

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Many weddings occur this time of year in Cambodia due to the cooler, dry season. On this Valentine's Day, pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo of Mennonite Mission Network as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships.

Western District Conference: Pray for Byron Pellecer as he prepares for a transition to a new role as Associate Conference Minister in Texas beginning in May.

This congregation: Pray for victims of violence and those who are in prison. Pray that there will be compassion for those violated and restoration for those who are perpetrators. May systems be reformed so that justice is assured.

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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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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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

February 7 at BCMC: Attendance 275. General Fund \$18,041.68; Living Stones \$690; Jr Hi Fund \$827; Media Supplies \$15; Wednesday night supper \$542; Transfer-Funeral \$400.



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Lent 1 – LIVING LETTERS

GATHERING – BELONGING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist

Meditation in silence – When we acknowledge God as the author of life, “letting go of the pen” becomes possible. This is when we have opportunities to recognize the Word planted in us and to rely on the Author to be our provider. What letting go needs to happen in my life?

Introit Brent Dungan and Maggie Dungan

Call to worship John Tyson, worship leader

***Hymn** *Great God, we sing* **HWB 639**
(children come forward during hymn)

Children’s conversation Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Congregational response – *I love to tell the story* **HWB 398**
(v. 1 only)

PRAYING – CENTERING

Confessing and Reconciling

Call to prayer

Response hymn *Kyrie eleison* **HWB 144**

Prayer (unison)

Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have come from you. We forget that we can trust in you and rely on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe in your promise of reconciliation and eternal love. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.

Response Hymn *Kyrie eleison* **HWB 144**

The Lord’s Prayer – unison (using “sins”)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD – BELIEVING

Scripture reading Luke 4:1-13

Meditation *Wandering around* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Prayer of God’s people

RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING

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 Brent Dungan and Maggie Dungan

***Dedication hymn** *What wondrous love is this* **HWB 530**
(v. 1 only)

***Dedication prayer**

Service of Communion

Invitation and prayer

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

Prayer of thanksgiving

SENDING AND BLESSING

***Hymn** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* **HWB 582**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

*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).

THANK YOU to artists who offer their work for this year's Lenten focus: **Rose Haury** for the quilted banner in west entrance; **Anne Friesen Birky** designed the sanctuary banners--a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The banners begin with a feeling of life and light but increase in turmoil and anger and finally suggest the approaching majesty bursting forth in new life on Easter Sunday (Anne lives in Denver and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen); **Weldon Schloneger**, for the photo display of crosses in the Gathering Place. Weldon has taken his nature photos and digitally created these crosses. These will be displayed during Lent through Easter Sunday. Weldon writes, "*As brutal execution devices, beautiful crosses are incongruous. But the interplay of light and shadow, shape and color in these kaleidoscope images drawn from nature's waterfalls, rocks, trees and sky suggest an atonement rooted not in violence, but in the love, light and grace of God. The cross becomes an audacious sign of hope.*"

The flowers this morning are from Jerry and Carol Buller celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Carol and Jerry!

This Week at BCMC: February 14-21, 2016

Bassam Samarah, a member of the Islamic Society of Wichita, will be the guest speaker for the Sojourner's Sunday school class Feb. 21. He will address similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam, in addition to addressing the topic, *Muslims in America in a time of fear, mistrust, and anger*, and will welcome questions. This is an elective in the sanctuary.

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.

First Mennonite Church, Newton is sponsoring two life stories workshops, *Story Matters*, 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. There is still room for the Feb. 19 workshop.

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 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.

Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Dinner and Meeting is Thurs., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the d'Veers Family Center, 227 N. Main, Elbing. Dinner is \$15 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Thurs., Feb. 18.

Western District Conference/South Central Conference Women's Spring Supper will be at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, Mar. 17, 6 p.m. Reservation are needed by March 10 to: (Angie, Hesston College), ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com or 620-327-8201. Questions: call Marlene Faul, 283-3342.

KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Groundswell Rising*, Sun., Feb. 21, 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College. Talk-back session with a panel including filmmaker Renard Cohen, and a reception, follows. (Extra: Sat., Feb. 20, there will be a reception with music for Renard Cohen, along with clips of the film, at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, 3 p.m.)

NOT JUST ON SUNDAY features a Saturday evening Celebration Concert with Bluegrass music by Dave Miller and The Book of Jebb, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and available at the Hesston College Bookstore at [620-327-8104](tel:620-327-8104) or at the door.

