

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that materials created by Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network will help Mennonite congregations speak out against the violence of racism within the church and in our societies throughout the coming year.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's blessing on Rachel Ringenberg Miller at her installation as pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, today.

This congregation: Pray for the Conversational Spanish participants who have begun sessions. Thirty-two have signed up from the four Casa Betania support group congregations. Give thanks for the leadership of BCMC Witness Commission.

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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Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

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

September 13 at BCMC: Attendance 265. General Fund \$4,737; MCC Meat Canning \$200; CROP Walk \$276.70; *Rejoice* \$55.50; Caring Fund \$100; Library Reserve Fund \$200; Living Stones \$1,870; Loaves & Fishes Fund \$600; Howard Snider Memorial \$375.



Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 20, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

PEACE SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude *A Kingsfold Suite* Dahl
Ken Rodgers, organist
Call to worship Lois Preheim, worship leader

We rejoice in hope, seeing signs of God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

We extend hospitality to strangers, participating in God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

We persevered in prayer, anticipating the fullness of God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

Invocation

***Hymn** *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Stoner and Lois Preheim

Scripture reading: Psalm 122 Valetta Seymour

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the lord!"

Our feet were standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built as a city bound tightly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel.

Thrones for judgment were set up there, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you!"

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Psalms for Praise and Worship, Holbert, Kimbrough, Young

Worship music *Let there be peace on earth* arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-10 Valetta Seymour

Sermon *Faithful witness amid endless war* John Stoner

**Affirmation of Faith:* (unison)

"I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ,
And to God's kingdom for which he died—
One Spirit-led people the world over, indivisible,
With love and justice for all."

(by June Alliman Yoder and J. Nelson Kraybill)

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Worship music *Make me an instrument of thy peace* McChesney
(text in STJ #56) Chancel Bells

Prayer of God's people Dwight Platt

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 *The Peace of Christ* Cason

***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *For the healing of the nations* **HWB 367**

***Benediction**

We go, rejoicing in hope, seeing signs of God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

We go, extending hospitality to strangers, participating in God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

We go, persevering in prayer, anticipating the fullness of God's peace and justice.

We are citizens of God's kingdom.

Amen and Amen.

***Postlude** Trumpet Tune on *Cwm Rhondda* Wold

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STJ = *Sing the Journey*

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).

Staff: John Tyson on vacation Sept. 18-22.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Paul Harder, Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita (released).

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

- **Work & Play Camp/Annual Meeting**, Sept. 20-23.
- **Scrapbooking Retreats** on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, today, Sept. 20, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource.

Join the Hesston College campus, alumni and friends of the college to celebrate the completion of the north end of campus' recent transformation during *Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation* Sept. 24 to 27. Campus Entry Celebration is 11 a.m., Sept. 25 and the Northlawn Renovation Celebration and Dedication is 9:30 a.m., Sept. 26. Family Festival starts at 6 p.m., Sept. 25. More info at hesston.edu/homecoming.

Casa Betania is planning a garage sale/fundraiser Sept. 24, 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and 26, 8 a.m. to noon at 510 S.E 2nd St., Newton. For donations of furniture, toys, house wares, clothes, shoes, tools, etc. call Pastor Jaime Cazares Jr. at (316) 803-1203 to find a time to drop off your donated items.

Everence will present an informational seminar, "*Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*" at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays—Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, at the Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Tanya Burns, tanya.burns@everence.com or (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294.

The Harvey County United Way Chili Cook-Off is Sat., Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 201 E. 6th St. Go and have some good chili and vote for the Community Playschool's chili as best chili!

Harvey County Homeless Shelter is having a fundraising barbecue meal and live concert Sept. 26 from 5-8 p.m., Athletic Park. The meal is free (please call ahead if you want a free meal ticket - 316-283-7711) and donations will be accepted at the event.

Enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village from 7 to 9 a.m. Sat/, Oct. 10, a great start to your day at Bethel College Fall Festival.

Prison visitation training for those ready to begin or continue seeing an inmate once a month at Hutchinson Correctional Facility can be done at the BCMC Fellowship Hall, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Contact Jerrell Williams at 283-2038 or ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net for details. Car pooling can be arranged.

Mennonite Central Committee is initiating a new kit collection for current and former prisoners. Deliver kit contents to the back of the sanctuary or directly to MCC Central States in North Newton. Contents for kits were in your mailboxes (separate items for men and women).

This Week at BCMC: September 20 – September 27, 2015

Today—September 20

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

10:30 a.m. Children's snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!

Conversation continues with John Stoner--Sanctuary

- 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—*Can I ask that?* John Tyson
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5— Will attend elective
- College Students—Will attend elective
- Fellowship—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— Will attend elective
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Mission Trip to Guatemala*, Carolyn Goertzen Wedel
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, September 21

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 14; **4:00 p.m.** Administrative Team—Rm 14

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22 **7:15 p.m.** Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson, Genesis 12:1-9; Luke 10:1-12; music by Chancel Choir and Junior Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time **10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

12:00 noon All church potluck—Fellowship Hall—Everyone welcome!

