

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pray for the family of Pastor Max Villatoro of Iowa City, IA. Max has been deported to Honduras. You can read Max's story at <http://www.firstmennoniteiowacity.org/special-announcements-max.html>

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Youth Ministry Network and Network Team Leader, Dwight Regier, as they support youth pastors and plan bi-conference youth events.

**This congregation:** Pray for renewal, rest and safety in travel for Bethel College students, faculty and staff this week during Spring 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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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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**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert

**Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**March 15 at BCMC:** Attendance 276. General Fund \$7,487.25; Living Stones \$237; MCC \$200; Media Supplies \$5; Kitchen-Funeral \$311.68; Sr Hi Youth \$2,250; Transfer-General \$300; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$25; Irvin Peters Memorial \$50.

**Check out BCMC's website at** [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) to listen to audio recordings of sermons, read the latest Pastor's Post, find out about upcoming events, read the latest newsletter from mission partner Janet Stucky, and more...

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

### GATHERING

**Prelude** Chorale preludes J.S. Bach  
*All glory be to God on high* [HWB 122]  
*Blessed Jesus, we are here* [HWB 13]  
*We believe in one true God*  
Shirley Sprunger King, organist

**Greeting** Mike Claassen

**\*Hymn** *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**Time with children** Heidi Regier Kreider

### FIRST LOOK

**Listening to scripture:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-26

#### Prayer of confession

*Leader:* Faithful God, we want to mature in faith.

*People:* **But what does that really mean?**

**And what will we have to give up?**

*Leader:* We wonder what transformation requires of us, our congregation, our denomination.

*People:* **We're afraid you'll ask too much.**

*Leader:* Yet, we want to be your people.

*People:* **Make us willing receivers of a covenant knit right into the center of our beings.**

### UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

#### Words of assurance (from Psalm 51)

God desires truth in our inward being,  
and teaches wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

**God creates within us clean hearts, and a new and right spirit, restoring to us the joy of salvation.**

**Worship music** *In the garden* arr. Dobrinski  
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

**Sermon** *Dying to live* Heidi Regier Kreider

### SECOND LOOK

**Listening again:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-26

#### Call to commitment:

*Leader:* God turns things upside down and inside out, writing a new way of being into the heart of our lives.

**People: God, we will watch and wait for your new covenant to bear fruit within and among us.**

**\*Hymn** *O God, who gives us life* **HWB 483**

**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** Prelude on *Beach Spring* [HWB 369]

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

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn** *Forth in thy name* **HWB 415**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude** *Christ is made the sure foundation* Cherwien

\*All who are able are invited to stand

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

**Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent**, a season of spiritual renewal leading to Easter. Services during Lent draw 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 turns our understanding upside down and inside out. Each Sunday, we move beyond a “First Look” at scripture to consider a “Second Look.” Suggestions are given to extend our encounter with scripture beyond Sunday worship. *This week*, consider: What notions of success or security can we relinquish in order to follow Jesus more closely? What are we willing to let go of so that our lives might be more fruitful?

**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 afternoon at 4 p.m.** in the sanctuary **organist Shirley Sprunger King** will present *Looking Toward Easter*, a program of organ music and congregational singing based on hymns of the Lenten and Easter season. A freewill offering will be received for BCMC's Living Stones Organ Fund, and a reception will follow. Members of the community are welcome!

**Staff:** Custodian Mike Crawford will be on vacation March 24-29. In his absence Facilities Committee and other staff will cover duties. During this time, as always, congregation members are encouraged to help to care for the church facility by turning off lights and cleaning up after activities. Thank you!

◆ **Note:** *Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will not meet this week (March 25) due to Bethel College Spring Break. Directors Jill Siebert and Elizabeth Schrag will be on tour with the Bethel College Concert Choir.*

**Are you curious about being a Senior High youth sponsor?** Please contact John Tyson for further conversation.

**We offer sympathy to** Dan and Loretta Baumgartner on the death of their brother-in-law August “Bud” Heineman, (the husband of Dan's sister, Florene), in Jefferson City, MO, on March 13. Funeral services were March 17 at First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City.

