

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Israel College of the Bible, “the first Hebrew-language Bible college since the days of the disciples,” says a Mennonite Mission Network professor. Pray that the Arab Christian and Messianic Jewish students who study together will also be peace-builders in the Middle East.

Western District Conference: Pray for God’s guidance for the Church Planting Commission, Stewardship Commission, and Executive Board as they each meet this week to plan for the work of WDC.

This congregation: Pray for the new members joining BCMC today. May this community of faith grow in vibrancy and faithfulness.

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 1 at BCMC: Attendance 255. General Fund \$11,498; Living Stones \$1,480; Media Supplies \$20; MCC Meat Canning \$427; Caring Fund \$50; Evelyn Lohrentz Memorial \$40.



Stewardship Sunday

Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 8, 2015

Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 8, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude *Three Songs by Serge Rachmaninoff* ed. Hooten
Braden Unruh, trumpet; Karen Unruh, piano
Introit *Magic Penny* Reynolds
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert, director
Call to worship / prayer John Tyson, worship leader
***Hymn** *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Helen Nachtigal
Worship music *Make me a channel of your peace* Temple
Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

Scripture reading: **Psalm 112**
Praise the Lord! Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who greatly
delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation
of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness
endures forever.

**They rise in darkness as a light for the upright; they are
gracious, merciful and righteous.**

It is well with those who are generous and lend, who conduct their
affairs with justice.

**For the righteous shall never be moved; they will be
remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil news; their hearts are firm, secure in
the Lord,

**When they see their adversaries, their hearts are steady, they
will not be afraid.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their
righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in
honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and
melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to
nothing.**

Worship music *Carol of creation* McRae
Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director
Service of receiving new members **HWB 777**
Hymn of blessing *May the grace of Christ our Savior* **HWB 423**
Scripture Mark 12:38-44 Frank Stucky
Sermon *Giving from the heart* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *What gift can we bring* **HWB 385**
(vs. 1 and 4)

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 *Come, You Thankful People, Come* Hobby

***Dedication hymn** *We plow the fields and scatter* **HWB 96**
(vs. 1 and 3)

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

*** Closing Hymn** *Lord, thou dost love* **HWB 387**
(Pony Express captains come forward during the hymn,
to receive packets following the worship service)

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**
(twice)

***Postlude** *Earth and All Stars* Organ
*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 welcome new members to Bethel College Mennonite Church. Please read
their faith statements and welcome them following the worship service in a
reception line at the back of the sanctuary. The Deacon Commission is hosting a
lunch for them at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Let us pray for them and each
other as we grow in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

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.

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

Everence presents 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 Monday, Dec. 7, at the Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact tanya.burns@everence.com or (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294.

The Newton Chorale, directed by Renae Schmidt Peters, will present its annual concert entitled, *Psalm Settings: Gratitude for abundant life & yearning for the Divine Mystery*, Sun., Nov. 15, 7 p.m. at BCMC. Admission is free with an offering taken to help support the concert expenses. Join us for an evening of inspirational music.

Hesston College Theatre will present four performances of the drama *These Shining Lives*, Nov. 12 to 15 in the college's Helmuth Studio Theatre in the Northlawn Center for Performing Arts. Show times are 7 p.m., Nov. 12 to 14, and 2 p.m., Nov. 15. Tickets are \$10 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students and children, and can be purchased in person at the Hesston College Bookstore, by phone at 620-327-8104 or online at books.hesston.edu. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to show time and are subject to availability.

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, 4 p.m., Sun., Nov. 29 at BCMC. 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.

A gathering to support sensible gun laws in Kansas will be Sat., Nov. 14 at College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E 1st St N., Wichita. Refreshments at 9:30 am, Conference 10:00 am - noon. Speakers: Oletha Faust-Goudeau (Kansas State Senator), Loren Stanton (Brady Bill Representative). Sponsored by Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence. (wichitacoalitionagainstgunviolence.org)

Come to the library to pick up a list of the new books added this fall and to check out a book.

This Week at BCMC: November 8 – November 15, 2015

Today—November 8

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—Pastoral Search Discussion; Jon Zerger
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*What about the land?* Marvin Thieszen
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- 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—
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Legacy*, Duane Friesen
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

12:00 New member lunch—Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14; Finance Committee—Rm 28
Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-7

Wednesday, November 11

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)

7:15 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, November 12

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

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

Saturday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Group Coffee—Mojo's, Bethel College campus

Sunday, November 15—Stewardship Sunday—*Giving from the Heart*

Worship with reflections on community; music by Bethany Schrag

Staff: Monica Lichti is on vacation from Nov. 6-16. The church office will be open this week mornings (9 a.m. – noon), and closed in the afternoons. Susan Wheeler will be out of the office November 13-17.

