

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Deb and Wes Bergen of Mennonite Mission Network live at Good News Theological College and Seminary in Ghana. Pray for Wes as he teaches Bible classes and for Deb as she works with a team to help people in West African countries process trauma.

Western District Conference: Pray for Richard Gehring, Byron Pellecer and Heidi Regier Kreider as they travel this week to represent WDC at meetings of the Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council, October 19-21 in Archbold, OH.

This congregation: Pray for those from our congregation who are in voluntary service assignments: Janet Stucky in Benin; Ben Kreider in Honduras; Emily Harder in Washington, DC; Nathan Toews in Colombia.

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.

Pastor: Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dorothy.bcmc@gmail.com

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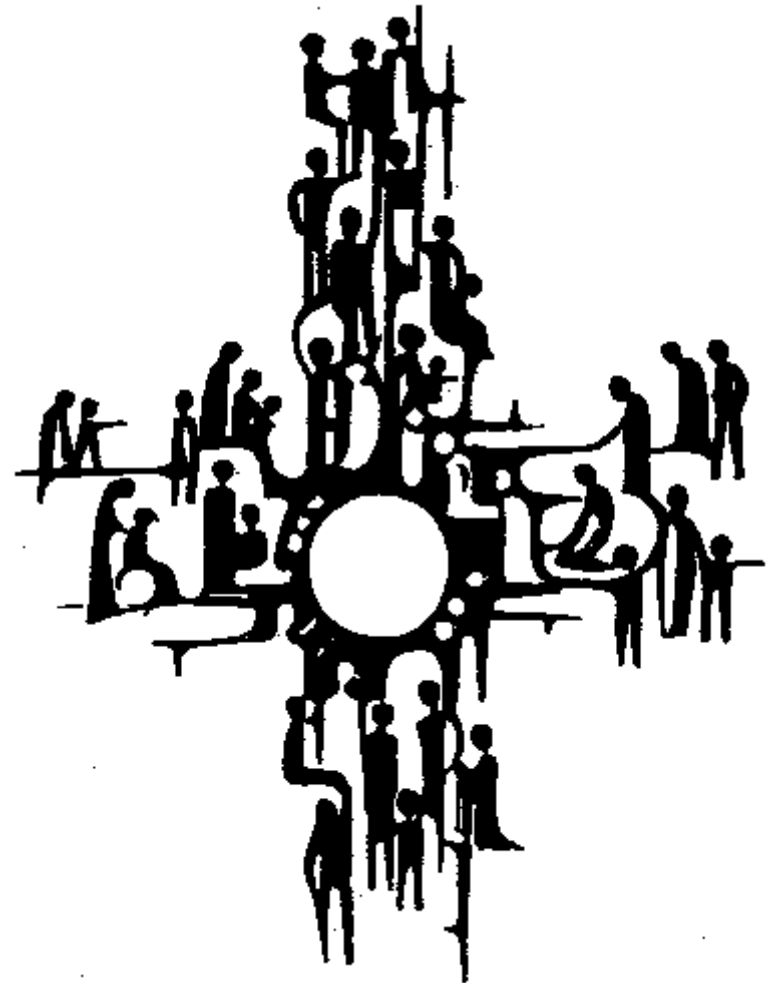
Chancel Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider, 283-5231

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

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

October 11 at BCMC: Attendance 449. General Fund \$4,060.25; Kitchen Fund \$25; MCC Meat Canning \$1,450; Sr Hi Youth \$300; Living Stones \$1,005; Evelyn Lohrentz Memorial \$30; Loganbill Memorial \$100.

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Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 18, 2015

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October 18, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

Theme: The Global Body of Christ

GATHERING

Prelude *Abide with us Lord Jesus* arr. Karg-Elert/Peeters
Verlene Garber, organist
Call to worship / prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen
***Hymn** *For the beauty of the earth* **HWB 89**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading: Psalm 104

Let my whole being bless the Lord! Lord my God, how fantastic
you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!

You wear light like a robe; you open the skies like a curtain.

You build your lofty house on the waters; you make the clouds
your chariot, going around on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers; you make fire and
flame your ministers.**

You established the earth on its foundations so that it will never
ever fall.

**You covered it with the watery deep like a piece of clothing;
the waters were higher than the mountains!**

But at your rebuke they ran away; they fled in fear at the sound of
your thunder.

