

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Today, DOOR Denver is hosting its annual *Cinco de Mayo* festival fundraiser. Pray that relationships will deepen as three churches minister to their community through food, local performers, and children's activities. DOOR is a Mennonite Mission Network partner.

Western District Conference: Pray for Conference Minister Clarence Rempel as he makes a farewell tour of Oklahoma and western Kansas churches, April 24-27.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Creation Care Committee, as they envision ways that this congregation can practice and promote faithful stewardship of the earth's resources.

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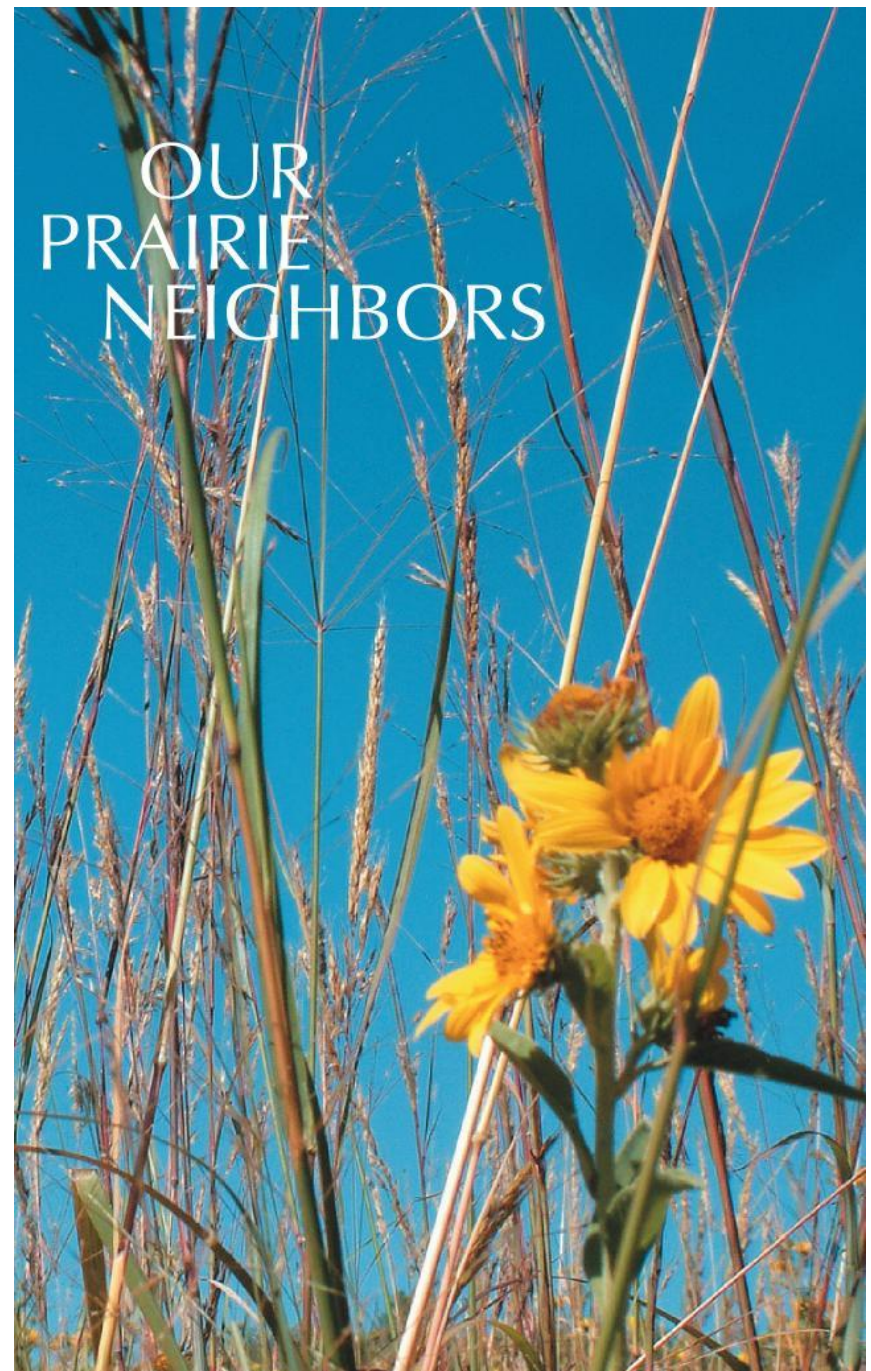
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Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider, 283-5231 **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

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

April 19 at BCMC: Attendance: 258. General Fund \$11,506.08; Living Stones \$3,245; Transfer-General \$15; Caring Fund \$150; Organ Fund \$50

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!



