

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Edgardo Sánchez, a church leader in Argentina and globally through Mennonite World Conference, died Easter Sunday morning. Pray for his wife, Erica, and his three children, the Argentina Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Mission Network partnerships for which he provided guidance.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Heidi Regier Kreider, the new Executive Conference Minister elect, as she completes her work at Bethel College Mennonite Church and prepares for her new assignment.

**This congregation:** Pray for graduates as they come to the end of the school year, and begin a new chapter in their lives.

*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

**May 3 at BCMC:** Attendance: 243. General Fund \$11,775.04; Living Stones \$1,170; Media Supplies \$10; Plant Fund \$70; Sr Hi Youth \$80; Transfer-General \$33,570.72; Transfer-Sunday School \$5.

## Bethel College Mennonite Church

May 10, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season: *Living Abundantly*

### GATHERING

**Prelude** Karen Loucks, pianist  
**Greeting** Dale Schrag  
**\*Hymn** *Morning has broken* **HWB 648**  
(Children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with children** John Tyson  
**Scripture reading** Ephesians 2:1-10  
**Anthem** *Like a mother who has borne us* Bechtel/Rowan  
Junior and Cherub Choirs; Elizabeth Schrag/Jill Siebert, directors  
**Junior Choir recognition** Elizabeth Schrag  
**Graduate recognition**  
**Meditation** *Love of sports and the love of God* John Tyson  
**Reflections** Lepard family

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*Hymn** *Love the Lord your God* **STS 55**  
(Those on north side of sanctuary begin on lower line;  
south side join on top line) - Ron Garber, director  
**Kingdom Report: Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia**  
Margaret Toews, Witness Commission chair

### 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** *Be thou my vision* arr. Wagner  
Menno Ringers; Vada Snider, director  
**\*Dedication hymn** *Alleluia* (sing twice) **STS 24**  
Ron Garber, soloist; Jonah Schloneger/LaVera Schrag, percussion  
**\*Dedication prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Hymn** *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**  
**\*Benediction**  
**\*Benediction response**  
**\*Postlude**

\*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 worship service** concludes a series on the theme *Living Abundantly*, considering how we respond to God's gift of abundant life in Christ with gratitude, generosity, simplicity and joyful stewardship in the midst of life's challenges. Thanks to congregation members who offered reflections as part of this series; and to Peace Connections for the skit which was adapted for use in the Time with Children on May 3.

**Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia 2015** is observed at BCMC today with a kingdom report, and a letter-signing opportunity after the worship service at the back of the sanctuary. *Tomorrow's Peace Starts Today* is the focus this year. BCMC member Nathan Toews, serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Colombia, will send some glimpses of what peace in Colombia will look like for some of the people he works with ~*Witness Commission*

**The rose this morning** is to celebrate the birth of Arianna Ozor to Le (Tran) and Andrew Ozor on Dec. 11, 2014 in Austin, TX. Congratulations to grandparents Lan Hue Duong and Loc Tran.

**Vacation Bible School at BCMC for children** ages 4 to 12 (grades pre-school to 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

**BCMC welcomes those who are new or returning to this community!** We invite you to join this congregation in a common journey of faith and discipleship. If you are interested in membership at BCMC, or just want to learn more about the church, please contact the church office or pastor Heidi Regier Kreider, to learn more about an orientation/membership class tentatively scheduled for June (on Sunday afternoons or during Sunday school depending on participants' schedules).

**We are the Church Together**, a ceramic mural originally created for BCMC's centennial, has been reinstalled in the Fellowship Hall by Conrad Snider. It will be re-dedicated on May 24, Pentecost Sunday, along with dedication of the new wood sculpture installation in the south entrance, *Many Gifts, One Spirit* by John Gaeddert. ~ *Art Committee*

**This summer BCMC will host Allie Shoup** in the Ministry Inquiry Program, a service-learning experience sponsored by Mennonite Church USA to provide opportunity for college students to consider pastoral ministry. Allie and her husband Will are students at Bethel College, and live in Newton. During the summer BCMC members are invited to host Allie and Will for meals Sunday noon and Monday – Thursday evenings each week. Please contact the church office if you would like to sign up to host some meals, and more information will be sent to you. Will and Allie are vegetarian, and will provide instructions for hosts to learn more about vegetarian cooking.

