

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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May 24 at BCMC: \$4,396; Living Stones \$3,385; MCC \$100; Columbarium Fund \$2,250; Inez Koehn Memorial \$25.

Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers, May 24 - June 18. All skill levels are welcome. Consider coming to Pilger, Nebraska, for one day or more, or a week or longer. Your efforts will help four families who survived the June 2014 tornado get back home by the end of the summer. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided for volunteers. To schedule, or for more information, phone (800) 241-8111.

Camp Mennoscah announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

• **Kitchen helpers** are needed for June 7-13, June 21-27, and July 26-31. Head cooks (with volunteer stipend or camper discount) needed for June 29-July 2 and July 5. A nurse (with volunteer stipend or camper discount) needed for July 5-9.

• **Camp Sing!** The 2015 Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing will be Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

• **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*.

Bethel College Mennonite Church May 31, 2015 ~ Announcements

This Week at BCMC: May 31 – June 7, 2015

Today—Vacation Bible School Sunday—No Sunday school

11:30 a.m. Hamburger fry in church playground hosted by Senior High Youth – by donation (contributions go to support attending Mennonite Church USA convention) If inclement weather, meet in Fellowship Hall.

1:00-3:00 p.m. Orientation for commission/committee chairs - Chapel

Monday, June 1

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

3:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B-7

4:00 p.m. Janet Stucky Ministry Support Team—Rm 14

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

Tuesday, June 2

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

Thursday, June 4

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Creation Care Committee—Rm B-7

Saturday, June 6

5:00 p.m. Wedding in the BCMC Sanctuary

Sunday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; commissioning of new officers and commission and committee members

10:50 a.m. Christian education; Children's Summer Sunday school begins

A new program year at BCMC begins in June!

- **Orientation** for chair persons of new commissions and Board-appointed committees is **today, May 31, 1-3 p.m. in the Chapel.**
- **Commissioning for church officers, Board, commissions and committees** will take place in worship on June 7. All members of these groups are encouraged to be present if possible, to be recognized as a group and blessed for your work in the coming year.

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.

There is a List of new books in the library, near the library computer, for Spring-Summer 2015.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Esther Bohn Groves at Newton Medical Center.

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 scheduled for June.

Thank you for your sympathies following the death of my son, Benjamin Poling. Inurnment will take place at Halstead Cemetery at a later date.
~ Rachel Poling

We offer sympathy to Helen Barga and family on the death of her sister, Elda Margaret (Bartel) Bartel, May 24, Hillsboro. The memorial service was May 28 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

The BCMC Church Board has appointed a joint committee of the Staff Congregation Relations Committee and Church Board to work with Conference Minister Clarence Rempel in the selection of an Interim Supply Pastor for BCMC. The people who have accepted this responsibility include Lois Brubacher, Annette Lamp, Loretta Baumgartner, Dale Schrag and Sandy Zerger. Lois Brubacher has agreed to chair this Committee. The goal is to have the interim pastor begin in early August. This Committee will bring a recommendation to the Church Board who will make the final decision concerning the interim pastor. The Church Board will begin the process of forming a Search Committee for a Settled Pastor at the June Board meeting. May your prayers be with the leadership of the Congregation as we begin this process. ~ Jim Robb, Moderator

Mark your calendar: All are invited to summer Faith Forums at BCMC during Sunday school at 10:50-11:45 a.m. (in sanctuary unless otherwise indicated):
June 14: Presentation by Andy Brubacher Kaethler, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation and Culture at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
July 5: Fellowship & fasma, games and light snacks – Fellowship Hall
July 12: Report from BCMC delegates to Mennonite Church USA Assembly
July 19: Report from Megan Leary on her Mennonite Voluntary Service experience
July 26, August 2 and 9: Series on faith and technology

In the mid-50's Harold Buller, was pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Harold died a number of years ago, however his wife, Anne, is still actively engaging in life. On June 14 she will celebrate her 90th birthday. If you are interested in sending birthday greetings to Anne, the address is: Anne Buller, 815 Red Maple Court, Bluffton, Ohio 45817. ~ Harold and Anne's daughter, Mary Buller Triller

Volunteers are needed to drive the Kidron Bethel Village mini-bus on Sundays to transport residents to and from Bethel College, Faith, First and Shalom Mennonite churches. Must have or obtain a CDL drivers license, have a physical examination every two years, and submit to random drug and alcohol testing. Please, please consider helping in this vital ministry of your church. Contact Marv Dirks, 620-837-4413 for more information.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Bethel College Alumni Weekend** June 5-7, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Schedule: 284-5251 or www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/
- **Sat., June 6**, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. – **“Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,”** hosted by the Sand Creek Trail Committee as part of National Trails Day. Water provided at Memorial Grove trailhead for walkers and dogs. Special recognition event at 3 p.m. at the trailhead to honor Jacob D. Goering, who had the vision to develop the trail and has continued to encourage others to enhance and enjoy it.
- **Centering Prayer meets** every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. All are welcome. For information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.
- **The 2015 issue of Mennonite Life is online**, with articles on Vincent Harding, John Howard Yoder and other topics, as well as reviews of 10 Mennonite-authored and/or Mennonite-related books (both fiction and nonfiction) and a call for papers for the 2017 conference “Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries.” Go to ml.bethelks.edu.
- **Sat., June 6, 6:45 a.m – First-Saturday bird walk**, starting in the parking lot of Kauffman Museum and following Sand Creek Trail, with Gregg Friesen. Binoculars and bird guide helpful but not required; all welcome.

Everence Financial informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* about Medicare and Social Security, providing instructions on how to enroll, and explaining options if you continue to work; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on June 8, July 13 and Aug.10, at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Reserve a spot with Darlene Buller darlene.buller@everence.com or (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will have a Local Sites Tour Sat., Aug. 29 in Marion, Harvey and McPherson counties. 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.

Kidron Bethel Village needs baked good donations for the 4th of July Extravaganza Cake Walk & Bake Sale. The sales for these events go towards our Healthcare Benevolent Fund supporting our residents care. If you are interested in donating a cake or a baked item contact Michelle Rider at 620-327-3497 or micheller@bluestemks.org