

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo are commissioned by the Mennonite Church in Burgos, Spain, to begin a children's ministry in Ivory Coast. The Castillos, who began the *La Casa Grande* ministry in Benin, request prayer for the children's health and for electricians and plumbers to mentor apprentices.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for God's blessing on Tim Amor at his installation as pastor at Beatrice Mennonite Church, NE, today.

**This congregation:** Pray for the CROP walkers who will raise funds to feed the hungry in our community and around the world.

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 20 at BCMC:** Attendance 238. General Fund \$17,001; Living Stones \$3,025; Kitchen Committee \$30; Sr Hi Youth \$475; CROP Walk \$1,150; Caring Fund \$100; Lanoy and Mary Esther Loganbill Memorial \$20.



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**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 27, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship**

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**TIME FOR WORSHIP**

**Theme: We are people of God's peace**

**GATHERING**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Come, Christians, join to sing</i> Variations on <i>Kum Ba Yah</i> <i>(Someone's Praying...Crying...Singing)</i>	Behnke Behnke Karen Unruh, organist
<b>Introit</b>	<i>In this still room</i>	Walker Chancel Choir
<b>Call to worship / prayer</b>	Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader	
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Christ is the world's true light</i> (children come forward during hymn)	<b>HWB 334</b>

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Psalm 124**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes  
rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up  
alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**  
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have  
gone over us;  
**then the raging waters would have gone over us.**

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;**  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and  
earth.**

<b>Worship Music</b>		Junior Choir
<b>Children's conversation</b>		John Tyson
<b>Scripture readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Luke 10:1-12</b>		Elizabeth Tran
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Fried Peace</i>	John Tyson

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn** *Longing for light* **STJ 54**

**Prayer of God's people**

**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** *Can you count the stars* Lowenberg  
Chancel Choir

People with September birthdays are invited to come forward  
during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring hymnal).

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God, the Source of life* **HWB 95**

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn** *I love to tell the story* **HWB 398**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response** *Now go in peace* **STJ 74**

(William Eash leading; round)

**\*Postlude** *A Rejoicing* Fedak

\*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).

*In this still room*

And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room.  
For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control.  
Light of God!  
The strength of human purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs in this still room.  
And from this silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,  
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.  
In this still room. Light of God!  
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.  
I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room.  
~ John Greenleaf Whittier

**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 this link: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/bethelcollegemennonitechurch/index.php?page=10>. The online password request is for the pictorial only—do not use other personal passwords. (Make up a new one to access your information for the pictorial.) Bring canned food for a 10% discount on additional portrait orders. The pricing brochure in mailboxes is for additional portrait orders.

**The Bethel College Women's Association Market** on the Green Committee is asking for donations of ethnic foods, poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival Sat., Oct. 10. Bring your items to the large Market on the Green tent on the north side of the Green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. In addition to baked goods and home grown produce, we will be selling other items including a canvas tote bag with the Bethel logo, a Threshing Stone charm and chain, the limerick book of Bethel life and lore, *A BC ABC Book*, stadium seats, cookbooks, and the CD "Nights of Wonder," featuring music selections from previous BC Christmas Fests.

**Camp Mennoscah** announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org))

- **Scrapbooking Retreats** on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8.
- **The dam at Camp Mennoscah** is being removed Sun., Oct. 4, 2 p.m. People are welcome to watch or to help.

**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](mailto:tanya.burns@everence.com) or (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294.

**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. A donation is requested for the meal.

**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).

**In concert at the Cathedral of the Plains**, (Basilica of St. Fidelis Church) Victoria, KS, Sun., Oct. 25, 6 p.m. is the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers. Bus transportation leaving from Hesston is available for \$50 per person. Call by Oct. 14, 620-327-8109 to reserve a seat on the bus.

**Regina Calcaterra, author of *Etched in Sand*** will discuss her book and advocacy work with foster care, 7:30 p.m. Mon., Oct. 5 in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary, 309 S. Main. A question and answer session will be Tues., Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m. at the Hesston Public Library. Both events free and open to the public.

