

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network is speaking in churches throughout the United States this month and in September. Pray that she will be able to share the good news about what God is doing in Mongolia.

This congregation: Pray for the many teachers, professors, musicians and students from our congregation who are beginning preparations for a new academic year. Pray for the BCMC faith formation program, leaders, teachers and Pastor John. May wisdom increase!

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 2 at BCMC: Attendance 242. General Fund \$12,226.06; Living Stones \$1,070; Organ Fund \$100; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$500; Service Scholarship Fund \$100.



BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

August 9, 2015

Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 9, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Kliene Preludes and Intermezzi* Schroeder
Verlene Garber, organist
Greeting and opening prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen
***Hymn** *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!* **HWB 63**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with children John Tyson
Worship music *If with all your hearts* Mendelssohn
Matt Schloneger

Scripture reading Psalm 130
I cry out to you from the depths, Lord
My Lord, listen to my voice! Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!
If you kept track of sins, Lord, my Lord, who would stand a chance?
But forgiveness is with you; that’s why you are honored.
I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes and I wait for God’s promises.
My whole being waits for my Lord—more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!
Israel, wait for the Lord! Because faithful love is with the Lord; because great redemption is with our God!
ALL: He is the one who will redeem Israel from all sin.

Hymn *From the depths of sin* **HWB 136**
Prayer of God’s people Dorothy Nickel Friesen
Scripture reading Luke 24:25-27; 45-47
Colossians 3:16-17 Phil Koontz
Sermon *The Word on the Way* Patricia Shelly

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Philippian Hymn* Insert
Matt Schloneger, soloist

Commissioning of service volunteers John Tyson
Emily Harder – Mennonite Voluntary Service
Ben Kreider – Mennonite Central Committee-SALT

Offering

Offertory *Come thou fount* arr. Clark
***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *The word of God is solid ground* **HWB 314**
***Benediction** Patricia Shelly
***Benediction response**
***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book **STJ = Sing the Journey**

Commissioning of service volunteers

Pastor: Emily and Ben, God gives people many gifts, all of which are useful in the church. God calls all of us to pursue truth, justice, and reconciliation. Each of us thus participates in the servanthood of each. We are reminded of this vocation we all share as you depart from us for service assignments in Washington, DC and San Pedro, Honduras. Your tasks become our tasks as well. We, therefore, join in this commissioning charge.

Congregation: As God’s Spirit calls and the church commissions, the servants of Christ are scattered in places of need throughout the world. We accept your service as an extension of this congregation and pledge our support of your ministry. We join with you in seeking first the kingdom of God. Consider your assignment as God at work in you, ministering to human need regardless of creed, ethnic origin, nationality, sexual orientation, gender, or political view. May you be given a deep love for those among whom you will live, and may Christ be known through you in word and deed. Our prayers will continually support you from afar as you serve in these communities.

We welcome Dr. Patricia Shelly, BCMC member and professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. Patty is also moderator of Mennonite Church USA and preached on Luke 24 at the summer convention in Kansas City.

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).

To place an order for a 20 lb. case of fresh peaches from Palisade, CO, call the Mennonite Central Committee Central States office by Aug. 14, 283-2720. Each case is \$35. Peaches will be available for pick up on Aug. 29. If questions, call MCC Central States office.

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 St. 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 Camp Sing is today, Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

Hopeful Blues, a five piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, will be in concert today Aug. 9, 7 p.m., at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N Maize Road, Wichita. Donations will cover costs of production, enabling all sales proceeds to be charitable. CD's for sale will benefit Camp Mennoscah, for instruments for campers. The concert includes an ice cream social. *Hopeful Blues* will be the worship ensemble for Western District Conference in Newton Oct 30-31.

The new Mennonite Central Committee Mobile Cannery will be dedicated Fri., Aug. 28 with a meal served at 5:30 p.m. (RSVP by Aug. 14 to 283-2720/denisevoth@mcc.org--offering taken to cover costs of meal) Service of dedication will be 7:30 p.m. (no RSVP for service). All events at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. Every year the MCC Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting over 30,000 volunteers who prepare cans of meat to send around the world.

The Newton Community for Racial Justice, an open group of Newton-area citizens, is organizing an anti-racism analysis training in Newton Oct. 2-4. (Fri. 6-9 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at the Newton Recreation Commission, 415 N. Poplar, Newton. The training will be facilitated by Roots of Justice. The early registration deadline is Aug. 14. Information and registration forms are on the bulletin board.

