

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Today, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over evil and death, pray with Mennonite Mission Network personnel that God will inspire in each of us the joyful impulse of the first missionaries, the women who shared good news of God's life and love across the street and around the world.

Western District Conference: Pray for the gathering of Reference Council on April 11, as members of WDC consider the Rainbow Mennonite Church resolution on how our pastors and churches minister with LGBTQ persons.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's delegates to Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference assemblies, as they consider issues facing the church today, and participate in discernment together with others.

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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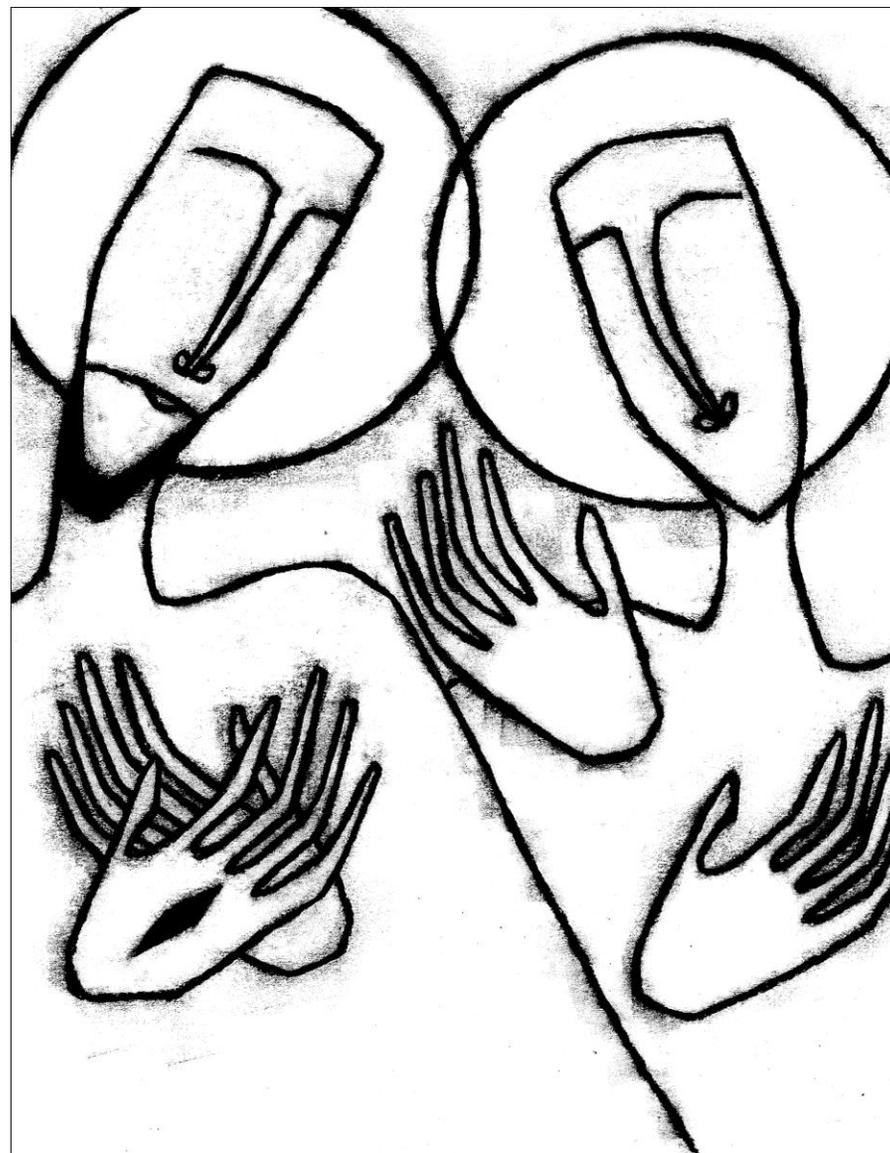
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March 29 at BCMC: Attendance: 276. General Fund \$4,562.11; Living Stones \$375; Kitchen-Funeral \$239.75; Sr Hi Youth \$780; Caring Fund \$100; Organ Fund \$100; Flower Fund \$51; Inez Koehn Memorial \$1,020; Thelma Bartel Memorial \$220.

I have seen the Lord!



Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015
Bethel College Mennonite Church

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During the coming weeks 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*

Pastoral evaluation report: On April 19 during Sunday school at 10:50 a.m., consultant Keith Harder will present a report on pastor Heidi Regier Kreider's pastoral evaluation. Sunday school time is being used so that there is sufficient time to hear and discuss the report. The report and conversation will take place in the sanctuary, and will be recorded for those who are not there but wish to listen to it.

Forums on the Western District Conference Resolution proposed by Rainbow Mennonite Church will take place Apr. 26, May 3, May 10 at 10:50 a.m., during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary. Sunday school classes are encouraged to attend.

Save the date! Vacation Bible School at BCMC will be May 26 – 29 with a Sunday morning worship service May 31. Watch for more information about registration and VBS activities!

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Fern Goering is at Kidron Bethel Health Care.



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

***URGENT NEEDS:** 11 more pies, 14 dozen more zwieback, and 3 more loaves of bread from BCMC. Pick up pie tins and plastic bags at table.

***Final Sunday to sign up for volunteer work at the sale.** There are still opportunities available! Come by sign-up table to check time for working.

***2 more weeks of Penny Power/My Coins Count.** Collection jars are around church; add your contributions! *Kids, bring juice bottles next Sun., Apr. 12 - put in wagon at back of sanctuary before worship.

***Craft Items** on display next Sun., Apr. 12. Bring to the church by 9 a.m.

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

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

The MKRS is only 2 weeks away. Plan now to attend! Check out MKRS website for the latest sale info. 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!

FIRST LOOK

Listening to scripture John 20:1-18 Susan Wheeler

Maggie Dungan, Serena Wong, Austin Prouty

Hymn *That Easter morn, at break of day* STS 88

Call to confession

There you go again, God,
turning things inside out and upside down!

We struggle to understand how you can bring life out of the grave, and we're nervous about what else you might have in mind.

Following your lead means letting go of ours.

And letting go is hard.

Yet, we know you are good;
you *are* the one for whom we have waited.

Help us rejoice in your salvation.

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Words of assurance

It is good to give thanks to God, whose faithful love lasts forever.

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Let each person, from youngest to oldest, say it:

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Let all God's people say it,

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Sermon *Naming new life* Heidi Regier Kreider

Listening again John 20:1-18

Call to commitment

God turns the world upside down and inside out,
bringing life out of death and beginnings out of endings.

God, we offer you our hands and hearts. Take from them whatever prevents us from following Jesus through death and into new life. We rejoice in your salvation!

Anthem *Movement VI from Requiem* (see insert) Brahms
Chancel Choir

Prayer of God's people

SECOND LOOK

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 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* Held

***Dedication hymn** Alleluia **STS 24**
 Ron Garber, solo; LaVera Schrag and Florine Eitzen, percussion
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *The strife is o'er* **HWB 263**
***Benediction and organ response**
***Postlude** *Victory* Helman

*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 is Easter Sunday, concluding the season of Lent. Worship during Lent has 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” and an encounter with scripture beyond Sunday worship. This week, consider: *How can you experience God's living presence in the tangible details of daily life? Where is Jesus calling your name, and surprising you with new dimensions of life?*

Thank you to today's brass ensemble: Bethel College students Billie Selichnow, Issei Tsuji, Andrew Thiesen; and community members Evan Koch and Arlin Buller.

Translation of Movement VI from Requiem by Brahms:
Der Tod ist verschlungen in den Sieg. Death is swallowed up in victory.
Tod, wo ist dein Stachel? O death, where is thy sting?
Hölle, wo ist dein Sieg? O grave, where is thy victory?
 (1 Cor. 15: 54b – 55)

Herr, du bist würdig
 Thou art worthy, O Lord
zu nehmen Preis und Ehre und Kraft,
 to receive glory and honour and power:
Den du hast alle Dinge geschaffen,
 for thou hast created all things,
Und durch deinen Willen haben sie das Wesen und sind geschaff
 and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Rev. 4:11)

Easter lilies are shared by the following people:



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Women and girls are invited to the potluck salad supper on Tues., Apr. 21, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend and cannot bring a salad, please contribute \$5 to Nancy Hilty or Brenda Turner by Sun., Apr. 19. Please RSVP to Brenda Turner (283-8131 or bjturner67@yahoo.com) by Apr. 19. ~ *BCMC Women's Fellowship*

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