**The October bird walk on Sand Creek Trail**, which would normally happen the first Saturday of the month, will take place during Fall Festival, on the second Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Kauffman Museum parking lot. Gregg Friesen will lead the walk.

**This Week at BCMC: September 27 – October 4, 2015**

**Today—September 27**

**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!

- Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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— *Reviewing the writings of Howard Snider*, Dennis Koehn
- College Students—Agape Center, Dale Schrag, leader
- 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—*Favorite Quotes: What do they say about us?*
- Sojourners—Chapel
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and Main

**3:30 p.m.** Kidron Bethel Worship with Harold Thieszen and Ruth Unruh—Menno Hall

### **Monday, September 28**

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

**4:00 p.m.** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Pastor Search Committee—Rm 14

### **Tuesday, September 29**

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

### **Wednesday, September 30**

**8:00 a.m.** Worship Planning Meeting—Rm 14

**12:00-1:00 p.m.** Office Staff Lunch—Rm 14

**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday night suppers begin! —Fellowship Hall

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

**6:45 p.m.** Adult Program—Pastor Search Committee Update-Fellowship Hall  
Junior High Club—Rm 26; Venture Club—Rm B-8

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High youth—Rm 22

**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

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### **Thursday, October 1**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Church Board—Rm 14; Creation Care Comm.—Rm B-7

**2:00-8:40 p.m.** BCMC Pictorial—Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, October 2**

**2:00-8:40 p.m.** BCMC Pictorial—Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, October 3**

**10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** BCMC Pictorial—Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, October 4—Worldwide Communion**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, I Peter 1:3-9; music by Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir

**All are invited to a congregational potluck lunch at noon today in Fellowship Hall. The BCMC Fall congregational meeting** will be 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Agendas were in your mailboxes last Sunday. Additional copies are in the literature rack in the foyer.

**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.

**BCMC Lead Pastor Search Committee**, (Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jon Zerger) invites all to attend the first Wednesday night supper, Sept. 30. On that occasion we will begin the task of discerning as a congregation which are the most important tasks we expect our lead pastor to perform for BCMC.

### **Upcoming Events at BCMC:**

- **Worship focus in Sept.**—“We are people of God’s peace”
- **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 annual Newton area CROP Walk** for hunger relief is today, beginning at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**The Decoration Committee** invites you to provide flowers for a Sunday morning of your choice. You may pick a Sunday that is meaningful for you and provide flowers. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your participation. ~ *Carol Buller, chair*

**The Western District Conference Annual Assembly** planners invite you to be involved with this year's meeting through intentional prayer. There is a sheet of "prayer prompts" for each half hour of the Assembly, Oct. 30-31. Prayer is an important way to support WDC and be involved with the Annual Assembly. Copies of the “Prayer Prompts” are in the literature rack in the foyer, (find it online at: [www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/](http://www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/)) and agree to pray for at least one of the items/prayer times listed there.

**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.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, Sun., Oct. 4, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall. “Starry Night” features works by William Schuman, Carl Nielsen, Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti and the world premiere of “Starry Night” by Michael Kallstrom.

**During Bethel College’s Fall Festival, Sat., Oct. 10**, enjoy music by Bethel and high school jazz groups, small a cappella vocal ensembles, the Newton Community Children’s Choir and the McPherson Community Brass Ensemble. Join in an afternoon hymn sing with the Bethel Alumni Choir. There will be food, reunions, children’s park, sports and the biennial Low German program featuring Willmar Harder! Info at: [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest) (click “Schedule”).

**Fall Wednesday night suppers at BCMC begin this week!** Suppers are in Fellowship Hall, made from scratch by cooks Ben Lichti, Marty Warkentine and Brenda Turner (along with some guest cooks), and served by members of BCMC Sunday school classes. Brochures with more information are in church mailboxes today, and in the literature rack.

**It’s Supper Time!** Wednesday night supper Sept. 30, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email [office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net), or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Sept. 28. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

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**Meal reservation(s) for September 30**

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up for all 8 meals—Name: \_\_\_\_\_