It's time to renew the group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* for 2017. To join the BCMC group plan, fill out this form; attach payment of \$37.00, made out to BCMC with "*The Mennonite* subscription" in the memo line. **Place this form, along with payment, in the offering plate or bring to the church office no later than, Nov. 9. I am subscribing to *The Mennonite* through the BCMC group plan: Name _____**

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 8 - 22 Pony Express for BCMC 2016 budget
- Nov. 21 Worship and Arts event at Bethel College
- Nov. 22 Fr. Michael Driscoll, Notre Dame, preacher
- Nov. 29 Advent 1; prelude 9:15 a.m.
Sunflower Trio Concert at 4 p.m.

Thank you for all the expressions of care and concern during my recent hospitalization and rehab. It was comforting to have such a caring congregation. ~ *John Hiebert*

The Lead Pastoral Search Committee met this past week with the Church Board to report early findings from the Twenty Pastoral Areas Survey. We meet this Thursday to integrate those and other findings into the Congregational Information Form. We ask for your prayers as we discern the most important messages that will communicate who we are as the Bethel College Mennonite Church Community, and where we hope to be in the next five years.

The photo sessions for the pictorial directory are completed. If you were not able to have your picture taken, you may still submit a digital photo for publication in the directory. Please send a digital head and shoulders photo to gwenclaassen@yahoo.com. They should be oriented vertically, not horizontally. Photos cannot be from another professional photographer because of copyright issues. Please list names of all people in the photo from left to right. The final deadline for this is Nov. 10 but we would appreciate having them as soon as possible! Act quickly, no late photos can be published!! We want all BCMC members and attendees to be included! (Thank you to Gwen Claassen for designing the layout.)

It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Nov. 11, 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, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 9 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 November 11

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Alice Suderman, Progressive Rehabilitation Academy, Schowalter Villa. Wendell Rempel has moved to Asbury Park, 1212 S Plum, Newton.

Today is Stewardship Sunday and the beginning of BCMC's annual Pony Express, a financial commitment process for preparing the 2016 budget. This year's theme is *Giving from the Heart* based on Mark 12:38-44. During the last hymn today captains appointed by the Finance Committee will come forward to pick up packets of commitment materials to distribute to BCMC members and regular attendees in local neighborhoods. (Materials are mailed to non-resident/inactive members). **If for some reason you do not receive a packet, and want to participate, please ask the church office to add you to the list!** Join the Pony Express by prayerfully anticipating your intentions to give for 2016, filling out a form when materials arrive at your home, and returning the form according to the directions in the packet. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 22, when captains return packets during worship.

Bethel College Announcements:

◆ **KIPCOR Film Series: *Chasing Ice*, Sun., Nov. 8, 3 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium. National Geographic documentary with nature photographer James Balog and his Extreme Ice Survey publicizing the effects of climate change. Talk-back session with David Braaten, deputy director of the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets at the University of Kansas, follows.

◆ **Readers theater presentation, *I Have Not Forsaken the Word of God*, Sun., Nov. 15, 3 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum. Carrie and Gerald Mast of Bluffton University wrote the piece on commission from the Mirror of the Martyrs Trust, based on the confession of Jacques d'Auchy and celebrating the recent purchase of the Jan Luyken etching plate that depicted d'Auchy's confession in the *Martyrs Mirror*.

◆ **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I concert, Mon., Nov. 16, 7 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium. MKJE is an auditioned honors group based at Bethel.

◆ **“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.

Registration is \$20 per person—mention that you are registering with the BCMC group. Symposium concludes with a hymn festival worship service open to all; 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. Non-perishable food items and monetary gifts accepted for Harvest of Love.

Delegates at the Western District Conference Assembly, Oct. 31, approved by a 72% vote the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church. 185 delegates voted yes; 72 voted no. See the Resolution and other actions posted on the church bulletin board.

**Faith Statements – Reception into Membership at BCMC
November 8, 2015**

Brad Born (*transferring from Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton*)

I was baptized at 13 years of age, too early to have developed a fully reflective faith, but not too early to have understood and admired how Christian faith had prompted my parents to perform ten years of missionary service in southern Brazil. Those childhood years as a pastor's kid and missionary kid were highly formative, combining a devout piety at home and in Portuguese-speaking churches with immersion in cross-cultural education at an international school and through close friendships with Brazilian neighbors. What my parents modeled already then, and what I found attractive about Christian faith, was its capacity to foster compassion for others and engagement with the wider world. In my teens and college years (at Tabor and Bethel colleges) I questioned and abandoned much of the doctrine that accompanied the evangelical style of worship from my childhood, but I never scorned it, having witnessed how it had inspired people to enact lives of Christian service and express Christ's love for others. Following college, my wife and I spent ten years in Lawrence, Kansas, where our active membership in the Lawrence Mennonite Church provided further faith development. We then moved to Newton in 1995 when I took a faculty position at Bethel College, and we soon transferred our membership from Lawrence Mennonite to Shalom Mennonite, which was a very welcoming and supportive congregation, especially well-suited to that stage of our life raising children. Recently having reached another transition point, with our youngest child leaving home to begin his freshman year at Bethel College, we have been exploring making a church change, and upon visiting Bethel College Mennonite Church throughout the late spring and summer months, we are ready to make this our new church home.

