

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program is May 31. Pray that those whom God is calling to live out their faith will respond affirmatively.

Western District Conference: Pray for Conference Minister Clarence Rempel who is meeting with pastors and churches in Texas this weekend.

This congregation: Pray for the Church Board as they begin to plan for pastoral transition at BCMC.

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

April 26 at BCMC: Attendance: 295. General Fund \$4,157.23; Living Stones \$5; Sr Hi Youth \$1,277; Plant Fund \$35; Transfer-General \$172.28; Caring Fund \$50.

Thank you for all of your donations of jars! ~ Mike Crawford, BCMC
custodian

Bethel College Mennonite Church

May 3, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

EASTER SEASON: *Living Abundantly*

GATHERING

Prelude *Concertina* Tammling
Verlene Garber, organist
Greeting John Tyson
***Hymn** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* **HWB 278**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider with Roger Juhnke,
Judy Friesen, Jeanette Stucky, Margaret Goering and Janet Voth
Scripture reading James 1:2-11
Anthem Movement III and IV from *Requiem* (see insert) Brahms
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Doyle Preheim, soloist
Scripture reading James 1:26-2:9 and 2:14-18
Meditation *It's not all about money* Heidi Regier Kreider
Reflections Judy Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Hymn *O praise the gracious power* (vv. 1-4, 7) **HWB 111**
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 *Andante from Sonata III* Mendelssohn
***Dedication hymn** *Alleluia* **STS 24**
Ron Garber, soloist

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *We give thee but thine own* **HWB 384**
***Benediction**
***Benediction response** *Stay with us* Hovland
Chancel Choir
***Postlude** *Christ is Alive*
*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.

From the *Requiem* by Brahms

Movement III

Herr, lehre doch mich, das ein Ende mit mir haben muss, und mein Leben ein Ziel hat, und ich davon muss.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Siehe, meine Tage sind einer Hand breit vor dir, und mein Leben ist wie nichts vor dir.

Behold, thou has made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee.

Movement IV

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

Meine Seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn:

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord:

mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.

my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

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

Staff: Congratulations to custodian Mike Crawford who participated in the 5-K run in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon last weekend!

Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider has accepted a call to be Conference Minister for Western District Conference beginning August 17, 2015. She will conclude as pastor at BCMC as of July 31, at the end of her current pastoral term. The BCMC Church Board will meet this week with the current conference minister, Clarence Rempel, to begin planning for next steps in pastoral transition at BCMC.

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!

At last Sunday's congregational meeting, outgoing members of Church Board, board-appointed committees and commissions were recognized, and the congregation elected John Waltner and Elaine Prouty as new Board members, and Loretta Baumgartner and Lois Brubacher to new Board terms. Along with printed annual reports, several commissions shared stories from this year, and the Art Committee and Facilities Committee gave a reminder about the upcoming auction on June 27. Heidi Regier Kreider shared comments about her resignation from BCMC to accept the position of Conference Minister for Western District Conference, and Jim Robb noted that Church Board will begin next steps in pastoral transition. Minutes of the congregational meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the library.

During 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*

The Senior High youth received a generous donation of \$1,257 toward MCUSA 2015 convention costs from the dessert fundraiser at the Apr. 26 potluck. We deeply appreciate the support and look forward to attending convention together in July! Eleven senior high students and five sponsors will attend convention.

Sat., May 9, Mennonite Men will host **Al and Nadine Peters** to speak about their work with prison ministries spanning 40 years in Nebraska and South Dakota. (Breakfast is \$4 at 8 a.m., Kidron Bethel Harvest Table, followed by an open mic session in Menno Hall at 8:30 a.m.) Women are welcome to join this meeting as well.

BCMC will celebrate graduates during the worship service on May 10. Please contact the church office if your family has a graduate to be recognized!

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*

Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia 2015 will be observed at BCMC on May 10 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*

Janet Stucky's latest newsletter is posted on the BCMC website, on the hall bulletin-board and is in church mailboxes. Janet serves with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin. She requests prayer for funding for community health projects teaching better nutrition to gardeners in various locations in Benin. Janet plans to visit BCMC June 28 during a trip back to the U.S. to attend Mennonite Church USA convention! More information will follow.

Peace Connections is partnering with USD 373 and volunteers to offer three free meals a day through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Peace Connections is providing another year of Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK), which allows children 6-10 to participate in a free morning activity session. The program is Monday through Friday, June 8-July 24, Volunteers and financial support are essential to making these programs possible. Volunteer schedules are flexible. This is a great way to get to know some of the children in our community and have a positive influence on their lives. Donations may be made to Peace Connections in support of the Summer Enrichment Program. **For information:** Jennifer Rose, Peace Connections, 316-284-0000, info@peaceconnections.org

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is requesting donations to support its response to the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that shook Nepal April 25. Focusing its 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 or by calling 888-563-4676. Send checks to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500.

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.

This Week at BCMC: May 3 – May 10, 2015

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

Adult classes:

- Young Adult Fellowship —Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Song of Songs*
- 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—Will attend elective

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Vada Snider's, 2509 Ivy Drive, North Newton

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, May 7

7:00 p.m. Church Board—(Rm 14); Creation Care Committee—(Rm B-7)

Friday, May 8

6:00 p.m. Community Playschool Final Program—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Mennonite Men—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table followed by program in Menno Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Young and Middle Aged Men—Mojo's, Bethel College

Sunday, May 10

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Cherub Choir, Junior Choir and Menno Ringers; recognition of graduates

10:50 a.m. Christian education; Adult elective in sanctuary: *Reflecting on the Western District Conference Polity survey and What Comes Next?* -Adam Robb

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.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert today May 3, 7 p.m.—Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg

BCMC is responsible for volunteer staffing and evening meals at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter May 13 -19. More volunteers are needed; volunteer orientations will be Apr. 30 and May 12, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS. To volunteer, contact BCMC representative Valetta Seymour at 620-345-2733 or vmseymour@mtelco.net. **HCHS seeks \$4000 to hire weekend daytime staffing.** To contribute financial support, mail checks to HCHS, PO Box 478, Newton 67114, designated “weekend staffing.”

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.

BCMC member John Bergen serves with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Israel/Palestine. To have 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)*

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 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.

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 for more info.

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.

Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch: Learn, Grow, Serve, Repeat: Western District Conference will host a Faith Formation Launch June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus, 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/>.

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

- **Summer youth camps are coming!** Returning campers: Invite someone new to camp. You'll both get a free camp t-shirt!
- **Kitchen volunteers** needed for June 7-13, June 29-July 2 (rental group), July 19-25, and July 26-31. Camper discounts available for limited number of volunteers. Summer kitchen helpers receive free camp t-shirt!
- **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*.

Bethel College announcements:

Sun., May 3, 3 p.m. – Annual Masterworks concert: Brahms' *German Requiem*, Memorial Hall (tickets available at the door)

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 a cappella women's ensemble - Memorial Hall

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

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 the BCMC sanctuary, hosted by Kidron Bethel Village. Public is invited. An offering will be received.