**BCMC provides volunteers and evening meals** at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter May 13 -19. More volunteers are needed; an orientation will take place May 12, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS. To volunteer, contact BCMC rep Valetta Seymour at 620-345-2733 or vmseymour@mtelco.net. **HCHS seeks \$4,000 to hire weekend daytime staffing.** To contribute, mail checks to HCHS, PO Box 478, Newton 67114, designated "weekend staffing." **HCHS is hiring** part-time positions for weekend daytime employees. Pick up applications at HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, Building 7, or submit resumes to: [james@hchs-ks.com](mailto:james@hchs-ks.com) or call 283-7711.

**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.

**Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch: Learn, Grow, Serve, Repeat:** Western District Conference will host a Faith Formation Launch June 12-13 at Bethel College, to provide practical ways for congregations to build on the good faith formation that is already taking place and kick off a focus on faith formation during the coming year. **BCMC's Faith Formation Commission has paid the cost of registration** and all members of the congregation are invited to participate in the presentations and worship sessions. Please inform the church office by May 29 if you plan to attend a portion of the conference. Further information can be located at <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>.

**Peace Connections** will partner with USD 373 and volunteers to offer free meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program, and is providing Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK), for children 6-10 to participate in a free morning activity session Mon-Fri, June 8-July 24. Volunteer schedules are flexible. Donations may be made to Peace Connections in support of the program. For information contact Peace Connections at 284-0000 or [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org)

## The Next Two Weeks at BCMC: May 10 – May 24, 2014

**Everence offers *Current Strategies for College Savings***, a webinar at noon to 12:30 p.m. (CDT) Tues., May 19. Join in to talk about the value of a college education and how having a plan can help you save for college in spite of competing priorities. Register by visiting [everence.com/kansas](http://everence.com/kansas).

**Newton High School Baccalaureate service will take place** this Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the NHS Auditorium, sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance. Friends, family and community members are invited to join graduates for this special occasion.

**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](http://hesston.edu/theatrecamp) by May 11, or contact Laura Kraybill at 620-327-8142 or [laurak@hesston.edu](mailto:laurak@hesston.edu).

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

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States** is hiring a Recycling and Warehouse Coordinator to coordinate meat canning, volunteer recruitment, grounds maintenance and other warehouse tasks, 32 hours per week starting July 1 at the MCC Center, N. Newton. See job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/recycling-warehouse-coordinator-central-states>. Contact [denisevoth@mcc.org](mailto:denisevoth@mcc.org) for more info.

**You are invited to the Kidron Bethel Peace Garden dedication** at main entrance, 3001 Ivy Drive, Thur., May 14, 3:30 p.m.

**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 [kccordinator@ambs.edu](mailto:kccordinator@ambs.edu).

**Story time at the Western District Conference Resource Library** is a fun, free activity. Enroll children ages 3-8 for story time now - call/email 316-283-6300; [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org). Dates/times: Wednesdays, June 17-24, July 8-29 at 9:30 am.

### **Today—May 10, 2015—Happy Mother's Day!**

**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—1<sup>st</sup> grade in B-4; 2<sup>nd</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> grade stay in B-8)
- Grades 5-8—Rm 26 • Senior High Youth—Rm 22

#### Adult classes:

- Adult elective in sanctuary: *Reflecting on the Western District Conference Polity survey and What Comes Next?* ~ Sheri Lepard and Lou Gomez
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Palestine: What about the land?* Marvin Thiesen
- Catacombs—Rm B-5— Will attend elective
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Will meet in their regular classroom
- 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—*Our 10 years in Pennsylvania*, David and Rose Haury

