

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners, Gordon McDade and Karen Sethuraman, have created a space in Northern Ireland for people who don't have a church background. Pray for them and the Down Community as they offer Jesus' hope to people.

Western District Conference: Pray for June Thomsen and a committee who are coordinating plans for the upcoming Western District Conference sessions, October 30-31 at Bethel College.

This congregation: Pray for third graders (Payne, Lily and Lucy) who receive Bibles today. May they grow in their faith and delight as they read the Bible stories.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by 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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August 16 at BCMC: Attendance 306. General Fund \$8,947.80; Living Stones \$1,281; Media Supplies \$10.



Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 23, 2015

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August 23, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Fantasy in a minor* Bach, edited Reger
Variations on *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Purcell, arr. Proulx

Eleanor Kaufman, organist

Greeting and opening prayer Adam Robb, worship leader

***Hymn** *Holy God, we praise thy name* **HWB 121**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Adam Robb

- Presentation of Bibles to third graders –
Lucille Burch, Payne Claassen and Lillian Schloneger

Commissioning of teachers, club leaders, sponsors

John Tyson

- Commissioning Prayer:

God, we come today in the midst of a new year of learning. Thank you for teachers, sponsors and club leaders who model faithfulness and joy in teaching. Bless the students and teachers among us with open minds to learn, in school and church, and grant them patience and wisdom. We are mindful of you and the care with which you formed us with minds to think and mouths to speak. We pray that you ready our minds and hearts to learn; strengthen us with your words. May we encourage all we encounter to grow in love for you and for one another. For each person here we give you thanks. In Jesus' name. Amen.

- *Let your light shine* Insert
Suzanne Burch, guitar; Erin Brubacher, soloist

Scripture reading Psalm 84

Your temple is my joy, Lord of heaven's might.

I am eager for it, eager for the courts of God.

My flesh, my flesh sings its joy to the living God.

As a sparrow homing, a swallow seeking a nest
to hatch its young, I am eager for your altars,
Lord of heaven's might, my king, my god.

To live with you is joy, to praise you and never stop.

Those you bless with courage will bless you from their hearts.

When they cross the Valley of Thirst

the ground is spaced with springs,

with the welcome rain of autumn.

They travel the towns to reach the God of gods in Zion.

Hear me, Lord of might, heed me, God of Jacob.

God our shield, look, see the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts is worth a thousand without.

I would rather stand at God's gate than move among the wicked.

All: God is our sun, our shield, the giver of honor and grace.

The Lord never fails to bless those who walk with integrity.

Lord of heaven's might, blest are all who trust in you.

from *The Psalter*, Liturgical Training Publications, 1995

Worship music *The Prayer* Foster/Sager/Testa/Renis
Nancy Mueller and Matt Schloneger

Scripture Numbers 13: 1-3, 17-33 and Numbers 14: 1-4

Erich Boschmann and Suzanne Burch

Sermon *Caleb's Voice* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *God of the Bible* **STJ 27**

Prayer of God's people Adam Robb

Offering

During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.

Offertory *Here I am, Lord* Schutte, arr. Carter

***Dedication hymn** *Take my life* **HWB 389**

verses 1 and 4 only

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *This little light of mine* **HWB 401**

***Benediction** John Tyson

As we leave this place may we go with minds refreshed and strengthened for the week ahead. May God's wisdom surround us as we join one another in faith. Amen

***Postlude** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh, arr. Sanborn

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ = Sing the Journey

The new Mennonite Central Committee Mobile Cannery will be dedicated Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. The public is invited.

Conversational Spanish: BCMC Witness Commission received a Western District Conference *Loaves and Fishes* grant for learning conversational Spanish for seventh graders through adults of supportive congregations to Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, a WDC church. Sessions are tentatively scheduled for 2nd and 4th Saturdays of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., and March, 2–3:30 p.m. in Pastor Jaime Cazares' office at 510 SE 2nd next to First Mennonite Church, Newton. Register by Aug. 23 with Margaret Goering at 316-283-5034 or mrgoering@outlook.com. Fees are \$25 for materials and supplies not covered by the grant. Bring payment to first session, with checks written to BCMC with 'Spanish' in the memo line.

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

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** is Sept. 6-7
- **Women and Girls Retreat** will be Sept. 11-13 (Fri. evening – Sun. lunch) Registration brochures on church bulletin board.
- **Work & Play Camp**, Sept. 20-23. Register online or call.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to play in the Thresher Golf Classic, Sat., Sept. 19, in Newton. For details, search for "Alumni Sporting Events" at www.bethelks.edu, call 316-284-5251 or email alumni@bethelks.edu. Discount deadline Sept. 4, final deadline Sept. 10.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be Sat., Sept. 19, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. Brochures are on the bulletin board or available on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride.

Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, is searching for an Administrative Assistant to begin as soon as possible. A 30 hours per week position with benefits of paid sick leave and vacation days. Email your résumé to David Harder, Board of Administration chair, ddharder4@yahoo.com.

Offender Victim Ministries is seeking additional Community Justice Mentors to help clients address their need for change. Mentors work one-on-one with clients in two life-skills programs—one focused on anger management, conflict resolution and mindfulness, the other focused on decision-making, values, impact and accountability. Mentor training and shadowing opportunities are provided and can be flexible. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, be willing to commit 1 1/2 to 2 hours per week for at least 6 months, be able to listen deeply and facilitate reflective discussion.. Request more information and a mentor application by e-mailing leia@offendervictimministries.org.

This Week at BCMC: August 23 – August 30, 2015

Today—August 23

- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship in the Gathering Place; ice water available
- 10:30 a.m.** Children's snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!
- Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3rd grade in B3; 4 – 5th grade in B8
 - Junior High students (6 – 8th grade) – Room 26
 - Senior High students – Room 22
 - Agape— Fellowship Hall
 - Bible Study—Not meeting in August
 - Catacombs—Rm B-5—Not meeting in August
 - College Students—Under the balcony
 - Fine Arts—Rm 24
 - Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
 - Mosaic—Rm 20—Semon reflection and other current topics
 - Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
 - Seekers—Rm 21— MC USA Resolutions review
 - Sojourners—Chapel— Eric Massanari, Chaplain at Kidron Bethel
 - Young Adult Fellowship Group—Rm 28
- 7:00 p.m.** BCMC Dessert Reception for BCMC members and Bethel College new and returning students – BCMC members: bring a large dessert to share

Monday, August 24

- 2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 4:00 p.m.** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

- 8:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting—Rm 14
- 3:00 p.m.** Funeral Committee chairs meeting—Rm 14

Thursday, August 27

- 4:15 p.m.** Administrative Team—Rm 14
- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 7:00 p.m.** Witness Commission—Rm 14

Sunday, August 30

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dale Schrag, Luke 24; music by Liz Schrag
- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time
- 10:50 a.m.** Christian Education—all are welcome!

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).

Receiving medical care this week: Lanoy Loganbill, Via Christi-St. Francis Hospital, Wichita. Mary Esther Loganbill has moved to Kidron Bethel Health Care.

We express our sympathy to Bernice Esau on the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Klaassen August 16, Wichita. Funeral services were Aug. 21 at First Mennonite Brethren Church in Wichita.

We express our sympathy to Amy Endres, children Rhett, Mollie and Jett Endres and father-in-law Jim Epp on the death of Amy's husband, Steven Endres, Aug. 13, Derby, KS. The memorial service was Aug. 19 at NewSpring Church, Wichita.

Pastor Search Committee: The BCMC Lead Pastor Search Committee (Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jon Zerger) has received its charge from the Church Board and completed its orientation with Western District Conference Minister Liaison, Clarence Rempel. The committee invites recommendations for lead pastor candidates. Those recommendations will be processed by the committee utilizing the established WDC protocol. Suggestions can be given to any member of the committee.

A Reunion Jazz Concert with Brett Jackson, Aaron Linscheid, Ben Harder, Joel Linscheid, Chris Hazelton, Jim Pisano, William Flynn, Brandon Blackburn and Kim Garey is today, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium Free admission with donation taken.

In order to prepare for the Congregational Meeting Sept. 27, the Church Board asks that you inform Jim Robb, church moderator, of any motions, topics or questions that you (as an individual or commission or committee) wish to bring to the congregation. This will insure that the wording is correct and proper time is allotted in the agenda. These items need to be sent, or given to the moderator before the September 3 Board Meeting. ~ *Jim Robb, moderator* (jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com)

BCMC is responsible for the Sat. evening supper, Sept. 12 at Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. If you can help with serving, contact Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342.

Save the Date and Save Your Pennies! The annual Newton area CROP Walk for Hunger Relief will be Sunday September 27. Watch for details in the coming weeks for opportunities to sign up to walk or to donate. BCMC's children will be collecting a loose change offering during the worship service on Sunday September 6 for CROP efforts, so start saving your pennies! Contact Amy Tyson with any questions, jatyson121@gmail.com.

A few more volunteers for occasional calls for service from the Funeral Committee would be helpful. We would especially like to have additional dishwasher volunteers, but a few more names on the preparation and serving lists would also be helpful. ~ *Virginia Benninghoff, Aldine Sprunger and Ilene Schmidt, Funeral Committee co-chairs*



It's time for choirs for adults and children to meet beginning Wednesdays, **September 2.** Come make a joyful noise!