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 13th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. evening 6:30 p.m. to Sat. morning, Aug. 21-22. Stay for the evening, or overnight. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper at 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear, breakfast food to share for Sat. Contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

Refrain Congregational Refrain for "Philippian Hymn"

Have this mind a - mong you which is

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which is yours in Christ! Christ!

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This Week at BCMC: August 9 – August 16, 2015

We offer sympathy to Marie Snider, Conrad Snider, Vada Snider and family on the death of Howard Snider, Aug. 2, North Newton. Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m., Sun., Aug. 16, at Kidron-Bethel Community Room. The memorial service for Howard will be August 17, 4:30 p.m. at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to the family of Glendon Klaassen who died August 1 in Florida. Glendon and Reitha were former members of BCMC. You may send sympathy cards to: 1777 Apalachee Ave., The Villages, FL, 32162.

We offer sympathy to George and Jeanette and Megan Leary and Kevin and Naomi Leary on the death of Tommy Ramseur, nephew of George Leary. The memorial service took place on July 29 in DeLand, Florida.

Pastor Search Committee: The Church Board has confirmed and blessed the following people as they begin the search process: Rosalind Andreas (Chair), Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger, Jennifer Koontz and Judy Friesen. Please keep these people in your prayers as they begin this important work. If you have suggestions or ideas, please talk with one of the committee members.

Thank you to all who attended one or both of the Special Events with BCMC members Ben Kreider and Emily Harder, both preparing for service assignments this coming year, and each with BCMC support in the form of a BCMC Service Scholarship. Ben will be serving in Honduras with MCC SALT (Serving and Learning Together) and Emily with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Washington, DC. In their events, Ben and Emily described the nature of their assignments and shared ways in which BCMC members can maintain connections with them during the year. They so appreciate your support, care, and generous donations, which not only helped each meet their fund-raising goals for their respective agencies, but also generated an additional **\$2,273** for the BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fund. – *The Education and Service Scholarship Committee*

Job and Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Bethel College Academy for Performing Arts** (BCAPA) needs 3 or 4 volunteers to help with the front desk duties from 3 to 7:30 p.m., Mon-Thurs. and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat. during the school year. Contact Danika Bielek at 316-283-4902 or dbielek8@sbcglobal.net. See Gwen Neufeld or call 283-6999 for more information or questions.
- **Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening** for a Fri./Sat. clothing sorter/clerk. Needs to be available 5-8 p.m. Fri. and 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Sat. Applications requested by Aug. 12. To apply, fill out the [Employment Application](#) at newtonetceterashop.com and deliver in person to the store at 619 Main Street, Newton.
- **The Bethel College alumni office** is seeking an administrative assistant, half-time position. Details at www.bethelks.edu/jobs.

Today—August 9

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; ice water available

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

• **There will be no Sunday school for children today.** The new Sunday school year will begin August 16.

11:00 a.m. Faith Forum: Panel discussion: “Practicing faith in a technological culture” Doug Siemens, Liz Friesen, Peter Goerzen, Austin Prouty, Norma Johnson. Adult classes:

- Agape, Bible Study, Catacombs, Fine Arts, Open Circle, Seekers and Sojourners classes will attend the Faith Forum sessions
- Mosaic—Rm 22—Sermon reflection/response and other topics
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

10:30 a.m. Newsletter team meeting—Rm 14

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

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Staff Breakfast Meeting—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Sunday school orientation—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 13

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa

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

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

Sunday, August 16

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Deut. 6:1-13; music by a bell ensemble with Suzanne Burch, Ben Lichti, Brenda Turner and Marty Warkentine; Backpack blessings **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Fall Sunday school season begins

Coming BCMC Events:

- **Attention children and youth!** Bring your backpack next Sunday, Aug. 16, for the Backpack Blessing.
- **Volunteer Sunday school teachers and helpers** are invited to attend an orientation for the new year on **Wed., Aug. 12 @ 7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. There will be an ice cream sundae bar during the orientation.
- **A mentor and student pizza luncheon** will take place September 13 following the Sunday school hour!

One more helper needed for only one week out of the month to assist teachers for the Middler (4th & 5th grade) Sunday school class for this year.

Staff: John Tyson will be out of the office from Aug. 14-Aug. 18.