

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations extending support and hospitality to refugees and immigrants seeking a home.

This congregation: Pray for Bethel College students who are traveling during interterm and those on campus who use this time for concentrated studying. May God's wisdom guide professors, staff and students.

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; day off is Friday

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Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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

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

January 3 at BCMC: Attendance 259. General Fund \$12,514.77; Living Stones \$1,110.



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EPIPHANY—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING

Prelude *There's a spirit in the air* Wallace
He comes to us as one unknown Powell
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Comfort, comfort, O my people [HWB 176]* Bourgeois
Chancel Choir

Call to worship / prayer Susan Wheeler, worship leader

***Hymn** *Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly* **HWB 203**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture reading Psalm 27:1-4
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and
foes shall stumble and fall.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though wars arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in
the Lord's temple.

Worship music *Christ be near at either hand [STJ 80]* arr. Gillen

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Alvin Peters

Sermon *What's the real story here?* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Holy Child within the manger* **STS 28**

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 *Deck thyself with joy and gladness* arr. Owen

***Dedication hymn** *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**

(vs. 4, 5 only)

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *You are salt for the earth* **HWB 226**
Suzanne Burch, guitar

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Amen* Rutter
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Let all together praise our God* Bach

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STS** = *Sing the Story*

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).

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update. Moderator Jim Robb
reported that the completed BCMC Congregational Information Form is now
on the Western District Conference website and three copies are now
available in the library. The Lead Pastoral Search Committee will be
meeting this week and again on January 20. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, chair;*
Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag,
Jon Zerger

The Sunflower Trio will present a concert celebrating the life and work of
Dr. J. Harold Moyer (1927-2012), long-time Professor of Music at Bethel
College, **today, 3 p.m., 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. C.D.s will be available for sale.

In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: Sun., Jan. 17, 7 p.m. – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, a 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton
Mon., Jan. 18, 7 p.m. – “The New Jane Crow,” a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in Krehbiel Auditorium and free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

The next volunteer training for Harvey County Homeless Shelter is Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Shelter, 900 W Broadway, Bldg. 7. There is always need of more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer but have questions, speak with Valetta Seymour, 620-345-2733, vmseymour@mtelco.net.

Sister-Care Seminar, *Equipping Women for Caring Ministry*, will be in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, Fri., Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 30, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Presenters will be Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen. Reservation of \$45 due before Jan. 11 or \$50 after the 11th made payable to WDWM, Nancy Krehbiel, 1563 Cimarron Rd, McPherson, KS 67640 (620-245-2471). Hosted by Western District Mennonite Women. Forms are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Questions: Marlene Faul, 216-283-3342

Contact Joe Peters if you wish more information or registration forms on the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus. Phone: 316-283-8529.

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

- Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are open for registrations. Go to www.campmennoscah.org, click on online registration to sign up. We've added crafts to this retreat, so if you are a crafter, you're welcome to join us!
- Camp Mennoscah is offering a Youth Volunteer Weekend for young people in grades 7-12, March 11-12, led by Patrick Loganbill and Rachel Miller. Online registration now available on the website. Limited space.

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.

Today—January 10, 2016

10:30 a.m. Children’s snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!

- Sunday school elective in sanctuary with Ben Goossen, *From Aryanism to Multiculturalism: Mennonite Ethnicity and German Nationalism*
- 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
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*Meet at Kidron Bethel for class and lunch at Harvest Table*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23— *Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Sojourners—Chapel—Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

3:00 p.m. Sunflower Trio Concert—Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. **For the Chancel Bell Choir:** St. Knut's Day Dinner Party in the home of Marlene Faul, 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton. Bring candle.

Monday, Jan. 11

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

7:00 p.m. Audit Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, Jan. 12

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, Jan. 13

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee—Rm 14

Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, Jan. 14

9 a.m.—12 noon Archive Committee—Fellowship Hall

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

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm B7

Saturday, Jan. 16

9 a.m. to 12 noon CPR Training—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan. 17

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Sharp; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: John Gaeddert (released to Kidron Bethel Health Care), Valetta Seymour (released) and Eleanor Kaufman, Newton Medical Center.

The BCMC office will be closed on Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Western District Conference office and Resource Library will also be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Congregational Meeting will be Jan. 24, 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will follow the luncheon prepared by the youth. This is the meeting designated for financial matters. We will be reviewing the 2015 finances and voting on the proposed budget for 2016. The agenda will also include other items including an update from the Search Committee, information on the proposed front entrance improvements and columbarium expansion. Financial Report booklets will be in church mailboxes on Sun., Jan. 17.
~ *Jim Robb, Moderator and Church Board Chair*

Spotlight on Senior High:

January 22 – Lock-in (TBD)

January 24 – Luncheon Fundraiser

Many Senior High students are involved in various school activities during this season, feel free to go and support them!

Spotlight on Children & Emerging Youth:

January 22-24 – RMMC Junior High Snow Camp

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

Happy new year to the balcony! Thanks to Custodian Mike Crawford, the balcony floors have been stripped, stained and refinished. You might even see your reflection from the shiny surfaces. Great work, Mike!

Sunday school electives in January 2016:

• **Today: Jan. 10** - Ben Goossen: "From Aryanism to Multiculturalism: Mennonite Ethnicity and German Nationalism," examining the historic relationship between Nazi racial science and the Mennonite church. Goossen, who is a member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka and a PhD student at Harvard University, first presented this material in July at the Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA. Presentation will be in the sanctuary.

• **Jan. 17** - Dave Osborne from Hesston College will present an historical and religious context of the spread of ISIS. Dave spent ten years with MCC in the Middle East, including Egypt and Jordan, and has kept in touch with the changes in the Middle East over the decades. Dave is the International Student adviser at Hesston College and every year travels extensively for the college. The power point presentation will be in the sanctuary.

A CPR Training Course will be offered at BCMC, Sat., Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. till noon, cost underwritten by the Deacon Commission. Ushers, SS teachers and others are encouraged to take the class. How to use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) will also be taught. Upon completion of the course, a "Certified Community CPR" certificate will be granted. Contact Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or email: marlene.violet@gmail.com

Creation Care Committee is inviting interested members to sign two petitions next Sunday, January 17. The first petition asks our state legislators to support the Clean Power Plan for Kansas. The second petition asks our US legislators to support several bi-partisan environmental stewardship bills already introduced in the House and Senate. Additional information and links to websites for these efforts are included in the January issue of Kaleidoscope. Tables for signing both letters will be set up in the back of the church on January 17. ~ *Creation Care Committee*

The congregation finished December with strong giving and lower than normal expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$13,204 for the year. The internal borrowing for Living Stones was reduced to \$82,400. Thank you for the faithful support of the church's mission. More detail will be available in the financial reports distributed January 17 in preparation for the January 24 congregational meeting.

The IRA charitable rollover for persons 70 1/2 or older has been made retroactive to January 1, 2015 and extended indefinitely. Talk with your tax adviser to determine if this is a useful tool for your charitable contributions. I am preparing acknowledgement letters for those I believe made qualifying contributions in 2015. If you have not received a letter within a couple of weeks and believe you should, please contact me.

~ *Richard Friesen, Treasurer*