- Cherub Choir (Kindergarten – 3rd grade) – 6:30-7:15 p.m., Rm 24 – Jill Siebert, director
- Junior Choir (4th-8th grade) – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m., Rm 28 – Elizabeth Schrag, director
- Chancel Choir (adults) - 7:30– 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary chancel – William Eash, director
- Menno Ringers (handbell choir for children grades 5-8) - 7:15-7:45 p.m. in Rm B-7 - Vada Snider, director
- Chancel Bells (handbell choir for adults) – 8:30–9:30 p.m. in Rm B-7 - Vada Snider, director

A new Chancel Choir choral year will begin Wed., Sept. 2, at 7:30 in the chancel and everyone interested in choral singing is invited to attend! Come and join a choir of musicians dedicated to the worship experience at BCMC.

Committees and Commissions don't forget the 2016 budget building process. Worksheets have been distributed to commissions and board-appointed committees with a September 27 deadline. The Pony Express starts in November when members and friends can express their intentions to give in 2016. The 2016 budget will be voted on at the Jan. 24, 2016 congregational meeting.

Many thanks for your support throughout the past 4 ½ -year rollercoaster of illness and health. Thanks for the gifts of cards, food, flowers and donations in Howard's name. And, especially, for your prayers, time, conversation and friendship. Your many visits throughout these years helped make Howard's life substantial and meaningful until the end. BCMC is a great community to be a part of. ~ *Family of Howard Snider – Marie, Vada, Conrad*

The Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces a hymn festival as their 2015-16 season opening event, Sun., Sept. 13, 3 p.m. with organist Christopher Shaw presenting a program titled, "In Our Music," at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita. See bulletin board for more details or visit agowichita.org or Facebook [facebook.com/agowichita](https://www.facebook.com/agowichita). An ice cream social will follow the event.

Let Your Light Shine

1. Well a ci - ty on a hill can - not be hid.
 2. Now what kind of light will you give out?

You are light of the world. It
 You are light of the world. A

shines real bright like Je - sus did. You are light of the
 good deed's gon - na get talked a - bout. You are light of the

world. You don't put a bas - ket o - ver your light. You are light of the
 world. Do - ing good is shar - ing love. You are light of the

world. You put it up where it shines real bright. You are light of the
 world. Bringing praise to God a - bove. You are light of the

world. So let your light shine, so let your light shine. So let your
 world.

light shine, all a - round the world. So let your light shine, so let your

light shine. So let your light shine to give glory to God.

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Today in worship we commission teachers and leaders for children's/youth activities in 2015-2016:

Nursery during worship for infants and toddlers – Faith Formation Commission

Sunday school classes:

- **Early childhood:** (Room B-4) Amy Tyson and Erin Brubacher, teachers; Marlene Ewert, Heather Zerger, Crystal Gaeddert, helpers
- **Primary** (Room B-3) Barb Koontz, Rachel Pannabecker, Jeanette Leary, teachers; Sandee Zerger, Lora Dungan, Barb Voran, Beaty Robb, helpers
- **Middler** (Room B-8) Matt Koontz, Sheri Lepard, Gwen Neufeld, teachers; Melanie Mueller, Jeanette Stucky, helpers
- **Junior High** (Room 26) Alice Suderman, Mike Claassen, Alan Lepard
- **Senior high youth** (Room 22): John Tyson, coordinator; Ben Lichti, Nancy Mueller, Tim and Bethany Schrag, sponsors
- **Sunday school opening music**, Erin Brubacher, Suzy Burch, Nancy Mueller
- **Wednesday evening activities** (September 30 – November 18)
 - Venture club (grades 3-5): to be determined
 - Junior High club (grades 6-8): LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens

A mentor and student pizza luncheon will take place September 13 following the Sunday school hour!

High School students can win \$1,000 by writing an essay for the Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office annual public policy essay contest. Topics include the militarization of police, climate change, and prisoner re-entry. All students who attend Mennonite high school or are members of Anabaptist congregations are eligible to participate. Learn more at: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington/contest>.

The Leadership Retreat scheduled for August 29 has been cancelled due to low attendance. The Church Board will be determining next steps.

Many people feel as if they don't know enough about investing to actually invest. Everence is presenting "Investing 101," a webinar about turning dreams into reality, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 25. Basic concepts such as what investing is and how starting early can make a big difference in how much is earned. And we'll answer your questions. Visit everence.com/kansas to register.