**They flowed over the mountains, streaming down the valleys
to the place you established for them.**

You set a boundary they cannot cross so they'll never again cover
the earth.

**Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so
wisely! The earth is full of your creations!**

Praise the Lord!

Worship music *Leaning on the everlasting arms* Nelson
Chancel Choir; Aaron Tschetter, director

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 Mercedes and Anjela Rodriguez
(Spanish and English)

Sermon *Faith for lost causes* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Santo, santo, santo* **HWB 400**
verse 1 in English; verse 1 in Spanish (sing verse 1 only)
Jonah Schloneger, percussion

Prayer of God's people

Prayer response *The peace of the earth be with you* **STJ 77**

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 *Jesus loves me* Keveren

***Dedication hymn** *You are all we have* **STJ 29**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Sending Hymn** *New earth, heavens new* **HWB 299**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *The Lord bless you and keep you* Lutkin
Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*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).

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 on Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24. To sign up electronically,
access Lifetouch from the BCMC website. 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.) Former BCMC
pictorial photos are not allowed by Lifetouch. You are encouraged to sign up
to be sure your picture is included in the current directory. Questions: contact
Doris Whillock (316-283-5561 or d.whillock@cox.net). Doris will be at the
back of the sanctuary today. Bring canned food to your photo session for
a10% discount on additional portrait orders.

**Copies of the *Forbearance Resolution*, the *Resolution on the Status of the*
Membership Guidelines, the *Resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church*
and *Frequently Asked Questions on the Resolution regarding the 2015*
WDC Annual Assembly are in the literature racks in the foyer.**

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity fund-raiser dinner is Thurs., Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Contact Wade Brubacher for details, 283-1172.

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

• **Scrapbooking Retreats** on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8.

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.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers will perform in concert at the historic Basilica of St. Fidelis Church: The Cathedral on the Plains in Victoria, KS, 6 p.m., Sun., Oct. 25.

The annual meeting for Mennonite Disaster Service Region III will be Oct. 30-31 at The Ark on Table Rock Lake, Conference Center, 1190 State Hwy. East, Eagle Rock, MO. All are invited. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

WANTED: Pieced 60" x 80" quilt tops for the MCC Comforter Blitz. Use your own fabric, or select a bag of color-coordinated fabric from MCC. Instructions are included for a simple block quilt, but you may use any quilt pattern you wish. The bags of fabric are in the Gathering Place. Contact Carol Peters for more information, 316-283-4232.

The annual banquet of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is Thurs., Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, with the program "Common Threads" Banquet meal is \$20 per person. Reservations required. Call Kathy at 316-371-6189 or email kjgo@mtelco.net by Oct. 22. All are welcome.

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 –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.

Peace Connections Annual Circles of Hope fundraiser, *Celebrity Servers*, will be Nov. 2 at Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston. See poster on the bulletin board.

The Peace Group at the First Mennonite Church of Christian, 719 South Christian, Moundridge will sponsor a presentation, Wed., Nov. 4, 7 p.m., by Sister Mary Ellen Loch and Sister Dorothy LeBlanc, of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita. The sisters will be educating about human trafficking -- What does it look like? How do we recognize it? What can we do about it? These topics and a few more will be addressed. All are welcome to attend.

This Week at BCMC: October 18 – October 25, 2015

Today—October 18

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—*Issues of mass incarceration*, Jerrell Williams
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*The Importance of Uncertainty*, Dale Schrag
- College Students—Agape Center, Dick Koontz, 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 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Follow up on resolution for WDC and favorite quotes
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Mennonite encounters with sorting out race*
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, October 19

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

6:15 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, October 20—Women's Fellowship Circles Meet

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. BCMC Pictorial—Kidron Bethel Community Room

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 1—MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, NN

Circle 5—Evelyn Quiring's, 32 Regal Crescent, NN

3:00 p.m. Circle 2—Kidron Bethel Sunroom

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-7

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Marlene Faul's, 3000 Wildwood Way, NN

Circle 4—Mary Ann Boschmann's, 304 Witmarsum W., NN
Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, October 21—No Wednesday night supper due to BCMC

Pictorial Photo Sessions in Fellowship Hall

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

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

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

6:45 p.m. 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 22

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
Witness Commission—Rm 14

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

Friday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Genesis 32:22-32; music by Chancel Bells and Erich Boschmann

Thank you to all who have completed a Twenty Pastoral Areas Survey.