Bethel College Mennonite Church

April 26, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Creation Care Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude *My Lord, what a morning* Lau
All things bright and beautiful Wood
When morning gilds the skies Wood
Karen Unruh organist

Greeting Margaret Toews

Call to worship **HWB 684**

***Hymn** *Let all creation bless the Lord* **HWB 61**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with children Lorna Harder

Scripture reading Matthew 6:25-33

Worship music *Bandelier* (see note in insert) arr. Rawlinson
Chancel Bells

Rebecca Schloneger, violin; Keith Woolery, percussion

Reflections: *Our prairie neighbors*

Dwight Platt

Response after each reflection:

Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Marva Weigelt

Worship music *Hallelujah* Cohen/Raney
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Jon Voth

Lorna Harder

Karin Kaufman Wall

***Hymn** *Many and great, O God* **HWB 35**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 *This is my Father’s world* Behnke

People with April birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing.

***Dedication hymn**

Alleluia

STS 24

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *All things bright and beautiful* **HWB 156**

***Benediction** Heidi Regier Kreider

***Benediction response** *God who touches earth* **HWB 511**

***Postlude** *Earth and all stars* Organ

*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.

Today’s service is planned by BCMC’s Creation Care Committee. We are grateful for meditations this morning by Marva Weigelt who has run the Marvin Schilling Butterfly Count in the Flint Hills for many years, Karin Kaufman Wall who serves on the staff of MCC Central States in Peace and Justice Education, and our members: Jonathan Voth, Lorna Harder, and Dwight Platt. Thanks to Bob Regier for the bulletin cover design.

***Bandelier* (note from Tammy W. Rawlinson, composer):** *Bandelier* National Monument near Los Alamos, NM, is a historic location known for its Indian ruins. It is a place of contrasts: sheer rock cliff walls; a quiet forest – a blaze of color; a cool stream – grandeur and serenity. I went to *Bandelier* in the summer of 1983 with friends. We spent the day climbing in the ruins, wading and splashing in the creek and watching the deer as they grazed by the side of the path, seemingly unaware of our presence. We laughed often. But in every life there come days that are hard to bear...days when the pressures of life burden us and we feel like giving up hope. I was having such a day when I went to *Bandelier*, but after experiencing the beauty, the peace, and the glory of that creation and feeling the warmth of the friends I love, my spirit was lifted. I had a new strength with which to face life. For me that day is a special memory of a special place with a special God.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Tina Block Ediger’s birthday on April 25. They were donated by Tina’s Block family in Canada.

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Clinton Koppes, Newton Medical Center.

Bethel College announcements:

Today, Apr. 26, 2 p.m. – Kauffman Museum Earth Day Adventure -

Children are invited to help launch a collaborative project with Trees for Life/Books for Life International through a workshop with creative writing facilitator Gail Pryce. A representative from Trees for Life will speak.

Today, Apr. 26, 7 p.m. – Bethel College Men's Ensemble, performance with Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Memorial Hall

Wed, Apr. 29 - Life Enrichment, 9:30 a.m. (age 60 and over) - Krehbiel Aud.

Sun., May 3, 3 p.m. – Annual Masterworks concert with Bethel College choirs, Oratorio Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra, Brahms' *German Requiem*, Memorial Hall (ticket purchase required; available at the door)

Mon., Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., College Jazz Ensemble I and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, Krehbiel Auditorium Bethel featuring guest artist Mike Steinel

Wed., May 6, 8 p.m. – Bethel College jazz ensembles Jazz on the Green, (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain)

Fri., May 8, 7 p.m., – Concert by Woven, Bethel College a cappella women's ensemble - Memorial Hall

Hesston College Theatre offers a summer theatre camp June 1 to 6 for middle school students ages 11 to 13. Registration \$40. Financial assistance available upon request. Register online at hesston.edu/theatrecamp by May 11, or contact Laura Kraybill at 620-327-8142 or laurak@hesston.edu.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will have a Local Sites Tour Sat., Aug. 29 in Marion, Harvey and McPherson counties, of Mennonite and other historical sites with Brian Stucky, tour guide. Cost of \$50 includes lunch, refreshments, and transportation. To reserve bus seat call La Vern Stucky at 620-983-2348 or email lavern@powwwer.net.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring a Recycling and Warehouse Coordinator: Coordinator completes tasks for the recycling program, coordinates the meat canning process, volunteer recruitment, grounds maintenance and other warehouse tasks as needed, 32 hours per week; position starting July 1 at the MCC Center, North Newton. Contact Denise Voth at denisevoth@mcc.org for more info. Full job description: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/recycling-warehouse-coordinator-central-states>.