Diane Born (*transferring from Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton*)

As a child, I attended a Mennonite Brethren church in southwestern Kansas with my family. When I was a young teen, I was baptized and joined the church. As an adult, I have been active in Mennonite congregations where we have lived. I look forward to being a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church joining others in worship and striving to live faithfully in the local community and world.

Esther Kreider Eash (*transferring from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita*)

I grew up surrounded and nurtured by a strong faith community—an intertwining of family, friends, & church. The call to follow Christ, and in particular, Anabaptism resulted in my baptism at First Mennonite Church (Bluffton, OH) in May 1966 by Pastor Jacob Friesen.

My church homes have taken me from General Conference to Mennonite Conference and to Mennonite Conference USA: at First Mennonite Church (Bluffton) I participated in youth leadership; at West Union Mennonite (IA) I became active in wider congregational activities, and at Hope Mennonite Church (Wichita) my involvement expanded into leadership roles with Worship Commission and the Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee, frequent worship leading, and coordination of collaborative and large-scale visuals to support and enhance the worship experience.

At BCMC, I look forward to making new friends and finding opportunities to connect and serve.

William Eash (*transferring from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita*)

I grew up in “Old Mennonite” congregations in Archbold, OH and Mt Gilead, OH, was baptized at Gilead Mennonite Church, and studied at Bluffton, a “General Conference” Mennonite college. Over the course of my faith journey, I have participated or been employed in Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic churches. I found these other faith experiences stimulating, but it is in the Mennonite church that I continue to find a sense of community--a community committed to a faith tradition, a community struggling with its identity, a community working to define itself in the 21st century. During the two years I have been at BCMC, I have been fascinated by encounters with artists, theologians, pastors, former professors, professional musicians, business people, people with gifts in technology, lawyers, lawn care providers, mission workers, etc. I like this diversity. In addition, I have been intrigued with the church’s commitment to music, to outreach, to fostering community. I look forward to becoming a more active participant in this mission.

Brad Kohlman (*transferring from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita*)

BCMC is a place where I feel both comfortable and challenged. I know it is a church and congregation in which I will grow spiritually. I am drawn by their commitment to peace, Christian formation, and a welcoming, inclusive community. I am looking forward to being part of such a loving church family.

Megan Kohlman (*transferring from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita*)

BCMC is a congregation with a strong commitment to social justice, Christian formation, and being community. I am grateful for the ways in which we have already been welcomed into this congregation, and I am looking forward to participating in this community.

Kathryn Simmons (*transferring from Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City*)

I first attended BCMC in 1960, when my family moved to North Newton. In June 1966 I was baptized by Pastor Russell Mast. In December 1972, I married Steve Simmons at BCMC. My father, Esko Loewen (BCMC pastor from 1968-77) officiated and my grandfather, Lester Hostetler, (also a former BCMC pastor & editor of several Mennonite hymn books) giving the sermon. As we moved around the Midwest, Steve & I have been active members in several churches, most recently Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City, KS. I have enjoyed returning to my roots & reconnecting with people from my childhood. I look forward to fully supporting BCMC.

Peggy Souder (*transferring from Faith Mennonite Church, Newton*)

Being part of a church community has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It is now time again to be a member of the church I attend. I enjoy the worship services at BCMC, the music, and the variety of inspiring sermons. I hope to be a contributing member of a church community with whom I share like values.

Aaron Tschetter (*transferring from Hutterthal Mennonite Church, Freeman, SD*)

I grew up attending Hutterthal Mennonite Church in Freeman, SD. This is where I founded the basis of my Christian life and my love of God. At this church I also learned the importance of community and service. I attended Freeman Academy (a private Christian Middle and High school) from 2003-2010. At FA, I learned more about the Bible, Church History, and living a Christian life. I was baptized on my 16th birthday on June 10, 2007. I also worked at Swan Lake Christian Camp in H.S. as a Counselor and as a Staff Person during my years at Bethel College. All these experiences have led me to a closer relationship with God and a better understanding of my own personal beliefs. All my life I have been a part of close-knit and caring Christian communities, Bethel College Mennonite Church has become my new community where I feel like I am a part of a congregation that strives to be Christ-like and cares about me.