

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Do you have a ministry of hospitality or the gift of maintenance skills? Perhaps God is calling you to serve for a year at The Hermitage, a contemplative community in southern Michigan. Contact SOOP program coordinator: [ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net).

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Jennifer Wintermote, as she is licensed today for interim pastoral ministry at New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton.

**This congregation:** Pray for our community, especially, that we will make commitments to work ecumenically for justice on this Worldwide Communion Sunday.

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](mailto:dorothy.bcmc@gmail.com)

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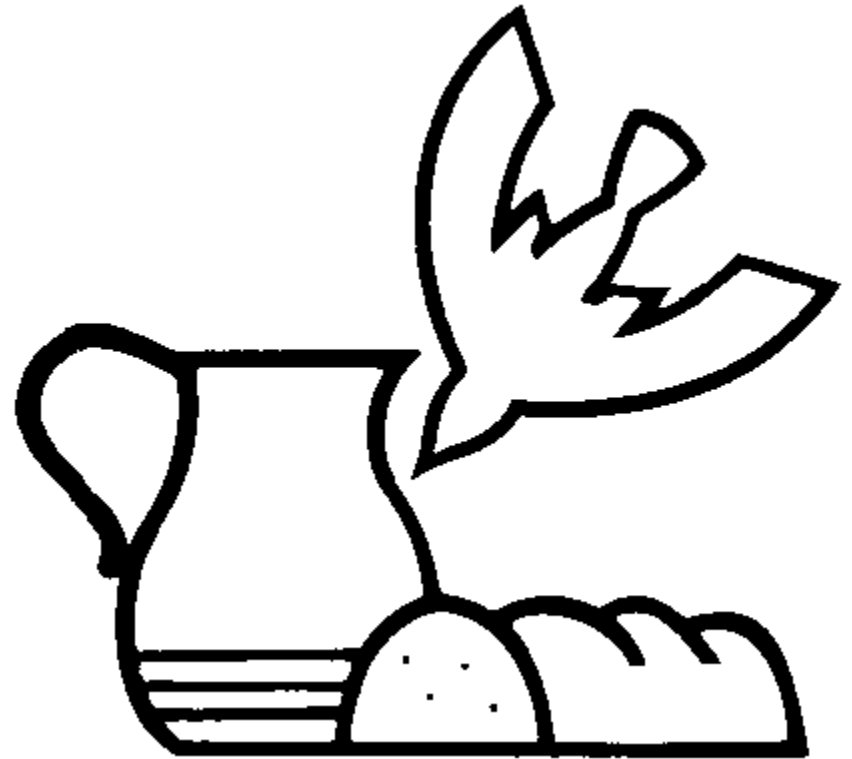
**Music Coordinator:** Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

**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

**September 27 at BCMC:** Attendance 270. General Fund \$12,569.81; Living Stones \$3,755; Media Supplies \$15; Wednesday night supper \$1111; Sr Hi Youth \$1510; CROP Walk \$1,140; General Fund 2016 \$100; Loaves & Fishes Fund \$150; Lanoy and Mary Esther Memorial \$75



**Worldwide Communion Sunday**  
**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**October 4, 2015**

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**October 4, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship**

**TIME FOR WORSHIP**

**Theme: The Global Body of Christ**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude** *Cantabile* Franck  
Verlene Garber, organist

**Words for reflection** *In this still room* Walker  
Chancel Choir

**Introit** *Over all* Jochen  
Jill Siebert, Cherub Choir director; Megan Siebert, soloist

**Call to worship / prayer** Susan Wheeler, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *To God be the glory* (a cappella) **HWB 102**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's conversation** Carol Flickinger

**Scripture reading** **Psalm 8:1, 3-9** **HWB 812**

**Worship music** *Weisst du, wie viel Sternlein stehen* Lowenburg  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture: I Peter 1:3-9** Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann  
(German and English)

**Sermon** *Great Mercy* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn** *What mercy and divine compassion* **HWB 524**

**Prayer of God's people**

**Service of Communion**

**Invitation and prayer**

**Communion (take bread and dip into cup, eat; hold tray  
for your neighbor)**

**Anthem** *God is here* Ferguson  
Chancel Choir

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

**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** *Amazing Grace* Chancel Choir

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God from whom* **HWB 118**  
a cappella

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Benediction (unison)**

**The feast is ended; depart in peace.  
The work of the world lies before us.  
Accomplish justice, with grace.  
Amen.**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude** *Psalm XIX* Marcello  
\*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. 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.

*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

**The Senior High Youth Fund deficit is gone** thanks to your generous response to the Church Board request for contributions to cover the deficit created as more youth attended MC USA Youth Convention than anticipated.

## This Week at BCMC: October 4 – October 11, 2015

**The Bethel College Women's Association Market** on the Green Committee asks 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.

**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 today, 2 p.m.

**At Bethel College's Fall Festival, Sat., Oct. 10**, there is Dart for Art, a play, the Thresher Shop grand opening, Market on the Green, food, reunions, children's park, music, sports – and the launch of a new book, *Museum Mysteries*, written and illustrated by Uncle Carl's Camps summer day campers, at Kauffman Museum! [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest) (click "Schedule").