Join Everence for a workshop on new Sunday school materials and ideas for using stewardship materials, Sat., May 9, or Wed., May 13, both days at 9-10 a.m., Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st St. Light breakfast served. RSVP by May 5 to darlene.buller@everence.com or (877) 467-7294.

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.

This Week at BCMC: April 26 – May 3, 2015

Today—April 26, 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. 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

Adult classes:

- Young Adult Fellowship —Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Song of Songs*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Ages of the Patriarch*, Bob 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
- Sojourners – Chapel—Will attend elective

Monday, April 27

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

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

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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 30

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider and reflections by Judy Friesen; music by Chancel Choir

Staff: Susan Wheeler will be out of town through May 1. John Tyson will be out of the office April 28-29.

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

Today 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. **12:45 p.m., BCMC's Spring congregational meeting** will be in the sanctuary. Agenda includes stories and reports from the past program-year, elections of church officers, and pastoral evaluation follow-up.

We offer sympathy to Wilma (Willye) Hinz and family on the death of Willye's brother, Ronald "Ron" Kliewer, March 24, Hollister, MO. Graveside services were March 30 at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Overland Park, KS.

We offer sympathy to Alma Shelly, June and Patty Shelly and families and Sue Shelly, Javan's wife, on the death of Javan Shelly, April 21, Ruskin, FL. Javan was the son of Maynard and Griselda Shelly. Memorial service will be Apr. 28 in Cincinnati, OH.

We will be celebrating graduates during the worship service on May 10. Please contact the office if you have a graduate to be recognized!

Many Gifts, One Spirit is a sculpture project by John Gaeddert commissioned by the BCMC Art Committee, installed recently in the south entrance. It will be dedicated Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

The Library Committee report in the annual report booklet is the wrong report. The correct report is in your mailboxes this Sunday. Please replace the report in the report booklet with this correct version of the report. (Incorrect report appears on Page 15 in the report booklet.)

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:

Today, Apr. 26, 7 p.m.—Memorial Hall, Bethel College
Sun., May 3, 7 p.m.—Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg

During several weeks of the Easter season, worship at BCMC is focusing 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:

- May 3: *Living Abundantly: Wealth and Poverty*
- May 10: *Living Abundantly: Families, Children and Sports*

BCMC will be responsible for volunteer staffing and evening meals at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter for the week of May 13 to 19. More volunteers are always needed; there will be volunteer orientations on Apr. 30 and May 12, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS. If interested in helping at HCHS, contact Valetta Seymour at 620-345-2733 or vmseymour@mtelco.net.

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

Apr. 26: *A Historical Perspective on the Polity and Policies of WDC* - Dorothy Nickel Friesen and Sheri Lepard

May 3: *A Perspective on Sexuality in MC/GC/MCUSA development and an Executive Board of WDC Update* - Vern Preheim and Norma Johnson

May 10: *Reflecting on the WDC Polity survey and What Comes Next?* - Adam Robb

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. Public is invited. An offering will be received.

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 like 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.

Mennonite Mission Network will host international workers George & Tobia Veith to share about their work in China. Join them for coffee and conversation Mon., Apr. 27, 2-3 p.m. in the MC USA offices, 718 N Main St., Newton. After serving in Macau, they are launching a ministry in China, training to pastors and teaching theological English, working with Mennonite Partners in China, in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province.

Final total income for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 2015 is \$547,080.18. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 47th Relief Sale a huge success! You are invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting Thurs., May 21, 6:30 p.m., Buhler Mennonite Church, 220 West Avenue B, Buhler. The meal is \$12 a plate; pay at the door. RSVP to Dennis & Kathy Campbell 283-5151 or Ron & Carol Peters 283-4232 or Tom & Gayle Jackson 284-2379 by May 7.

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