

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda and Gamaliel Falla of Mennonite Mission Network serve as mentors to Mennonite pastors in Colombia. Pray for the Fallas as they encourage Colombian pastors to make their relationship with God top priority. Ask God to provide the resources for their families' needs.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for June Thomsen, chair, and other members of the Annual Assembly Planning Committee. Pray for God's guidance for them as they prepare for WDC's gathering October 30-31 at Bethel College.

This congregation: Pray for the BCMC choir directors - Jill Siebert, Liz Schrag, Suzy Burch, Vada Snider, Bill Eash - who guide musicians in both spiritual and technical faith formation worship offerings.

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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Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

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

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

August 23 at BCMC: Attendance 296. General Fund \$3,617; Living Stones \$5,705; Caring Fund \$1,075; Transfer-Funeral \$335.



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Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 6, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

Theme: We are people of God's Peace

GATHERING

Prelude *Prelude in classic style* Young
Immortal, invisible, God only wise Burkhardt
O Jesus, King most wonderful Wood
Karen Schlabaugh, organist
Call to worship / prayer Margaret Goering, worship leader
***Hymn** *God of our strength* **HWB 36**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Amy Tyson

Scripture reading: Psalm 57 (vv. 1-3, 5, 7, 9-11)

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;

In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

I cry to God Most High, to God who upholds me.

God will send from heaven and save me, sending forth steadfast love and faithfulness!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

My heart is steadfast O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

I will give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

From *Bread for the Journey Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C. Duck; The Pilgrim Press, New York

Pastoral prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Hymn interlude *Jesus, help us live in peace* **STJ 52**

Scripture: Genesis 8:6-13; Luke 18:1-8 John Tyson

Sermon *Pestering for Justice* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Healer of our every ill* **HWB 377**

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 Choral prelude on *Quem Pastores* Willan

***Dedication hymn** *Praise God from whom* **HWB 199**
(verses A and B)

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Sending Hymn** *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**

***Benediction**

***Congregation response** *Now go in peace* **STJ 74**
(unison, twice)

***Postlude** *St. Denio* Held

*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).

We thank Bob Regier for the bulletin cover for September as we focus on peace themes. Each Sunday, the biblical text informs a contemporary peace issue. Today the focus is on mental health.

Peace and Reconciliation digital illustration 2015 – Bob Regier
The dove and olive branch motif is rooted in the eighth chapter of Genesis. The sign to Noah that the flood waters were subsiding was the return to the ark of a dove with an olive leaf in its beak. This signified that peace was again restored between God and humanity.
In this visual interpretation of the dove's return in the Genesis account an olive branch with numerous leaves is used, and multiple images of a dove could suggest a dove in motion, underscoring the urgency of the message for our time.
Within the Christian tradition the dove and olive branch have signified peace and reconciliation. Mennonite Church USA has adopted that motif as its official symbol.

Petition signing: The BCMC Witness Commission has prepared a petition for our Congressional representatives concerning support of the Iran Peace Treaty. Read and sign after worship at the back of the sanctuary.

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

- **Women and Girls Retreat** will be Sept. 11-13
- **Work & Play Camp/Annual Meeting**, Sept. 20-23 combo event with check in at 3 p.m.; 3:30 p.m., pre-annual meeting activities start. Work & Play continues through Sept. 23 with projects, cleanup, and fun times. Call Camp Mennoscah for more information. No camp fees! (Meal donation of \$4/meal suggested.)
- **Scrapbooking Retreats** on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8.

Opening reception and curator's talk for "Root for the Home Team: Building Community through Sports," Thurs., Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Rachel Epp Buller curated this exhibit that brings together stories of sports and community from the Newton area, at Kauffman Museum through Sept. 1, 2015-June 5, 2016.

• **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, Sun., 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, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country (part of the "Root for the Home Team" special exhibit programming).

KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with *Slavery by Another Name*, Sun., Sept. 13, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

Alumni and friends of Bethel 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. 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.

A Hesston College Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation Sept. 24 to 27 will feature alumni talent from across the country in celebration of the changes to the north end of campus such as performing arts students and faculty in Tiny Desk Concert-style and ensemble performances Friday afternoon, a Friday night coffeehouse and entertainment featuring singer songwriter Jeremy Kempf and musical theatre performer Fjaere Harder Nussbaum, a hymn sing during the Northlawn dedication Saturday morning and a Performing Arts Showcase Saturday evening (tickets required). See the weekend schedule for times, locations and other events online at hesston.edu/homecoming.

