

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Western District Conference: Mar 29 – Pray for Howard Garver, the new Associate Conference Minister for Texas and Director of Church Planting, as he gets acquainted, develops relationships, and enters into the Conference Minister work of Western District Conference.

This congregation: Please pray for Janet Stucky, Nathan Toews, Megan Leary, and John Bergen as they continue to engage in mission and service throughout the world. You can learn more about what each of them is doing at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/get-connected/mission-service/>.

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

March 22 at BCMC: Attendance 259. General Fund \$8,824.39; Living Stones \$2,475; Kitchen-Funeral \$375; Organ Fund \$10; Flower Fund \$60; Inez Koehn Memorial \$60.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 29, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
Upside Down & Inside Out: Palm Sunday



GATHERING

Prelude Partita on *All glory, laud, and honor* Burkhardt
Karen Unruh, organist

Greeting Roger Juhnke

***Call to worship: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** **Insert**

***Hymn** *Christ is our cornerstone* **HWB 43**
(children come forward during hymn)

FIRST LOOK

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider
Listening to Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
Singing our prayer *Hosanna! Hosanna!* **STS 74**

***Processional hymn** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* **HWB 238**

Listening to scripture *Philippians 2:5-11* **HWB 855**

Prayer of confession

Are you sure about what you're doing, God?

Why crucifixion after the acclaim of the crowd? Disaster seems like a bad way to make your kingdom come.

We wish your ways were clear and simple, that the good were rewarded and the evil punished.

That, at least would make more sense, than choosing what should be clearly rejected.

Help us take another look;

Show us how you want us to see.

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Words of assurance (from Psalm 118):

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing.

The Lord has become our salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Sermon *Lay down your branches* John Tyson

SECOND LOOK

Listening again Mark 11:1-11; Phil. 2:5-11 **HWB 855**

Call to commitment:

God turns things upside down and inside out, choosing what we rejected as the centerpiece of the kingdom.

God, we will look to you as the arbiter of faithful living in an uncertain world.

Worship music *O sacred head now wounded* arr. Sherman
Youth Bells; Vada Snider, director; Rebecca Schloneger, violin

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 *Hosanna, loud hosanna* Burkhardt

People with March birthdays are invited to come forward
during the offering to receive a blessing (bring hymnal)

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

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Ride on, ride on in majesty* **HWB 239**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *All glory, laud, and honor* Manz

*All who are able are invited to stand

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

***Call to worship: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my
salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the
chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal
procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Today is Palm Sunday, transitioning from the season of Lent into Holy Week. Services during Lent have drawn 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 expectations do we have for our relationship with God? How do these expectations impact our personal lives and the life of our congregation?

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.

Holy Week service:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 p.m.** Communion service at BCMC in the Fellowship Hall, with an offering for the Caring Fund.
- **Good Friday, April 3 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** a prayer vigil will be at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. 1st St., Newton). Community members are invited to stop by for 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.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5 – 7:00 a.m.** Easter sunrise service led by Senior High youth at Prouty residence, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton. Bring chairs. Following the service will be a breakfast – please bring rolls, coffee-cake, cheese or fruit to share; beverages and table service provided. 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. (No Sunday school)

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

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Fern Goering at Newton Medical Center.

Check out BCMC's website at 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.



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

***Needed:** 27 more pies, 20 dozen more zwieback, and 3 more loaves of bread from BCMC. Pick up pie tins and plastic bags from table in rear of sanctuary. Poppyseed rolls, peppernuts and noodles also appreciated.

***Volunteers needed** for help in many areas of the sale. Come to the MCC table to see available jobs. **Next Sunday is the final day to sign up!**

***Keep filling those Penny Power/My Coins Count Jars!** Kids, bring your filled juice bottles to worship service on Sun., Apr. 12.

***Craft Items** will be on display Sun., Apr. 12 (bring items to church by 9 a.m.; committee members will take them to the sale for you.)

***Plants, crafts, children's toys and other misc. items** will be taken to the sale Fri., Apr. 17. Bring them to the church kitchen by 8 a.m. Friday.

***Food items** will be taken to the sale Sat., Apr. 18 and need to be in the church kitchen by 8 a.m. that morning. Remember to label!

***Run for Relief** early registration includes T-shirt and is due March 31. After the 31st, T-shirt is not guaranteed.

***Check out** www.kansas.mccsale.org for more info. **Questions?** BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell 283-5151, Ron & Carol Peters 283-4232, and Tom & Gayle Jackson 284-2379. **Thank you** for your continued support of this very important event!

• **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 at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Call (877) 467-7294 to reserve a spot.

• **Join Shawn Persing**, Director of Financial Planning of Everence, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, Tues., Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m., for a presentation about financial planning & dessert buffet! Child care available. RSVP (by March 31) at (877) 467-7294.

Save the date! Vacation Bible School at BCMC 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 29 – April 5, 2015

Today

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education – Visitors welcome!

