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## This Week at BCMC: June 7 – June 14, 2015

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

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

- Camp Mennoscah has room for more campers. Summer theme is *Power Up*, looking at the example of Jesus to learn how to live in the Spirit. Register online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) Scholarship funds are available. Contact the camp for the scholarship request form.
- Family Camp is July 25-26—Alan Stucky and Katie Best, leaders
- Camp needs kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 7-13, June 21-27, and July 26-31. Head cook needed for the week of July 5-9.

**Mennonite Central Committee Song on the Lawn**, an outdoor mini-music festival and meal hosted by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, MCC and WillowSpring Downs, 1582 Falcon, rural Hillsboro, will be June 14 from 5-8 p.m. Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets. The event is a benefit for MCC held at WillowSpring Downs. Directions from Goessel are 3 miles north on Highway 15, 4 miles east on 150th and ¾ north on Falcon. Do not follow GPS directions! In case of rain, event will be held at the Goessel Elementary School. Call 316-283-2720 or 620-386-0709 with questions.

### **Bethel College announcements:**

• **Centering Prayer** meets every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College. All are welcome. For information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

**The 2015 issue of *Mennonite Life*** is online, with articles on Vincent Harding, John Howard Yoder and a variety of other topics, as well as reviews of 12 Mennonite-authored and/or Mennonite-related books (fiction, nonfiction and memoir) 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](http://ml.bethelks.edu).

**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](mailto:lavern@powwwer.net).

**Kidron Bethel Village requests baked good donations** for the 4th of July Extravaganza Cake Walk & Bake Sale. The sales for these events go towards the Healthcare Benevolent Fund supporting residents’ care. To donate a cake or a baked item contact Michelle Rider at 620-327-3497 or [micheller@bluestemks.org](mailto:micheller@bluestemks.org)

### **Today—June 7**

**10:30 a.m.** Ice water is available in the Gathering Place

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

- 2-3 year olds through 8th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for snack, then Room B-8 for activities
- Senior High Youth—Rm 22

### **Adult classes:**

- Membership orientation class—Room 14
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study class will not meet during summer
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Mennonite Media and Church Issues*, Paul Schrag
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- 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—Discussion of favorite inspirational quotations
- Sojourners – Chapel

### **Monday, June 8**

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

### **Tuesday, June 9**

**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, June 10**

**9:30 a.m.** Women’s Fellowship Circle Program chairs meet in the home of Marlene Faul, 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton

### **Friday, June 12**

**10:00 a.m.** Coffee for BCMC members at Schowalter Villa – SWV Main Street area

**2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch at Bethel College

**5:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Launch Supper in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, June 13**

**8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.** Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch at Bethel College

**5:00 p.m.** Wedding in the BCMC Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, June 14**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Andy Brubacher Kaethler

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education; adult elective with Andy Brubacher Kaethler

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**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.

**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 & fropa, 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

**Pastoral transition update:** The Church Board has appointed a joint committee of the Staff Congregation Relations Committee and Church Board to work with Western District Conference Minister Clarence Rempel in the selection of an Interim Supply Pastor for BCMC. Serving on this committee are Lois Brubacher (chair), Annette Lamp, Loretta Baumgartner, Dale Schrag and Sandy Zerger. The goal is to have the interim pastor begin in early August. This Committee will bring a recommendation to Church Board who will make the final decision concerning the interim pastor. The Church Board is also preparing to form a Search Committee for a Settled Pastor. May your prayers be with the leadership of the Congregation as we begin this process. ~ *Jim Robb, Moderator*

**Janet Stucky, Mennonite Mission Network partner serving in Benin,** will be at BCMC on June 28, as part of a short visit to the U.S. for Janet to represent Mennonite Mission Network at Mennonite Church USA convention. On June 28, Janet will participate in the Time with Children and a Kingdom Report, and greet people during fellowship time hosted by her Ministry Support Team with refreshments in the Gathering Place.

**The BCMC Prayer Network** is a ministry sponsored by the Deacon Commission, with prayer requests distributed by pastors to members of the prayer network through e-mail, at the request and permission of the persons involved. Participants make a one-year commitment to this prayer ministry. **If you would like to participate** in the prayer network for the coming year (June 2015 - July 2016), please contact the church office.

**BCMC Mennonite Men** invite you to a 56 minute CD of Ted Risingsun's story at the Harvest Table, 8:30 a.m., Sat., June 13. (Breakfast is at 8 a.m.) Ted Risingsun from the Cheyenne Community, Busby, MT attended Freeman Jr. College. After enlistment in the U.S. Military in Jan. 1951, he was on the front lines in Korea as a platoon sergeant. Years later he told about his experiences to young men from the Northern District at a "Boot Camp for Peace" held at Swan Lake, S.D. It was a moment of truth about the reality of war. (Mennonite Men will not be meeting during July and August).

**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 Marvin Dirks, 620-837-4413.

**Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed** another fun filled preschool year! Thirty six children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Bethel College Mennonite Church for being one of those supporting churches contributing significantly to our program financially and in kind through the use of the building. We also want to acknowledge the service of Ted Mueller as BCMC's representative on our board, Lela Schmidt, Kris Kreider, Bonnie Krehbiel, Jeanette Stucky, Ruth Obold and Stahli Claassen for teaching, Annette Lamp and Mildred Voran for serving as substitute teachers, Monica Lichti for all the office related support she gives, and Mike Crawford for cleaning those extra messes that we make! Two women's circles also spent an hour each (approximately 20 total work-hours!) preparing materials for our curriculum. We are also grateful to Marlene Faul for preparing the paperwork requesting a donation from the Everence Sharing fund which is a matching grant program. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look to begin our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Fall. Please watch your church newsletter in the coming months for stories related to the history of Community Playschool as we commemorate this significant milestone!

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Rescue Network Nepal, a Mission Network partner, trains people in remote areas of the country to give emergency aid. Pray for director Jaya Thapa and these first responders as they deal with the overwhelming needs in the aftermath of last month's earthquakes.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for presenters, Andy Brubacher Kaethler and Rachel Miller Jacobs and 12 others, and for the participants of the Anabaptist Faith Formation launch meeting June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus. Pray that this will strengthen the church's calling to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

**This congregation:** Pray for moderator Jim Robb and other church officers, Board members, and those who serve on commissions and committees of BCMC, as they begin the new program year now in June.

*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.*