

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children who are experimenting with a ministry in which they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the United States, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America. This is a joint ministry of Goshen (Indiana) College and Mennonite Mission Network.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Church Planting Commission retreat, April 13-14, as they continue to develop clear pathways forward in new church development for Western District Conference. Pray for Howard Garver as the new Director of Church Planting.

This congregation: Pray for those who experience chronic pain, depression, dementia or other illness, and for those who provide care and support for them.

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 – Thur
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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Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider, 283-5231 **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

April 5 at BCMC: Attendance: 350. General Fund \$11,859.76; Living Stones \$1,910; Caring Fund \$1,765.91; Transfer-General \$1,000; Flower Fund \$144; Inez Koehn Memorial \$30.

Got jars? If you have pint jars with lids (jelly jars, etc.) Mike Crawford, BCMC custodian, could use them at the church. Bring to office (preferably clean!) Thanks!

Bethel College Mennonite Church

April 12, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season: *Living Abundantly*

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist
Greeting Adam Robb
***Opening prayer** STS 179
***Hymn** *Star of the morning* STS 91
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Kathy Campbell
Anthems *Jubilate Deo* Praetorius
How can I keep from singing? Quaker Song, arr. Littleton
Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director
LaVera Schrag, accompanist
Scripture reading John 20:19-31
Hymn *The risen Christ* STS 101
Meditation Heidi Regier Kreider
Reflections John Kliever

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Healer of our every ill* HWB 377
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

***Dedication hymn** *Alleluia* STS 24
Matt Schloneger, soloist

Penny Power/My Coins Count collections for Mennonite Central Committee will be brought forward along with today's offering

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

***Hymn** *Come, come ye saints* HWB 425
Sing a cappella as directed
***Benediction**
***Benediction response**
***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STS = *Sing the Story*

During the Easter season, worship services at BCMC include a series on the theme *Living Abundantly*, considering how we live out our resurrection faith in relation to a variety of life issues. In response to God's gift of abundant life in Christ, how do we practice gratitude, generosity, simplicity and joyful stewardship in the midst of life's challenges? Meditations by pastors and reflections by congregation members will explore these topics:

- April 12: *Living Abundantly: Health and Illness*
- April 19: *Living Abundantly: Finances, Faith and Young Adults*
- (April 26 will be Creation Care Sunday)
- May 3: *Living Abundantly: Wealth and Poverty*
- May 10: *Living Abundantly: Families, Children and Sports*

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.

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

Women and girls are invited to a potluck salad supper at BCMC on Tues., Apr. 21, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by a program featuring Lois Preheim, speaking of her travels to South America and Africa. If you plan to attend and cannot bring a salad, please contribute \$5 to Nancy Hilty or Brenda Turner today. RSVP to Brenda Turner (283-8131 or bjturner67@yahoo.com) today. ~ *BCMC Women's Fellowship*

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

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider will be out of town April 17-20 for vacation and compensation time.

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Marvin Thieszen (released from Newton Medical Center).

The rose this morning is to celebrate the birth of Adaline Marie Schmidt Graber on March 2 in South Dakota to Tina (Schmidt-Tieszen) and Dan Graber.

Vacation Bible School at BCMC for children ages 4 to 12 (grades pre-school to 6th grade) and junior and senior high youth as helpers will be May 26-29 with a Sunday morning worship service May 31. Watch for more information!

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concerts:

Sun., Apr. 26, 7 p.m.—Memorial Hall, Bethel College

Sun., May 3, 7 p.m.— Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg

Kidron Bethel Village announcements:

• **Thur., May 14, 3:30 p.m.** – Kidron Bethel Peace Garden dedication at main entrance, 3001 Ivy Drive. Music, dedication ceremony, exploring the garden. Experience this intergenerational, community gathering space!

Tues., May 19, 7:30 p.m. – Glen E. Miller, MD, author of *Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well: A doctor explains how to make death a natural part of life* will speak in BCMC sanctuary, hosted by Kidron Bethel Village. The public is invited.

Prairie View invites visual artists to submit original art for a fundraiser/exhibition. See www.prairieview.org/abeautifulview. For info, contact Misty Elder, eldermd@pvi.org, 284-6385.

Everence Financial 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.