12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. CROP Walk-- First Christian Church on the corner of 1st and Main

3:30 p.m. Kidron Bethel Worship with Harold Thieszen—Menno Hall

Welcome to guest preacher John Stoner. John was born and raised in a Brethren in Christ home in Pennsylvania. After a public school education he studied at Messiah College and Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. John was pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church in Harrisburg PA for eight years, and then served as executive secretary of the MCC US Peace Section for 12 years. His peace activism has included long term work with New Call to Peacemaking, Christian Peacemaker Teams and Every Church A Peace Church. He recently co-authored with Berry Friesen, *If Not Empire, What?: A Survey of the Bible*.

Thank you to members of the Witness Commission, Lois Preheim, chair, Margaret Goering, Charles Graber, Dwight Platt and Valetta Seymour, for their work in planning worship services during this September's Peace Month.

Thank you to Robert Regier for his gift of Peace and Reconciliation, digital illustration 2015, now in the Gathering Place and for the bulletin cover designs. The Art Committee used funds from the summer auction for installation and production costs; David Kreider installed the Regier piece.

We offer sympathy to Ardie and Wynn Goering on the death of Wynn's mother, Gladys Graber Goering, Sept. 12, Pine Village, Moundridge. The memorial service was Sept. 16 at First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge.

We offer sympathy to Louise Koehn and Dennis Koehn and family on the death of Louise's sister, Darlene Goertz, Topeka. Her memorial service was Sept. 27 at the Unitarian Universality Fellowship, Topeka.

Pastor Search Committee: The BCMC Lead Pastor Search Committee (Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jon Zerger) met this past week. We are beginning a series of activities that invite input from BCMC members on the most important attributes a new lead pastor will bring to BCMC. We will introduce the process at the Wednesday Night Church Supper on Sept. 30. We again ask for your prayers as we work.

Upcoming Events at BCMC:

- **Worship focus in Sept.**—"We are people of God's peace"
- **Potluck—Bring a guest and/or extra food to share.** (Remember—no nuts due to allergies) **and congregational meeting**—Sept. 27
- **CROP Walk**—Sept. 27
- **Wednesday night suppers** begin September 30
- **Pictorial directory** photos will be taken in October
- **Worldwide Communion**—Oct. 4
- **Bethel College Fall Fest**—Oct. 10-11

The September congregational meeting will be Sept. 27, 12:45 p.m., in the sanctuary, preceded by a potluck meal. Agenda is in church mailboxes.

Thanks to those who helped serve the Camp Mennoscah Women and Girl's Retreat supper Sept. 12 - Frank and Helen Nachtigal, super volunteers and transport; Carol Buller, Lois Goertzen, Susan Rhoades, and Loretta Baumgartner, cookie bakers; Jeanette Stucky for supplying six quarts tomatoes and serving; Carol Peters, Barb Koontz and her sister for helping serve in the buffet line. ~ *Marlene Faul, cook and coordinator*

The annual Newton area CROP Walk for hunger relief will be Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church on the corner of 1st and Main, with registration at 1:15 p.m. Visit the table in the rear of sanctuary if you are interested in walking, finding a walker to sponsor, or making a direct donation. To direct your CROP donation to Mennonite Central Committee, make checks payable to MCC and write CROP in the memo line. Contact Amy Tyson at jatyson121@gmail.com with any questions.

The WDC Annual Assembly, at Bethel College this year, is a gathering of Western District folks. You can support WDC through serving as a host home for those who will be traveling from a distance. If you can make your guest room available Oct. 30 and 31, sign up on the registration form (if you are attending), or contact WDC, 283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org (if you are not attending). Assembly information: www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly.

New membership orientation: If you are interested in membership in Bethel College Mennonite Church, come to an information session Sun., Oct. 4, 10:45-11:45 a.m. We will meet near the piano at the front of the sanctuary. If you are transferring membership from another Christian denomination, this will be the only required meeting. If you desire baptism or more information about BCMC, or the Mennonite faith, we will arrange for further sessions. If you are already in a Sunday school class or have other responsibilities during the SS hour, please see Pastor Dorothy after Sunday school. The Deacon Commission extends an invitation to new attendees. There is no obligation to join if you attend the session. We anticipate receiving new members on Nov. 8 during worship. Contact Pastor Dorothy ASAP to indicate your interest: dorothy.bmc@gmail.com or 283-3667.

Senior High Youth Fund empty! In fact about \$2,600 below empty. With increased numbers of BCMC youth attending MCUSA convention in Kansas City, fund-raising activities were not enough to deal with this wonderful "problem". The **Church Board is asking for contributions** to eliminate the deficit so that the youth are not starting in the hole as they plan for future events. Write "Senior High Youth Fund" on the check memo.

All who consider BCMC their church home (members or not) should schedule an appointment to have their portrait taken for the BCMC 2015 pictorial church directory. Questions: contact Doris Whillock (316-283-5561 or d.whillock@cox.net). To register on-line see the BCMC website and click on the link or enter the link below: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/bethelcollegemennonitechurch/index.php?page=10>