

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Colleen and Pablo Fast of Mennonite Mission Network are rejoicing because of church growth in Brazil! Pray for continued commitment of six members of a small group who all made a decision to follow Christ this summer.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's faithfulness to WDC through times of transition, challenge and new opportunity.

This congregation: Pray that ecumenical relationships locally will be strengthened and that our congregation will encourage inter-faith dialogue here and globally.

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

November 15 at BCMC: Attendance 260. General Fund \$12,845.72; Living Stones \$835; MCC Meat Canning \$15; *The Mennonite* \$666.00



Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 22, 2015

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November 22, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

BELONGING TO THE WHOLE INHABITED WORLD

GATHERING

Prelude *Guide me ever, great redeemer* Carlson
We gather together Fisk/Peeters
Now thank we all our God Means
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt* Schütz

Call to worship / prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader

***Hymn** *Jesus shall reign* **HWB 319**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Barb Koontz

Scripture reading: Psalm 132

O Lord, in David's favor, remember all the hardships he endured;
how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty
One of Jacob,

"I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

**Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the
Mighty One of Jacob."**

We heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it in the fields of Jaar.

**"Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us worship at God's
footstool."**

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of
your might.

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your
faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's
sake do not turn away the face of your anointed
one.**

The Lord swore to David a sure oath and from it will not turn
back:

"One from the fruit of your body I will set on your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies which I
shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon your
throne forever."

**For the Lord has chosen Zion, and has desired it for God's
habitation:**

"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have
desired it.

**I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor
with bread.**

Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its saints will shout for
joy.

**There will I make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared
a lamp for my anointed one, whose enemies I will
clothe with shame, but upon my anointed a crown
shall shine."**

Worship music *Christ, we do all adore thee* Dubois

Scripture reading: Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Patricia Shelly

Sermon Father Michael Driscoll

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Anthem *Upon this rock* Ness Beck

Congregation, stand and join in singing, when directed,

The church's one foundation **HWB 311**

verses 1 and 5

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 *God, who stretched the spangled heavens* Cherwien

***Dedication hymn** *Come ye thankful people come* **HWB 94**
verses 1 and 4

Pony Express captains come forward during hymn,
to return financial commitment packets.

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

Closing Hymn *God is working his purpose out* **HWB 638**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Amen* Rutter

***Postlude** *Now thank we all our God* Means

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ= Sing the Journey

Special Advent Event: The Sunflower Trio and special guests Rosewood Winds will present a concert celebrating the life and work of Dr. J. Harold Moyer (1927-2012), long-time Professor of Music at Bethel College, 7 p.m., Sun., Nov. 29 at BCMC. (Note change of time.) The concert will feature the release of The Sunflower Trio's new recording *Reflections: The Music of J. Harold Moyer*. An offering will be taken to support the BCMC Organ Fund/Living Stones.

Hesston College hosts its annual Thanksgiving evening Masterworks concert, 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 26, Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert features a student and community choir, orchestra, and soloists Holly Swartzendruber, Matthew Schloneger and Doyle Preheim. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students; purchased at the door or in advance through Hesston College Bookstore. A pre-concert talk on Haydn's composition will be at 6:45 p.m. Schedule and registration information at hesston.edu/thanksgiving.

Newton Treble Clef Club presents Christmas Vespers, Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m. (prelude 2:45 p.m.), First Presbyterian Church, 900 N. Columbus Ave., Newton. Free will offering taken.

Bethel College Announcements:

• **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and 3rd annual Honors Band concert**, Mon., Nov. 23, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, with clinician and guest composer David Maslanka.

• **Friends of the MLA presentation by John Sharp** on his book *My Calling to Fulfill: The Orie O. Miller Story*, Tues., Nov. 24, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium (*note new location*).

• **Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah***, with Bethel College orchestra and vocal soloists, Wed., Dec. 2 11 a.m., BCMC.

• **Christmas Gala Jazz**, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, Fri., Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium

• **Five Places of Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; the Bethel College Women's Association will have a display of Nativity sets from around the world, set up "around the circle" in Luyken Fine Arts Center. At Kauffman Museum, director Annette LeZotte, an art historian, will speak on "Day or Night? Two Paintings of Christ's Nativity" at 11 a.m. Other places are Warkentine House, Carriage Factory Gallery and the Harvey County Historical Museum. Admission is free.

• **Donna Hetrick recital**, *Organ Music for Advent and Christmas*, Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College

• **30th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College**, Sun., Dec. 6, 8 p.m., the Green in the center of campus; refreshments follow in cafeteria

Joe Peters will be the BCMC Church Contact for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. He replaces Omar Voran. ~ *Omar Voran*



Consider these opportunities to give in 2015

During the Thanksgiving season, the Deacon Commission invites contributions to the **above-budget Caring Fund** to assist congregation and community members with needs such as utility and rent expenses, food or other emergencies. Contributions may be put in the regular offering, with checks made out to BCMC and designated "Caring Fund."

