Sr Hi Youth \$931; Wed. night supper \$84; Transfer-General \$1500; Inez Koehn Memorial \$50.

GATHERING

Prelude *Aria* Handel
Sonata No. 2 (Grave ~ Adagio ~ Allegro Maestoto) Mendelssohn

Nancy Hilty, organist

Introit *Give me oil in my lamp* arr. Exner
Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director

LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Greeting John Waltner

Prayer based on Psalm 147:1-11

We praise you, O Lord! How good it is to sing praises to you, our God; for you are gracious, and a song of praise is fitting!

You build up Jerusalem, and gather the outcasts.

You heal the brokenhearted, and bind up their wounds.

You determine the number of the stars,
and give to all of them their names.

**Great are you, Lord, and abundant in power;
your understanding is beyond measure.**

You lift up the downtrodden,
and cast the wicked to the ground.

**We sing to you with thanksgiving,
and make melody to you on musical instruments.**

You cover the heavens with clouds, prepare rain for the earth,
and make grass grow on the hills.

**You give to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.**

Your delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor your
pleasure in the speed of a runner; but you take pleasure in those
who fear you, in those who hope in your steadfast love.

We praise you, O Lord!

*Hymn *I sing the mighty power of God* **HWB 46**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with children - MCC Penny Power Kathy Campbell

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Anthem *Si tuvieras fe* Caribbean Pentecostal chorus
Junior Choir

//: Si tuvieras fe, como un grano de mostaza
(If you have faith like a mustard seed)

Eso lo dice el Señor (This is what the Lord says) ://
//: Tu le dirías a la montaña (You say to the mountain)
Mueve té! Mueve té! (Move! Move!) ://
Esa montaña se moverá (That mountain will move)
Se moverá, se moverá (Move, move)

New Testament reading: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon *Zoom in, zoom out* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *At evening, when the sun had set* **HWB 628**
Recognition of pastoral sabbatical transition Elizabeth Raid,
Staff Congregation Relations Committee chair

Prayer of God's people
Kingdom Report – Education/Service Scholarship Committee
Rosalind Andreas, ESSC chair

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 *God is love, let heaven adore Him* arr. Hamlin
***Dedication hymn** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* **HWB 388**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* **HWB 110**
***Benediction**
***Response** *Go now in peace* (HWB 429) Junior Choir
***Postlude**

*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.

Pastoral sabbatical transition: Today we welcome Susan Wheeler, associate pastor for pastoral care, back from her sabbatical leave. Thank you to Harold Thieszen for providing pastoral care ministry during Susan's absence. Susan will share sabbatical reflections during worship next Sun., Feb. 15.

Pastoral review: A reminder that all members are invited to participate in small groups dialogues this Sat., Feb. 14 from 1-3 p.m. Participants will individually respond to three questions given at the congregational meeting on Jan. 25. These questions regard the three-year review of Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider's ministry and focus on priorities for the future of BCMC. Copies of Pastor Heidi's sermon on Jan. 25 relating to her ministry call at this time are available from the office. **If you plan to attend, please inform** the church office (office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net or 283-3667), or Jim Robb (robb2@dtmspeed.net) or Elizabeth Raid (raidelizab@comcast.net).

BCMC Sr Hi Youth will attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp February 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 their generous support of our activities!

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. 1st, Newton. Bring your significant other to celebrate. Make your reservation by calling 316-644-5800 or email jsczares@cox.net.

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*

Congratulations! to BCMC member Elizabeth Schmidt and Gregory Nye who will be married next weekend in a family ceremony officiated by pastor Heidi Regier Kreider at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston.

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 Lepard at alan.lepard@scouting.org with ideas or questions.

Thank you! For purchasing our Super Bowl snacks. Now we can make great memories in the breezy Colorado Mountains at Snow Camp. ~ *The Junior High Club: Nick, Alahna, Nicole, Elizabeth, Elisabeth, Brett, Anjela, Jonah*

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 **today** for those wishing to sign a letter of support for the statement that will be sent to the MC USA Resolutions Committee. ~ *Witness Commission*

This Week at BCMC: February 8 – February 15, 2015

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

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 and 7 p.m. on three upcoming Mondays—Feb. 9, 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 and answering related questions. The seminars will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, or darlene.buller@everence.com.

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 is 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.

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.

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—*Women's Encounters with Jesus: John 4:1-42*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*In the footsteps of Paul*, Duane Friesen
- 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—Rm 21—*Racial relations in Newton*
- Sojourners – Chapel—*Ethiopia reads with LeAnn Clark*

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee-Rm 14; Finance Committee—Rm B-7

Wednesday, February 11

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

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—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 12

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

Saturday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Mennonite Men's breakfast at Kidron Bethel Harvest Table

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

1:00 - 3 p.m. Pastor Evaluation Discussion Groups—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 15

9:30 a.m. Worship with sabbatical reflections by Susan Wheeler and music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

Mennonite Men's breakfast, Sat. Feb. 14, 8 a.m. at Kidron Bethel Harvest Table, will feature presentations by Raymond Regier whose first language was German. He has translated a "Farewell letter" by Johann Wiens written in 1878 from Russia and other selections from the diary of Cornelius Regier regarding a house built in 1898 but burned and salvaged in 1907. Most pioneer homes were house/barn combinations. If time permits, Ray may also touch on the absence of contacts with Native Americans during the immigration process.

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 at 620-217-7536, or vmseymour@mtelco.net. Consider asking your SS class to help with this important ministry by sharing in the making and serving a meal.

Bethel College announcements:

Today– Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program at Kauffman Museum, 3 p.m. (note change from 3:30 as in past years). Chuck Epp, University of Kansas professor of public affairs and administration, will speak on *Racial Stereotyping in Police Stops*. He will also be in Bethel College's convocation tomorrow, Feb. 9, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

- **Wed., Feb. 11 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 a.m. *Confessions of an Indian trader*, John Torline
10:35 a.m. *Fifty-year anniversary: Mayday over Wichita*, David W. Carter
Kansas Humanities Council
11:35 a.m. *Music*, Judy Mace, harpist
- **Centering Prayer** will meet every Mon. from noon-1 p.m. 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.
- **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.



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

***Have your spare change ready!** Penny Power/My Coins Count begins today.

***Fellowship Meal registration forms are due Feb. 13.** If you want to participate, fill out forms located by the church mailboxes and send to address listed on form or give them to a committee member.

***Quilter's Corner** collection box is located between the mailboxes. A list of suggested items is in the box.

***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 available on the bulletin board by the office. Due Feb. 16.

Thank you BCMC for your continued generosity! BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell 283-5151, Ron & Carol Peters 283-4232, and Tom & Gayle Jackson 284-2379.

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.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- Camp Mennoscah will recruit for summer staff, counselors, and volunteers in February. Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges on Feb. 9, 10, and 11, respectively.
- 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. 11, 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. 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. 9. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.00/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.
Feb. 11 menu: Tortilla soup, layered salad, pears, chocolate dessert.



Meal reservation(s) for February 11

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____