**Thank you** for your expressions of concern, attention and encouragement during my recent illness and recovery. Your sentiments have given me a positive outlook which I credit for a good recovery. ~ *John Kliever*

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter** will celebrate 10 years of operation with a birthday party Mar. 28 at HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, from 5 to 8 p.m. This family event will have games, prizes, and food. All are invited to attend. There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for items to be donated to HCHS, and it has a list of things needed by the shelter. ~ *Valetta Seymour*

Mark your calendar for upcoming Holy Week service schedules:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 p.m.** Communion service at BCMC in the Fellowship Hall. An offering will be received for the Caring Fund.
- **Good Friday, April 3- From 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** a prayer vigil will take place at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Newton). Community members are invited to stop by for quiet prayer any time during those hours. At 7:00 p.m. a community Good Friday service will take place at Shalom Mennonite Church, sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance. An offering will be received for the NMA Community Assistance Fund distributed through the Salvation Army. All are welcome to this service and prayer time.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5 – 7:00 a.m.** Easter Sunrise Service led by Senior High youth at Prouty residence, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton. Following the service will be a breakfast – please bring rolls, coffee-cake, cheese or fruit to share; beverages and table service provided. Bring chairs. 10:00 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary with music by a brass ensemble, organ, Chancel Choir joined by children's choirs, and sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider– BCMC Sanctuary. (No Sunday school)



**Kansas MCC Relief Sale is April 17-18 at Hutchinson Fairgrounds** [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

Stop by the MCC table in the rear of the sanctuary to sign up to help out:

**\*Bake** zwieback, pies and bread for the sale. Poppyseed rolls, noodles, and peppernuts are also needed.

**\*Volunteer** for areas of the sale including Feeding the Multitude, Quilt Auction, Ten Thousand Villages and more!

**\*Register for Run for Relief -** Register by March 31 to receive T-shirt. If not a runner, you can walk or support someone who is participating.

**\*Craft display** is Sunday, April 12.

**\*Cookbooks and Quilters Corner items** can be donated by church mailboxes.

**Thank you** for your continued support of this very important event!

**Questions?** BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell 283-5151, Ron & Carol Peters 283-4232, and Tom & Gayle Jackson 284-2379.

**Hesston College Theatre** will present the musical *Little Women* Mar. 27 & 28 at 7 p.m.; Mar. 29 at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors, \$8 for students. Purchase online at [books.hesston.edu](http://books.hesston.edu) or 620-327-8105.

• **Everence Financial will present a seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*** at 4 and 7 p.m. April 13 with Financial Advisor Robert Wall at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com) to reserve a spot.

• **Join Shawn Persing, Director of Financial Planning** of Everence, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, in Newton, for a presentation Tues., Apr. 7, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., about financial planning to achieve your goals and avoid costly financial mistakes, and integrating faith with financial decisions. There will be a dessert buffet and Everence prizes! Child care will be available. For more information or to RSVP (by March 31), contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Save the date!** Vacation Bible School will be May 26 – 29 with a Sunday morning worship service May 31.



**You are invited to share an Easter lily** for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source to be delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and return to offering plate or church office by Mar. 29. Make checks to BCMC designated “Flower Fund.” Contact Mildred Voran at 284-2071 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

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

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

Or In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Week at BCMC: March 22 – March 29, 2015**

**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:

- Young Adult Fellowship—Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*Revelation*, John Esau (Open class)
- Bible Study—Room 14—*The Psalms in a variety of musical settings*, John M. Suderman
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Transitions: Making your wishes known*, Robert Wall
- 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—
- Sojourners – Chapel—*Bars, dumps & other childhood hangouts*, Kathy Wiens

**4:00 p.m.** Shirley Sprunger King Organ Program—Sanctuary

**Monday, March 23**

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

**Tuesday, March 24**

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

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm 14

**Wednesday, March 25—No Cherub or Junior Choirs tonight**

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting—Rm 14

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

**6:30 p.m.** Sr Hi Youth (Rm 22)

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

**7:15 p.m.** Youth Bells—(Rm B-7)

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—(Sanctuary)

**8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—(Rm B-7)

**Saturday, March 28 –**

**9:30 a.m.** – Peace Connections Donor Brunch followed by annual meeting at 11 a.m. – Fellowship Hall (by reservation; call 284-0000 by March 23)

**Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Youth Bells

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

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education; Pancake brunch following worship for all children and their families as well as youth, college students, and young adults—Fellowship Hall

### **Bethel College announcements:**

- **Today, 3 p.m.** at Kauffman Museum— Dr. Beverly Rogers, dean of arts and sciences and professor of anthropology at Ottawa University, speaks on *Stereotypes and Realities of the 21st-Century Indian in the United States*.
- **Wed., Mar. 25 - No Life Enrichment**—Spring Break
- **Sun., March 29, 7 p.m.** – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, Memorial Hall.
- **Mon., March 30, 11 a.m.**, – Bethel College forensics team nationals preview, Krehbiel Auditorium. Team members are Shaelyn Atwood, Kendra Gonzalez, Jacob Miller, Cameron Ponce and Clinton Unruh, with Head Coach Mallory Marsh and Assistant Coach Gail Niles Stucky.

**Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA**, invites Western District Conference delegates to Kansas City 2015 to a meeting at **First Mennonite Church, Newton** (*not Faith Mennonite Church, as was originally announced*), March 27, 7 p.m. The purpose of the 90-minute meeting will include:

- sharing the vision for the future of MC USA, with Jesus as the center of our faith, community as the center of our lives, and reconciliation as the center of our work
- providing a guide for delegates' overall responsibilities at the assembly
- explaining how the results from the online delegate survey shaped the Executive Board's decisions about the agenda
- distributing an agenda for the delegate sessions, and explaining the specific decisions which delegates will be invited to make
- providing handouts which delegates can use in congregational study groups
- engaging in a time of feedback and discussion

In addition to delegates, any interested members of WDC congregations are welcome to attend. If you would like to connect via the internet for this meeting, notify Nancy Funk at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300.

**Western District Conference Reference Council** will meet Sat., Apr. 11, at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. To attend, please register by April 3 at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/>. This gathering will be an opportunity to hear the latest developments from Mennonite Church USA and continue our ongoing discernment regarding the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church that will come before our Western District delegate assembly in October. The resolution deals with pastors performing same-sex unions. This Reference Council is open to all members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Those serving as delegates to either the Mennonite Church USA Convention in July or the WDC Assembly in October are especially encouraged to attend.

**The Faith Formation Commission will host a Palm Sunday pancake brunch following worship on March 29!** All children and their families as well as youth, college students, and young adults are invited for food and fellowship. The event will take place in Fellowship Hall.

**BCMC's Spring congregational meeting will be April 26**, at 12:45 p.m. following a potluck lunch. If you or your commission or committee has agenda for consideration at the meeting, contact moderator Jim Robb before April 9, when the Church Board will confirm congregational meeting agenda.

**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. Questions? Contact Jerry Buller, 283-6157 or Darlene Dick, 283-7416.

**On April 12, Rachel Waltner Goossen** will be a guest speaker at BCMC in an adult Sunday school elective, 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to hear Rachel speak about her research and the article "*Defanging the Beast*": *Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse*, which is featured in the Jan. 2015 issue of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

**On April 26, May 3, and May 10**, Faith Forums on the Western District Conference Resolution proposed by Rainbow Mennonite Church will take place at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend.

**Job opening:** Kidron Bethel Village seeks a Maintenance Technician to perform general repair and maintenance. For more information contact David McBeth, Physical Plant Director, at 836-4823.

**Prairie View invites visual artists** to submit up to three pieces of original art for its fine art fundraiser/exhibition, "A Beautiful View". Deadline (through digital submission) is May 8. Accepted works are due May 22. For info or to enter, see [www.prairieview.org/abeautifulview](http://www.prairieview.org/abeautifulview) (click on "Invitation to Exhibit Original Art."). The event, with silent and live auctions, is 6-8 p.m. Thurs., June 4 at Carriage Factory Art Gallery. Proceeds will go to Prairie View to treat mental illness and addiction disorders. Contact Misty Elder, [eldermd@pvi.org](mailto:eldermd@pvi.org), 284-6385.



**It's Supper Time!** Wednesday night supper Mar. 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. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email [office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net), or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Mar. 23. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Mar. 25 menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, wild rice, California blend vegetables, peaches, dinner rolls, cheesecake.

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#### **Meal reservation(s) for March 25**

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