Participate in this year's Advent giving project for Mennonite Central Committee's aid to refugee camps. "Soap and towels" are useful in many settings. **Children bring soap:** new bars of bath soap—all sizes and brands of bar soap are welcome; please leave in wrapper. **Adults bring towels:** NEW bath and hand towels: good quality dark or bright colors, medium weight preferred; washcloths are not needed. Baskets will be located in the sanctuary for donations. Thanks to the Faith Formation and Witness Commissions for coordinating this project. All donations will be dedicated on Christmas Sunday – December 27.

Harvest of Love. This annual campaign sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance and Salvation Army gathers non-perishable food and donations to assist households in need in Harvey County. To contribute make checks payable to "Harvest of Love" and send to Salvation Army at 208 W. 6th St., Newton, KS 67114. There are envelopes for contributions in the literature racks in the front foyer. You may also bring non-perishable food items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance of the sanctuary. **Salvation Army is in urgent need of children's coats, hats, mittens and gloves, as cold weather arrives.** Please remember this particular need along with your fundraising and food drives. Salvation Army would like these children's items by December 15 so that they can be distributed on December 17.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter. *Deck the Halls – A Fundraising Non Event through December 31, 2015.* Not another holiday event to add to your calendar. A fun way to contribute to the ministry of the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. No gift too small as each dollar is a blessing to the ministry of the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Send donations to HCHS, PO Box 978, Newton, KS, 67114. Prayerfully also consider how you can financially support the ministry of HCHS in 2016. See the card on the church bulletin board for more information.

Peace Connections. See the *Peace Connections Newsletter* on the bulletin board for Ways to Give to Peace Connections.

This Week at BCMC: November 22 – November 29, 2015

Today—November 22

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?* Ryne Preheim
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*Pastoral transitions*, Dorothy Nickel Friesen
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*SHINE & Children's Faith Formation*, John Tyson
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Gospel of John
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Favorite Quotes - what they say about us*
- Sojourners—Chapel—*A Year in Bolivia*, Megan Siebert

Monday, Nov. 23

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

3:30 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

4:15 p.m. Governance Committee—Rm 14

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

Tuesday, Nov. 24

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

Wednesday, Nov. 25—No Adult or Children's choir rehearsals

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

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, Nov. 26—Happy Thanksgiving!—Building locked; office closed

Friday and Saturday, November 27 & 28—Office closed; Building locked

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; Communion; music by Chancel Bells **7:00 p.m.** Sunflower Trio Concert--Sanctuary

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: Mike Crawford on vacation Nov. 23-Dec. 2. Kent Sheriff on vacation Nov. 23-29.

Save the date! Church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be April 30 - May 1. Further details coming soon.

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt (comp. Schütz)

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Dass er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab,

Auf dass alle die an ihn glauben

Nicht verloren werden

Sondern das ewige Leben.

For God so loved the world

that he gave his only Son,

that everyone who believes in Him

may not perish

but may have eternal life.

The Lead Pastoral Search Committee wants to share the Junior High Youth Group's thoughts on qualities they seek in a new pastor. These thoughts are on the easel board in The Gathering Place. We ask for your prayers as our committee meets tomorrow to complete the Congregational Information Form that will communicate who we are as the Bethel College Mennonite Church Community, and where we hope to be in the next five years.

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2016 budget, concludes today as neighborhood captains return packets during the offering dedication hymn. Please return any additional intent forms to the church office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a packet and want to participate, contact the church office. Information from the forms will be combined to determine total commitments for 2016. Based on this, Church Board will recommend a final budget for approval at the congregational meeting Jan. 24, 2016. Thank you for your participation!

Bulletin deadlines: Due to Thanksgiving next week (Nov. 26) bulletin announcements need to be in the office by Noon, Tues., Nov. 24.

This is also a reminder that announcements for the bulletin usually need to be in by noon on Thursdays.

For those of you who did not order any extra photos from Life Touch, your 8 x 10 photo will be available following the service in the back of the sanctuary. A table is set up with 2 lines A - L and M - Z. Someone will be there to assist you.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the meat canning. To the many who came to help and to all who have contributed a total of \$4,827 to the meat canning budget. (Additional contributions are still welcome. Place in offering with "Newton Area Meat Canning" in memo line). ~ *Hugo Boschmann* (BCMC meat canning representative)

You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 6.** Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm or 11 pm program.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____

