

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: JCS International, the umbrella agency through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia, is searching for an executive director as Kwai Lin Stephens will not be renewing her role when she completes her current term. Pray that the person God is calling to this role will say, "Yes."

Western District Conference: Pray for wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference Minister for Western District Conference. Pray for candidates and their discernment as well.

This congregation: Give thanks for BCMC's Administrative Assistant, Monica Lichti, as she skillfully manages the church office and coordinates many details with other staff, church members and guests.

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 12 at BCMC: Attendance: 198. General Fund \$14,387.23; Living Stones \$3,252; MCC \$250; Media Supplies \$20; Kitchen-Funeral \$65.56; Organ Fund \$79.17; Thelma Bartel Memorial \$10; Fernan Loganbill Memorial \$570.

Bethel College Mennonite Church

April 19, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season: *Living Abundantly*

GATHERING

Prelude *Prelude* Fischer
Introduction and Chorale from *Suite Gothique* Boellmann
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Seek ye first* (Matthew 6:33)
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert director and accompanying on guitar

Greeting Fred Obold

***Hymn** *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children John Tyson

Scripture reading Luke 20:45 - 21:4

Meditation John Tyson

Hymn *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord* (v. 1) **HWB 392**

Reflections Jill Robb

Hymn *Heart and mind, possessions Lord* (v. 2) **HWB 392**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Kingdom report: David and Karen Sheriff LeVan, youth sponsors

Prayer of God's people

Anthem *All hail the power of Jesus' name* arr. Mulholland
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director

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 *Blessed Jesus, at thy word* Manz

***Dedication hymn** *Alleluia* **STS 24**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Stay with us* Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STS = Sing the Story

During several weeks of the Easter season, worship at BCMC will focus 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 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.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider is out of town this weekend through April 20, visiting friends and family in Goshen, IN. Susan Wheeler will be out of town April 25-May 1 on a family trip. John Tyson will be out of the office Fri., Apr. 24 and Tues., Apr. 28.

The flowers this morning are donated by Roland Brown in honor of his wife, Sophie Brown.

Many Gifts, One Spirit is a sculpture project by John Gaedert commissioned by the BCMC Art Committee, and installed by David Kreider this past week on the west wall in the south entrance. It will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Watch for more information!

We offer sympathy to Rachel Poling on the death of her son, Benjamin Poling, April 8 in San Bernardino, CA. Arrangements are pending.

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



THANK YOU! The KMRS committee of BCMC would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your generosity. The response to requests for volunteering time, financial support, food, crafts, and many other additional items used for the sale was appreciated and gratifying, and we give our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

WOW! Total Penny Power/My Coins Count contributions from BCMC were \$852.47. Collection from last Sunday alone was \$278.73. Thanks to all the children participating. You made a difference!

PLAN for the 2016 MCC Sale. Sale dates are April 8 and 9. Be sure to see the completed bulletin board in the front foyer.

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.

~ BCMC Women's Fellowship

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

BCMC member John Bergen serves with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Israel/Palestine. If you would like to learn more about John's work by having updates from him forwarded to you by e-mail, please contact the church office at office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net - *Diana Graber (recently appointed by Witness Commission to serve as BCMC liaison for John Bergen)*

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.

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 **today** at 3 p.m. in the BCMC Sanctuary. Freewill offering to benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates): A Voice for Children.

Mennonite World Conference announcements:

- **Register for Mennonite World Conference PA 2015** while options are available for tours and service opportunities. This global Assembly of MWC will be July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. For newsletters, and more information about worship, programs for young adults, youth, children and more, and to register see <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/PA2015>
- **Art Exhibit:** Deadline to submit entries to the juried art exhibit at the MWC Assembly is extended to April 30. For more details, go to <https://www-cmm.org/content/call-artwork-mwc-assembly>
- Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) annual gathering, July 19-21, prior to Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly in Harrisburg, PA. Grants available for students, volunteers, and those from outside U.S. and Canada. For information, see www.mennohealth/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643. Registration due June 28.

Camp Mennoscah announcements (Call 620-297-3290 for more info):

- Summer staff needed: Lifeguard, nature, and crafts. Includes weekly stipend, room & board. Apply at www.campmennoscah.org – Resources.
- Summer volunteers needed: Head cooks, kitchen helpers, and nurses Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org
- Retirees Retreat is Apr. 27-29
- Correction: Camp Mennoscah annual meeting date in the 2015 catalog is incorrect. Correct meeting date will be announced later.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will have a Local Sites Tour Sat., Aug. 29 through parts of Marion, Harvey and McPherson Counties. Included will be sites significant to Mennonites as well as sites of historical importance with Brian Stucky as tour guide. The cost of the all-day tour including lunch, refreshments, and transportation will be \$50 per individual. To reserve a seat on the bus call LaVern Stucky at 620-983-2348 or email lavern@powwwer.net.

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

Kidron Bethel Village announcements:

Thur., May 14, 3:30 p.m. – Kidron Bethel Peace Garden dedication at main entrance, 3001 Ivy Drive.

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.

This Week at BCMC: April 19 – April 26, 2015

Today—April 19, 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. Adult elective in the sanctuary: *Consultant Report on Pastoral Evaluation*

Adult classes:

- Young Adult Fellowship —Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—Will attend elective
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*US Constitution*, Robert Schmidt
- 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—*My carbon footprint*, Frank Midkiff

3:00 p.m. CASA event *This is my Father's world*—Sanctuary

Monday, April 20

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, April 21

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

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Salad Supper—Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Rm 20

Wednesday, April 22

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)

Sunday, April 26 – Creation Care Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship service planned by Creation Care Committee with reflections by a variety of speakers, and music by Chancel Bells

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Adult elective on Western District Conference and Mennonite Church USA discernment process

12:00 noon Potluck lunch and youth dessert sale – Fellowship Hall

12:45 p.m. Spring congregational meeting – Sanctuary

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 in 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*

Today at 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.

On Sunday, April 26 at noon, all are invited to a potluck lunch in BCMC Fellowship Hall. The Senior High youth group will provide desserts and accept 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 take place in the sanctuary. Agenda will include stories and reports from the past program-year, elections of church officers, and pastoral evaluation follow-up. For more information, see the report booklet in your church boxes today.

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.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Apr.22 - Life Enrichment, 9:30 a.m.** (for aged 60 and over) Krehbiel Aud.
- **Today, 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.
- **Today, 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).
- Sun., Apr.26, 2 p.m. – Kauffman Museum's annual Earth Day Adventure.** Children are invited to help launch a new collaborative project with Trees for Life/Books for Life International by participating in a brainstorming workshop with creative writing facilitator Gail Pryce. A representative from Trees for Life will also speak. For information, call 316-283-1612.
- Sun., Apr. 26, 7 p.m. – Bethel College Men's Ensemble,** performance with Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Memorial Hall
- Sun., May 3, 3 p.m. – Annual Masterworks concert** with Bethel College choirs, Oratorio Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra, Brahms' *German Requiem*, (change in time from printed calendars), Memorial Hall (ticket purchase required; available at the door)
- **Mon., Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., Collee Jazz Ensemble I** and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, Krehbiel Auditorium Bethel featuring guest artist Mike Steinel

Hesston College Theatre offers a summer theatre camp June 1 to 6 for middle school students ages 11 to 13. The workshops will give participants opportunities to work in every aspect of staging a performance from creating the script to painting the set, working backstage and performing. Registration \$40. Financial assistance available upon request. Register online at hesston.edu/theatrecamp by May 11, or by contacting Laura Kraybill at 620-327-8142 or laurak@hesston.edu.