

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel and their colleagues in Nepal as they share the good news of God's providence through the creation of small businesses, including a coffee shop. Praise God for the success of this hospitality ministry that is prospering and giving hope to many visitors.

Western District Conference: As WDC's fiscal year concludes, give thanks for God's faithful provision for WDC throughout the past year.

This congregation: Pray that God will release the gifts needed in our congregation this year to continue the vision and mission we have decided. Pray, especially, for the Pastoral Search Committee, as they discern new leadership for BCMC.

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@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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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

January 24 at BCMC: Attendance 270. General Fund \$3,519.74; Living Stones \$615; Sr Hi Youth \$2,836; *The Mennonite* \$37; Jr Hi Fund \$100



Bethel College Mennonite Church
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Prelude *A mighty fortress is our God* Walther
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation Walther
Chorale prelude on *Nun bitten wir* Buxtehude
Tuba tune in D major Lang
Karen Schlabaugh, organist

Introit Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director

Call to worship / prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader

***Hymn** *O young and fearless Prophet* **HWB 374**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Jeanette Stucky

Scripture reading Psalm 71:1-6, 17-22

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; listen to me,
and save me!**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are
my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the
grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me
from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim
your wondrous deeds.

**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.
You have done great things, O God; who is like you?

**You, who have made me see many troubles and calamities, will
revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring
me up again.**

You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

**I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my
God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of
Israel.**

Worship music

Kingdom Report Vern Preheim Gift Discernment Committee

Meditations on I Corinthians 13

Junior Choir

Kathy Stucky, scripture reader
Hymn - *Will you let me be your servant* **HWB 307**
(v. 1 only)

I Cor. 13:1-3

Reflection – Elizabeth Raid

Congregation sings verse 2

I Cor. 13:4-7

Reflection - Brad Kohlman

Congregation sings verse 3

I Cor 13:8-11

Reflection – Lotti Boschmann

Congregation sings verse 4

I Cor. 13:12-13

Reflection – Mike Claassen

Congregation sings verses 5 and 6

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 *Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 1* Brahms

People with January birthdays are invited to come forward during
the offertory to receive a blessing (bring Hymnal)

***Dedication hymn** *There are many gifts* **HWB 304**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *I love thy kingdom, Lord* **HWB 308**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** Postlude on *Fredericktown* Powell

*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).

The Hospitality Commission will host an all-church come-and-go baby shower for John and Amy Tyson, Sun., March 6, 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow. Mark your calendars!

Harvey County Homeless Shelter is in need of volunteers. There will be volunteer training at the Homeless Shelter, 900 W Broadway, Bldg. #7, Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. Questions or if you want to help with the mission of HCHS, contact Valetta Seymour at vmseymour@mtelco.net. 620-345-2733.

Christopher Shaw organ recital, *Love, Lent and Lament*, Sun., Feb. 14, 3 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Hesston College Chamber Orchestra and Chorale at Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church, 138 S. 8th St, Salina, Sun., Feb. 14, 7 p.m. The groups are directed by faculty members Rebecca Schloneger and Kenneth Rodgers and will perform selections from a wide variety of arrangements and composers. An offering will be taken. Questions, contact alumni relations 866-437-7866.

First Mennonite Church, Newton is sponsoring two life stories workshops, *Story Matters* led by Laurie Oswald Robinson which will provide tools to write your own stories or the stories of a loved one, Feb. 19-20 (6:30-9 p.m. Fri. and 8:30-3:30 Sat.) and April 1-2. Cost is \$60 per person. Register by e-mail to Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net, due Feb. 1 for the Feb. workshop.

Circles of Hope, Harvey County is having an Information Night , Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. Open to the public and an opportunity for potential volunteers or participants to find out more about the Circles program.

Join the Mennonite Central Committee Central States Board and Staff at the annual Community Engagement Event Sat., Feb. 27, in the chapel at Tabor College, Hillsboro, from 8:30-10:45 a.m., focusing on mass incarceration, with a variety of speakers and time for questions. Call 283-2720 if you'll be attending. All are welcome to attend this event and engage with MCC board and staff!

Prison Theater Project, a Bethel College 2016 interterm class, presents *Inside Story*, directed by John McCabe-Juhnke, Fri., Feb. 5, and Sat., Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for senior citizens and non-Bethel students. A dollar of every ticket sold goes to Offender Victim Ministries, Newton, to support its Prison Ministries that include arts projects and M-2. (Please note *Inside Story* is rated PG for language.)

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk., Sat., Feb. 6, 9 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours with birder Gregg Friesen.

Email addresses for pastoral and office staff has changed to use bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Although old emails will continue to work for a short period of time, you are encouraged to start using the new emails listed on the back page of the bulletin. (For example: for Monica Lichti – office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.)

Today—January 31, 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!