### **Monday, May 11**

**7:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

### **Tuesday, May 12**

**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, May 13**

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College

**4:00 p.m.** Art Committee—Rm 14

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

### **Thursday, May 14**

**7:00 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

Women's Fellowship Executive Board—Rm B-7

### **Sunday, May 17—Bethel College Baccalaureate; No Sunday school**

**10:00 a.m.** Musical selections by seniors

**10:30 a.m.** Worship with music by Concert Choir and reflections by graduates and others

### **Monday, May 18**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 14

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## Tuesday, May 19

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

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-8

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Fellowship General Meeting—Fellowship Hall

**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 the BCMC sanctuary, hosted by Kidron Bethel Village. Public is invited. An offering will be received. Copies of his book are \$13, available at Kidron Bethel Welcome Center, Schowalter Villa's Villa Life Center front desk, and Hesston Wellness Center

## Wednesday, May 20

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College

**8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

## Thursday, May 21

**4:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B-7

Visitation Team—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Witness Commission—Rm B-8

## Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with Communion, sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells, and celebration of *Many Gifts, One Spirit* and *We are the Church Together* art installations

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with coffee served in Fellowship Hall

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages – Visitors welcome!

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## **Congratulations to our graduates!**



**From High School:** Emily Kondziola, Robin Östman, Austin Prouty, Serena Wong and Gus Williams

**From College:** Emily Harder, Joe Kondziola, Ben Kreider, Jerrell Williams and Elaine Prouty

**Post-Graduate:** Stephanie Krehbiel – PhD in American Studies at the University of Kansas; Matt Schloneger – PhD in Vocal Pedagogy from the University of Kansas; Victoria Janzen Schmidt - Master's degree in Special Education from Wichita State University

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## **Today we recognize our Junior Choir graduates!**

Thank you Christa Kondziola and Anjela Rodriguez for singing in the Junior Choir!



**Camp Mennoscah** announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org))

• **Needed:** two head cooks and two camp nurses, these are paid positions or receive a camper discount. Head cooks needed for July 5-9 (PreJunior II) and June 29-July 2 (Range Youth/rental group). A camp nurse needed for the weeks of June 14-18 (PreJunior I) and June 21-27 (Junior I).

• **Family Camp** with Alan Stucky and Katie Best as leaders, July 25-26. More information coming soon.

• **Camp Mennoscah** offers a free camp tee shirt to both the returning camper and the first-time camper friend through the Bring a Friend program. Details on the BAF program in the camp catalog.

• **Women and Girls Retreat** will be Sept. 11-13 (Friday evening – Sunday lunch) with a variety of seminars, and Nadine Friesen speaking on *Joy is More Than a Detergent*.

**This biography is missing** from our library: *Howard Raid: Man of Faith and Vision*, by Elizabeth Raid, Pandora Press, 2011. We hope it is returned soon. ~ *Library Committee*

## **Bethel College announcements:**

**Today, May 10, 7 p.m.** – Concert by Open Road a cappella men's ensemble – Memorial Hall

**Mon., May 11, 7 p.m.** – Bethel College Brass Quintet concert, Administration Building chapel.

**Fri., May 15, 7-9 p.m.** – Artist reception for annual Senior Art Exhibit at Bethel College, outside the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center; exhibit features work by Jessie Pohl and Tiana Williams.

**Sat., May 16, 2 p.m.** - Nurses' pinning ceremony, Krehbiel Auditorium

**Sun, May 17** – 10 a.m. Baccalaureate at BCMC; 4 p.m. Commencement at Thresher Stadium (Memorial Hall if rain).

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) requests donations** to support its response to the earthquake in Nepal. Focusing initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as MCC and its partners assess the situation. Please pray for the people of Nepal and the work of MCC. Donations can be made at [mcc.org/nepal-earthquake](http://mcc.org/nepal-earthquake) or by calling 888-563-4676. Send checks to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500.

**Come to a lunch with Rosa and Alejandra from Proyecto MAMA** in Honduras, at the Mennonite Central Committee Central States Office, North Newton Tues., May 12, noon-1 p.m. Proyecto MAMA is a MCC-supported program of the Honduran Evangelical Mennonite Church. A free-will donation will be accepted. RSVP to Anna Yoder, [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720 by May 7.