Pancake brunch following worship for all children and their families as well as youth, college students, and young adults—Fellowship Hall
Adult classes:

- Young Adult Fellowship—Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*Revelation*, John Esau (Open class)
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Messiah*-Passion Week & Easter, John M. Suderman
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*MC USA Survey*, Dianne Epp
- 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—Lenten Meditation with Florence Schloneger
- Sojourners – Chapel—*Conscientious Objectors-World War II*, Carl and Rosalind Andreas

Monday, March 30

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

7:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

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

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—(Rm B-7)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—(Sanctuary)

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—(Rm B-7)

Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion service – Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday holiday. Church office/building closed

Sunday, April 5—Easter

7:00 a.m. Sunrise service – Prouty home, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton

10:00 a.m. Worship with prelude by organist Verlene Garber, music by Chancel Choir and children, and sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider.

(No Sunday school)

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.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Today at 7 p.m.** –Concert Choir Home Concert, Memorial Hall.
- **March 30, 11 a.m.** –Forensics nationals preview, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Apr. 1 - Life Enrichment** (for people age 60 and over), Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Do you have the winning ball from an important game?** Did your athletic team foster international friendships? Did your sport help you overcome adversity in a significant way? Kauffman Museum is looking for Bethel College and other local school and community sports artifacts that tell great stories. If you have one you'd consider loaning for an exhibition next school year, please contact Rachel Epp Buller at rebuller@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5222 by Monday, April 20.

Western District Conference Reference Council is Sat., Apr. 11, at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. To attend, register by April 3 at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/>. This will be an opportunity to continue ongoing discernment on a resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church regarding pastors performing same-sex unions. This Reference Council is open to all members and participants of WDC congregations. Delegates to Mennonite Church USA Convention in July or the WDC Assembly in October are especially encouraged to attend.

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.

Upcoming BCMC Sunday school electives (10:50 a.m. in sanctuary):

April 12 -Rachel Waltner Goossen will 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*.

April 26, May 3, and May 10 - Forums on the Western District Conference Resolution proposed by Rainbow Mennonite Church. Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend.

Prairie View invites visual artists to submit original art for a fundraiser/exhibition, *A Beautiful View*. Deadline through digital submission is May 8. Accepted works due May 22. To enter, see www.prairieview.org/abeautifulview. The event, with silent and live auctions, is 6-8 p.m. Thurs., June 4 at Carriage Factory Art Gallery. For more info, contact Misty Elder, eldermd@pvi.org, 284-6385.

Dear Friends at Bethel College Mennonite Church, thank you so much for welcoming us into your beautiful church to say goodbye to my dear mother, Marjorie Stucky, Jan. 31. There are no words to fully describe how much we appreciated your genuine kindness and welcoming spirit during this difficult time. We were so grateful to the pastors and administration for your assistance and comfort before and during the service; to the funeral committee for putting together and serving a wonderful meal for a time of fellowship, memories, and celebration of Mom's life; to the janitorial service for your compassion and kind words; and we will treasure the recording of the service in your beautiful church. We felt God's peace there and will always remember your kindness. Many thanks to each of you.
~ *Sincerely, Jo, Brian, and Aaron Suderman, Gardiner, Montana*

Two young women from the Democratic Republic of Congo are in need of a host family/home or apartment in Newton from May 31-July 17 this summer. They speak English. A shared room is acceptable. The time could be divided between two hosts. The young women will be taking an intensive science course at the local community college. Contact Amanda Rempel, 284-0470.

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is Apr. 10-12. You can come Friday, although Saturday supper will be the first meal provided. Lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis and includes cabins, staff houses, or bring a tent, RV, or sleep under the stars. Questions, contact Kevin Neufeld, kevinneufeld2@gmail.com. or 284-0450.

The Convention Prayer Team and AMBS-Kansas Center will host a Prayer Retreat, Sun., May 3, beginning at 4:30 p.m.; concluding with a faspas supper at 6 at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston prior to the MC USA Convention in July. The retreat is intended for pastors, congregational leaders, delegates, members and anyone who is interested in coming together to join in prayer in preparation for Convention. Participants are asked to bring faspas finger foods (bread, meat, cheese, pickles, fruit, etc.) to share. Free and open to the public. For more information: <https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Prayer-Gathering.cfm>. To RSVP as a congregation or as an individual, contact Katherine Goerzen at kccoordinator@ambs.edu by April 27.

June is the month for Bible School. Adults looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth, renewed discipleship, and a chance to dive deeper into the Bible are invited to participate in an Adult Bible School on the Sermon on the Mount, a continuing education opportunity hosted by AMBS-Kansas Center and taught by Jerry Truex. It will meet June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Hesston Mennonite Church. Cost per person is \$50. Registration will be available soon (register by May 11). For more information, contact Katherine Goerzen at kccoordinator@ambs.edu.