This Week at BCMC: September 6 – September 13, 2015

Today—September 6

- 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 – 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—Will not meet until Sept. 13
 - Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Being mortal*Orlyn Zehr
 - College Students—Agape Center, 2611 College Ave. (Dorothy Nickel Friesen, 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—MC USA Resolutions review
 - Sojourners—Chapel—*Marathons*.... Kim Frey Stahly
 - Young Adult Fellowship Group—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Monday, September 7—Labor Day—Office will be closed; building locked

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

Tuesday, September 8

- 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, September 9

- 8:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting—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 10

- 10:00 a.m.** Witness Commission—Rm 14
- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 4:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B-7
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Fellowship Board Meeting—Rm 14

Saturday, September 12

- 8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Group coffee--Mojo's, Bethel College campus
Mennonite Men—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table

Sunday, September 13

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Genesis 8:6-13; Luke 18:1-8
- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time
- 10:50 a.m.** Christian Education
- 12:00 noon** Mentor Gathering—Fellowship Hall

Receiving medical care this week: Lanoy Loganbill, Hospice at Via Christi-St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Lanoy Loganbill and family on the death of Mary Esther Loganbill Aug. 28. A memorial service will be at a later date.

Upcoming Events at BCMC:

- **Worship focus in Sept.**—"We are people of God's peace"
- **A mentor and student pizza luncheon** will be Sept. 13 following the Sunday school hour!
- **Peace Sunday**—Sept. 20 with sermon by John Stoner followed by a conversation with John Stoner during the Sunday school hour
- **Potluck and congregational meeting**—Sept. 27
- **CROP Walk**—Sept. 27
- **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 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. Today you can empty your pockets and purses of loose change for a special offering for CROP during the Time with Children. Please prayerfully consider supporting the CROP Walk! Contact Amy Tyson at jatyson121@gmail.com with any questions.

Are you a young adult? Looking for a local place to connect, meet others, relax and enjoy conversation? A new young adult gathering is forming and will be meeting at the Agape House on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm. The gathering starts this week on September 9. Feel free to contact John Tyson (john.bcmc@sbcglobal.net) or Aaron and Rebecca Tschetter (ar.tschetter@gmail.com) for more information. See you there!

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.

Women's Fellowship will meet Tues., Sept. 15, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, with program, "Spark! Creativity - Cooking with Julia Childs (Spooof). Come and Enjoy!

Shafiq Hasan will be the speaker at the Mennonite Men's breakfast, Sept. 12, 8 a.m., Kidron-Bethel Harvest Table (breakfast \$4). The focus will be on Mr. Hasan's personal question, "What About My Holocaust?" Hasan's family was evicted from Palestine in 1948. He entered school in Amman, Jordan in 1964 before immigrating to the U.S. He is a resident of Newton and has served with Peace Connections for eight years.

THANKSGIVINGS:

- *piano donated by Esther Rinner for Room 28 and use by Junior Choir
- *heavy lifting by Agape Sunday school class members to move piano in place
- *weeding and cleaning around church building by Carol Buller
- *collecting of guest registers by Marilyn Graber
- *replacing emergency light batteries and tending to building maintenance – Marlin and Monica Lichti and Mike Crawford
- *production of newsletter: Karen Penner, Lois Goertzen, Monica Lichti
- *musicians for their gifts of music during the summer

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. An ice cream social will follow the event.

A packet of information about the WDC Annual Assembly Oct. 30-31 has been sent to all churches. Start thinking now about how you would like to be involved - as a delegate, attendee, volunteer, or host home. There's a place for every Western District congregation and every Western District person at the Annual Assembly! Also posted online (www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/) **The WDC Resource Commission** is interested in hearing what congregations are doing in regard to faith formation. What excites you? Also, what resources would be helpful to you? Please email your responses soon to wdc@mennowdc.org.

The Bible Study Sunday school class meets from the first Sunday after Labor Day through the end of May. On Sept. 13 we will begin a series, *More than 40 Days with the Holy Spirit*. All are welcome to join.

Copies of *The Christian Century* are now available in the library to be checked out for a week. ~ *Library Committee*

Crossroads Community Church in Winfield will host their annual "Water for Africa Auction" to benefit Mennonite Central Committee water projects in Africa. They are short on quilts and organizers are seeking donations for finished quilts. If you can help, contact Maynard Knepp 316.285.3820 or maynardknepp@mcc.org by September 25.