Attention All MCC Alumni! Stop by the Mennonite Central Committee display, near the General Auction in the Sunflower North building, at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 17 & 18. There is a special MCC Alumni sticker for you to wear during the sale AND we have small gift of appreciation for you to pick up as well! Please don't be shy about the sticker. It's simply a way of honoring the contribution of service you gave through MCC and a way for others to recognize you as alumni of MCC. It's a win, win - plus, the sticker might help you make connections with other alumni at the sale! Drop by, pick up a sticker and your small gift and then enjoy the sale!

This is my Father's World: A Celebration of Beauty in Nature, Music and Art presented by Vada Snider, Karen Loucks, and Duane Graham, a program to fill the senses and rejuvenate the soul based on nature themes, and featuring humorous drawings by Jesse Graber and art by Bob Regier, will be Sun., Apr. 19, 3 p.m., BCMC Sanctuary. Freewill offering to benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates): A Voice for Children.

Peace by Piece is a decade's fashion show presented by Peace Connections and the Newton Et Cetera Shop, Apr. 18, 7 p.m., Dyck Arboretum, Hesston. Proceeds go to Peace Connections. Tickets \$25.

Mennonite World Conference announcements:

• **Register for Mennonite World Conference PA 2015** while options are still available for tours and service opportunities. PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference, will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/PA2015>

• **Just released: PA 2015 News 6**, the latest newsletter about PA 2015. See snapshots and learn more about worship and music, speakers, programs for young adults, youth, and children, friendship groups, and more, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/news6>. Click on the newsletter to enlarge and read, or click on the links beside for more detailed information.

• **Art Exhibit: There is still time to submit entries** to the juried art exhibit at the MWC Assembly. The deadline for submissions has been changed from April 1 to April 30. For more details, go to <https://www-cmm.org/content/call-artwork-mwc-assembly>

• **Join with doctors, nurses, dieticians, therapists, chaplains**, mental health workers, and many other healthcare workers and their families from around the world at the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) Annual Gathering, July 19-21, immediately prior to Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly in Harrisburg, PA. The theme is "Walking Together for Healthy Communities." Plenary presenters include Ted & Company, Shane Claiborne, and Dr. Ann Thyle from India. Grants available for students, volunteers, and those from outside of U.S. and Canada. For more information, go to www.mennohealth/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call toll-free to 1-888-406-3643. Early registration deadline: April 15. Final registration deadline: June 28.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

Contact info: 620-297-3290

• Camp Mennoscah needs the following summer staff positions: lifeguard, nature, and crafts. These are leadership positions with a weekly stipend and room & board. Application form at www.campmennoscah.org under Resources

• Head cooks, kitchen helpers, and nurses are needed for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps. olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

• Retirees Retreat on Apr. 27-29--There are still spaces available at Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat

• Wrong Date--The Camp Mennoscah annual meeting date found in the 2015 catalog is not correct. Announcement will be made later as to the meeting date

This Week at BCMC: April 12 – April 19, 2015

Today—April 12, 2015

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

10:50 a.m. In an adult elective in the sanctuary, Rachel Waltner Goossen will speak about her research and the article “*Defanging the Beast*”: *Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder’s Sexual Abuse*, featured in Jan. 2015 *Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

Adult classes:

- Young Adult Fellowship —Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—Will attend elective
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Will attend elective
- 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—Will attend elective
- Sojourners – Chapel—Will attend elective

3:30 p.m. Worship at Kidron Bethel Village led by Heidi Regier Kreider and pianist LaVera Schrag.

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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, April 15

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—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 16

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14; Witness Commission—Rm B-7
Women's Fellowship Executive Board—Rm B-8

Sunday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Worship service with sermon by John Tyson and reflections by Jill Robb; music by Chancel Choir

BCMC financial update: At the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, Mar. 31, general fund income was \$11,680 less than expenses. This is a greater deficit than most years, but similar to this time last year. The Small Business Health Care Tax Credit of \$5,696 received last year in April will not be available this year or the future to help us catch up. The bank loan for Living Stones has been paid down from \$107,137 at year's beginning to \$52,325. Combined with \$141,002 borrowed internally, the total remaining debt for Living Stones is \$193,327. ~ *Richard Friesen, Treasurer*

Apr. 19, 10:50 a.m., consultant Keith Harder will present a report on **Heidi Regier Kreider's pastoral evaluation**; report and conversation will be in the sanctuary. Sunday school time is being used to have sufficient time to hear and discuss the report. Session will be recorded for those who cannot attend but wish to listen to it.