- 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—*History of Islam*, video
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*How to read and study the epistles of Paul*, Robert Milliman, PhD
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Aging in the spirit*, Eric Massanari
- 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—A conversation with artist and sculptor Paul Friesen
- Sojourners—Chapel— *Ways Anabaptism Could Change.....* John Esau
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, Feb. 1

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

4:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

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

Tuesday, Feb. 2

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

3:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, Feb. 3

8:00 a.m. Staff breakfast—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Supper—Fellowship Hall; Senior High youth—Serving at HCHS

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

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

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, Feb. 4

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

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14; Creation Care Committee—Rm B7

Sunday, Feb. 7

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time **10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

Staff: John Tyson will be attending a Mennonite Church USA Youth Ministry Council in Orlando, FL, Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

We welcome Karen Schlabaugh as the keyboardist for worship today. Karen is an active member of Shalom Mennonite Church and is on the music faculty at Bethel College.

Spotlight on Senior High:

- The Senior High Youth Group is deeply grateful for the generous congregational support received during our soup luncheon fundraiser last Sunday. The approximate donation of \$2,850 will go toward future group events!
- February 3: Serving at Harvey County Homeless Shelter
- February 19 & 20: "Not Just on Sunday's" w/ Shane Claiborne at Hesston College
- March 19: Wichita Thunder at Intrust Bank Arena

Spotlight on Children & Emerging Youth:

- Many thanks to Lu Ann Zook for sponsoring the Junior High students during their trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp last weekend! All ten Junior High students attended!
- **The Junior High Youth Group will be selling snacks at the annual Super Bowl Sunday snack fundraiser on February 7 following worship.**
- February 3: Spring 2016 Venture Club and Junior High Club begin!

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: LaVonne Platt, Newton Medical Center; Jared Fromm released from hospital and recovering at home.

Action is needed now for repealing the death penalty in Kansas. House legislation, HB 2515, calling for repeal of the death penalty and replacing it with a maximum sentence of life without parole, has been introduced. BCMC Witness Commission (Lois Preheim, chair; Dwight Platt, Margaret Goering, Charles Graber, Valetta Seymour) is calling for letters to your representative to support this legislation. Witness Commission has placed a flier with more information in your mailboxes. Refer to that as well as information on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You will learn how our voices can become part of a coordinated effort by following instructions on the flier.

Only 3 more days until Supper Time! Wednesday night suppers start Feb. 3, with serving line open from 6 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a meal featuring food from children's books; old classics as well as new favorites. Carol Flickinger will be reading a special book after the meal. (before the children leave for choir). Bring your appetite and your Teddy...! Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering; sign up on the church bulletin board; or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org



Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 3

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

- **For pre-sale bidding**, the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is gathering donations to cover the \$75,000 cost of the sale budget. Adult Sunday School Classes are collecting funds. If you are not involved with an adult Sunday School Class and would like to help purchase an item contact one of the BCMC liaisons. Thank you BCMC for your generosity!
- **Fellowship Meals** are Feb. 28 and March 6. Be a host or be a guest. Sunday school classes could also host Fellowship Meals by offering to host another group of people. **Deadline for turning in requests is Thurs., Feb. 4!** Give registration forms to a church liaison or mail in – forms are on bulletin board by church office.
- **Clear out excess sewing supplies.** Quilter's corner will take fabric, notions, patterns, half-finished projects, quilting tools. Leave in the basket in the Gathering place.
- **Donate an item to one of the Sale Auctions.** We need to know soon so that we can put a photo of your item on the MCC website....advance advertising pays off in dollars for MCC! ~ *Ron and Carol Peters, Tom and Gayle Jackson, or John and Judy Kliever.*

A survey from the Gifts Discernment Committee is in each mailbox. All BCMC participants age 12 or older are encouraged to respond by indicating how you are willing to share your gifts with the congregation and to suggest others as having appropriate gifts for our life and work together. Additional copies of the survey for other family members are available on the window ledge in the Gathering Place. **If you are comfortable doing so, you are encouraged to enter the survey on-line.** A "Guide to Participant Log In" is also in each mailbox to help log in to the appropriate section of the church website. Please complete the survey by February 15.

Congregational Meeting Summary...1/24/2016... Meeting was called to order and devotions were given. Minutes were approved as was the auditor's report. The financial report for 2015 was given, followed by the presentation and acceptance of the budget for 2016. The Pastoral Search Committee reported that they have begun to examine MLIs (Ministerial Leadership Information) for prospective candidates. The Living Stones 2 Task Force recommendation to develop a proposal dealing with the front entrance, the columbarium, and deferred maintenance was approved. Faith Formation reported on the Church Retreat planning and Circles of Grace training. Dorothy Nickel Friesen reflected on her first six months as Interim. Announcements were made by the Gifts Discernment Committee and the Deacon Commission. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update: The Pastoral Search Committee will meet Feb. 1. Thank you for your continuing prayers as we consider potential candidates for our lead pastor. *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*