For those who have not yet done so, we need your input also!

A link to the electronic form manygifts.org/20pastoralareas/surveys/bcmc/bcmc.htm is live through next Sun., Oct. 25. (Use bcmc and task as username and password.) Hard copies are available in a box on the windowsill in The Gathering Place. Any questions, feel free to contact Jonathan Zerger at jzerger@yahoo.com or at 913.240.6767 (texting ok). ~ *Appreciatively, the BCMC Lead Pastoral Search Committee*

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Emmy Midkiff and John Hiebert, Progressive Rehabilitation Academy, Schowalter Villa; Alice Suderman, Newton Medical Center.

Thank you to Marvin and Joyce Holck for providing flowers in the sanctuary this morning in celebration of their wedding anniversary, which is today!

You are invited to the Builder's Banquet of Kidron Bethel Village Tues., Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Dinner prepared by Water's Edge Restaurant Chef Tom Basore with entertainment by Bethel College Jazz Combo I. Reservations support the Health Care Benevolent Fund (a ministry to assist residents who are unable to cover the cost of their care). To make reservations, \$125 per plate, contact Deb Ratzlaff at 316-836-4879 or online at kidronbethel.org. Thank you for your years of ministry with Kidron Bethel. ~ *Derek Yoder Director of Fund Advancement, Bluestem Communities*

There is still time to register for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly, Oct. 30-31 at Bethel College. This will be an exceptional opportunity to hear the new Conference Minister, Heidi Regier Kreider, as well as the Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman, preach at the worship services. Registration for all events is \$80; however worship services are free and open to the public. (Registration includes workshops, plenary sessions and delegate sessions. You can still register for these events, but meal reservations are closed.) Information and online registration at: mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/.

Care-Givers Support Group: At 3 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, Orlyn Zehr has been facilitating a support group for those giving care to a loved one. If you are interested in joining this group, please plan to meet us in room 14 at BCMC. Our next meeting will be Tues., Nov. 3.

Newton Area Meat Canning days are Nov. 3, 4, and 5. (Along with other central Kansas communities a total of 88,000 pounds of chicken will be canned this year). Consider making a financial donation by Oct. 25. Envelopes for donations, and an MCC brochure informing about the benefits canned meat has around the world, were in church mail boxes. Place envelopes in church offering. Sign-up sheets for participation during the meat canning days will be available Sun., Oct. 18 and 25 and Nov. 1.

~ *Hugo Boschmann, BCMC Meat Canning representative*

Bethel College Announcements:

◆ **Lecture series at Bethel College –**

- **Bible Lectures:** Tom Yoder Neufeld (Conrad Grebel University College), Sun., Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., and Mon., Oct. 26, 11 a.m.
- **Staley Lectures:** Safwat Marzouk (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary), Thurs., Oct. 29, 7 p.m., “The Nations Marching to the Mount of Zion: A Postcolonial Reading Beyond Imperialism and Universalism”; Fri., Oct. 30, 11 a.m., “Thinking Theologically about the Character of the Monsters in the Bible.”
- **Menno Simons Lectures:** Jeff Gundy (Bluffton University), Sun., Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Mon., Nov. 2, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. **All lectures** are in Krehbiel Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

◆ **Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra and Honors Orchestra concert, Mon., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.,** Memorial Hall, featuring an all-Beethoven program

◆ **“Worship & Community: Cultivating the Practices that Sustain Us,”** Sat., Nov. 21, the 3rd biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College with Christine Pohl, Asbury Theological Seminary and Michael Driscoll, University of Notre Dame. Registration information at bethelks.edu/worshiparts, or call Denise Krase at 316-284-5239. If three or more people from BCMC register as a group the registration fee is \$20 per person. Individual registration fee is \$35 per person. Let the church office know if you would like to attend.

Goshen College's Parables Worship Team will be in Newton and Hesston on a Fall tour with daytime performances at Schowalter Villa and Kidron Bethel Village and an evening performance at Hesston Mennonite Church. Schedule of performances:

Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston

October 20, 10:30 a.m. - Schowalter Villa Retirement Community

October 20, 2:30 & 3:30 p.m. - Kidron Bethel Village

October 21, 11 a.m. - Hesston College, chapel. All are open performances and everyone is welcome. Here is a link for more info on the Parables Worship Team: <https://www.goshen.edu/faith/parables-worship-team/>