Apr. 26, noon, all are invited to a potluck lunch in BCMC Fellowship Hall. The Senior High youth group will be providing desserts and accepting donations to aid expenses to attend MCUSA convention this summer. Bring other food to share (main dishes, salads, vegetables; vegetarian and gluten-free dishes welcome; please remember BCMC's nut-free policy), and your own tableware. **12:45 p.m., BCMC's Spring congregational meeting** will be in the sanctuary. Agenda is in the annual report booklet which will be in church boxes April 19. **Reminder:** As stated, the annual report booklet is to be in church boxes next Sunday, April 19. If you have not submitted your commission/committee report to the church office, please do so no later than Tuesday, (April 14).

BCMC will hold an auction Sat. morning, June 27, sponsored by 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. Contact Jerry Buller, 283-6157 or Darlene Dick, 283-7416.

The Mennonite Church USA Convention Prayer Team and AMBS-Kansas Center will host a Prayer Retreat, Sun., May 3, 4:30 p.m. concluding with faspas at 6 p.m. at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston. The retreat is for delegates and church members to pray in preparation for Convention. Bring finger foods (bread, meat, cheese, pickles, fruit, etc.) to share. To RSVP contact Katherine Goerzen at kccoordinator@ambs.edu by Apr. 27.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Kansas Center: Offers a study on the Sermon on the Mount taught by Jerry Truex, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7-9:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. \$50/person. Register by May 11. Contact Katherine Goerzen at kccoordinator@ambs.edu.

The annual Corporation meeting of Community Playschool is Mon., Apr. 13, 7 p.m., Room 14 of BCMC. BCMC is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Mon., Apr. 13, 7 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel, Bethel College. Dr. Francis McMahon, bipolar genetics expert at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), will talk about his project, a bipolar genetics study related to Mennonite and Amish people.
- **Apr. 15 - Life Enrichment, 9:30 a.m.** (for aged 60 and over) Krehbiel Aud.
- **Sun., Apr. 19, 3 p.m.** – Dr. Robert E. Weems Jr., will speak on *Defining the 'Other': A History of Racial Stereotypes* at Kauffman Museum.
- **Kauffman Museum** seeks Bethel College and local school/ community sports artifacts that tell great stories. To loan one for an exhibition, contact Rachel Epp Buller at rebuller@bethelks.edu or 284-5222 by April 20.
- **Sun., April 19, 7 p.m. Bethel College Wind Ensemble** with guests William Browning, baritone, and the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews, Memorial Hall
- **Thurs., April 23** – Bethel College's annual celebration of student research, experiential learning and creative activity is the URICA Seminar: Artist reception for Student Art Exhibit, 6-8 p.m. outside Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center; **Thurs., Fri. and Sat., April 23-25, spring play, The Dining Room, 7:30 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (ticket purchase required); **Fri., April 24, student research presentations beginning at 11 a.m.** (see www.bethelks.edu for schedule and locations).



Kansas MCC Relief Sale is April 17-18 at Hutchinson Fairgrounds (see sign-up table in rear of sanctuary)

***Craft items are on display TODAY** in the Gathering Place. See the creativity of BCMC members.

***Pie tins and plastic bags** still available for donated baked goods.

***MCC sale work volunteers** - check your time for working.

***Penny Power/My Coins Count ends today.** Thank you, kids, for returning your juice bottles today. Adults - jars will be picked up today after Sunday school; last chance to contribute to this project.

***Plants, crafts, and misc. items will be taken to the sale Fri. morning, Apr. 17.** Have items in church kitchen by 8 a.m.

***Food items will be taken to the sale Sat. morning, Apr. 18.** Have items labeled and in church kitchen by 8 a.m. (building opens 7 a.m.)

***Visit the MKRS website:** www.kansas.mccsale.org for updated sale info. Quilt gallery and many auction items can now be viewed.

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