**Enjoy a Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village** from 7 to 9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 10, a great start to the 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 are in your mailboxes (separate items for men and women).

**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](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net) by Oct. 22. All are welcome.

**The WDC Annual Assembly** is only a month away! Need-based scholarships are available for up to 1/2 of the cost of registration and meals, not to exceed \$50 per individual. Scholarships will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300.

**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*

### Today—October 4

**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— *Pink Mennos and Mennonite Church USA*, Stephanie Krehbiel
- 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 B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Report on the Salina Land Institute visit
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Sorting out Race*, Rachel Pannabecker
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center
- New member orientation--Sanctuary

### Monday, October 5

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

### Tuesday, October 6

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

### Wednesday, October 7

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

**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday night suppers—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

### Thursday, October 8

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

### Friday, October 9

**10:00 a.m.** Schowalter Villa Coffee—Main Street area

### Sunday, October 11—Fall Fest Sunday

**9:30 a.m.** Prelude—John Fast, organist

**10:00 a.m.** Worship with reflections by Bethel College students and faculty and music by the Bethel College Concert Choir — **No Sunday school**

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, today, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall.

**Can you count the stars – John Wilhelm Hey**

Weisst du, wie viel Sternlein stehen an dem blauen Himmelszelt?  
Weisst du, wie viel Wolken gehen weit hin über alle Welt?  
Gott der Herr hat sie gezählet, dass ihm auch nicht eines fehlet  
An der ganzen grossen Zahl.

Weisst du, wieviel Mücklein spielen in der hellen Sonnenglut,  
Wieviel Fischlein auch sich kühlen in der hellen Wasserflut?  
Gott der Herr rief sie mit Namen,  
dass sie all ins Leben kamen,  
Dass sie nun so fröhlich sind.

Weisst du, wieviel Kinder frühe stehn aus ihrem Bettlein auf,  
Dass sie ohne Sorg und Mühe fröhlich sind im Tageslauf?  
Gott im Himmel hat an allen seine Lust, sein Wohlgefallen,  
Kennt auch dich und hat dich lieb.

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Can you count the stars that shine down from the vast blue heaven's dome?  
Can you count the clouds that freely far above the earth do roam?  
God the Lord has counted all them, one by one  
God can recall them. Not a one is overlooked.

Can you count the wings now flashing in the sunshine's golden light?  
Can you count the fishes splashing in the cooling waters bright?  
God, the Lord, a name has given to all creatures under heaven;  
God has named them eve'ry one.

Can you count how many children rise each morning from their bed,  
Living out the day so happy, as by God they all are led?  
God in heaven cares for all them, and by name each one does call them.  
God knows you and loves you too.

**The BCMC Lead Pastor Search Committee** needs your feedback! We are required to submit the Twenty Pastoral Areas survey, which provides candidates with our congregational information and leadership preferences.

Please fill out a copy for us even if you've already filled one out during Sunday School. A link to the electronic form is live today, Oct. 4 through Sun., Oct. 25. Link: ([manygifts.org/20pastoralareas/surveys/bcmc/bcmc.htm](http://manygifts.org/20pastoralareas/surveys/bcmc/bcmc.htm))

Use *bcmc* and *tasks* as username and password. **We will compile results electronically, so filling out the survey on-line saves time in preparing reports.** Hard copies are available in mailboxes today, along with instructions. If your household uses paper copies, extras are on the windowsill next to the mailboxes. Your input matters! Any questions, feel free to contact Jonathan Zerger 913-240-6767 (texting o.k.) [jzerger@yahoo.com](mailto:jzerger@yahoo.com).

**There is no Sunday school**, Oct. 11, but, the Fine Arts Class is hosting Arlo Kasper during a "non-Sunday school hour" in the Fellowship Hall, after worship. Arlo will show pictures of Arlo and Kathryn's life/work in Paraguay. All are invited.

**New membership orientation: If you are interested in membership in Bethel College Mennonite Church, come to an information session today 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 Dorothy at noon. 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](mailto:dorothy.bmc@gmail.com) or 283-3667.**

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Alice Suderman and John Hiebert, Newton Medical Center.

**The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista-IBA BENEFIT dinner** will be Fri., Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., Newton First Mennonite Church, Fellowship Hall. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be served with a short program to follow featuring a hymn by IBA student Javier Rodriquez, a dance performed by the children of *Iglesia Mennonita Casa Betania*, and video presentation by Ervin Stutzman. Dinner is by donation. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Program. Contact Violeta Ajquejay at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342.

**LOCKING BCMC CHANGES:** Effective immediately, the building will be unlocked at 8 a.m. and locked at 5 p.m. except on Wednesday evenings when the building will be locked at 9 p.m.; Saturdays open 8- noon; Sunday open 8 to 2 p.m. If there are events needing additional access to the building, Monica Lichti will issue a key.

**Newton Area Meat Canning days** are Nov. 3, 4, and 5. (Along with other central Kansas communities 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, are 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, 25 and Nov. 1. ~ *Hugo Boschmann, BCMC Meat Canning representative*

**It's Supper Time!** Wednesday night supper Oct. 7, 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., Oct. 5. 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 October 7**

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