Anyone interested in learning about Mennonite Agri-Urban and everyone who donated feed and worked with Agri-Urban cattle is invited to a faspas on Sun., Feb. 21, 3:30--5 p.m. Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. A financial report and written reports will be available. Proceeds from the cattle sales benefit Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

Today—February 14, 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—*Conversation on youth sports*, Stan Eitzen
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Lent
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*I am not ashamed: Studies in Romans*, Marion Deckert
- 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—*The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, James Cone
- Sojourners—Chapel—*CASA Experiences*, Marlene Faul
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, Feb. 15

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

Tuesday, Feb. 16—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel
Circle 5—Joyce Holck's, 249 Lake Vista Circle, Hesston

3:00 p.m. Circle 2—Sun Room at Kidron Bethel

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Marilyn Stucky's, 1962 E. 30th, Peabody
Circle 4—Carol Buller's, 1610 N. Plum, Newton

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Wednesday, Feb. 17

8:00 a.m. Staff breakfast—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Supper—Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

6:45 p.m. Program--Education and Service Scholarship Committee—FH

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club—Rm 26; Venture Club—Rm B8

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. 18

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
Witness Commission—Rm 28

3:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

7:15 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee—Rm B7

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Feb. 21—Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Bells; Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Elective in Sanctuary with Bassam Samarah, Islamic Society of Wichita

Spotlight on Senior High:

•February 19 & 20: "Not Just on Sunday's" w/ Shane Claiborne at Hesston College

Spotlight on Children & Emerging Youth:

•February 10: Spring 2016 Venture Club and Junior High Club continue!

Receiving medical care this week: Christian Rodriguez is recovering at home after surgery this week at Newton Medical Center.

This February, the Staff Congregation Relations Committee is conducting a routine three-year review for Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care Susan Wheeler. The SCRC has selected about 25 names to complete a survey (due Feb. 15). However, anyone in the congregation may submit comments in writing to Dale Schrag, SCRC Chair, by Feb. 17.

BCMC Witness Commission is calling for actions needed now for repealing the death penalty in Kansas. HB 2515 has been introduced in the Kansas State House of Representatives and calls for repeal of the death penalty and would replace it with a maximum sentence of life without parole. **1.** House Speaker Ray Merrick needs to hear from us asking him to allow a hearing in the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee because the Judiciary Committee chair is refusing to allow a hearing in his committee. Ray Merrick's contact information: ray.merrick@house.ks.gov, Phone: 785-296-2302. **2.** Send letters to your representative immediately asking for support of this legislation. Refer to information on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

It's Supper Time! What will be falling this week? Come to Wednesday night supper and see if food really is a part of the forecast...! Wednesday night supper serving line is open from 6 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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. 17

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

My Coins Count: Thank you BCMC for sharing your change last week during the Children's story. We raised \$202.43! You may add to our total each week by leaving your spare change in the jar under the balcony, or in jars in your Sunday School Classes.

MCC Bucks are available from your church liaisons. These \$10 packets work as cash at the sale, and make great gifts for you, grandchildren or host college students.

We have a few Sale committees that still are looking for new members. Check out the list on the bulletin board by the church office. **Thinking of donating an item to the General Auction?** Let us know soon so a photo can be put on the Sale Website.

Questions? BCMC Church Liaisons for the MCC Sale are Ron and Carol Peters (283-4232), Tom and Gayle Jackson (284-2379), and John and Judy Kliewer (284-9985).

Tomorrow is the deadline for completing the on-line gifts discernment survey or returning a paper copy of the survey to the box in the Gathering Place. Additional copies of the survey are available on the window ledge.

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update: The Pastoral Search Committee met this past week and will meet again this week. 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*

Architect drawings of possible improvements to the west entrance and for columbarium expansion were shown at the Jan. 24 congregational meeting. These slides are also available online by clicking on "Participant Log In" at bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and then clicking on "Improvement to west entrance and columbarium expansion". A half-page instruction sheet for logging in was placed in church mail boxes on January 31.

We offer sympathy to Helen Bertrand and Timothy and Carolyn Voth and their families on the death of Stan E. Voth, February 6 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service was Feb. 11 at BCMC.

Come hear our BCMC students attending Bethel College share experiences at Wednesday Night Supper (Feb, 17)! Enjoy the fellowship around tables over a meal of spaghetti and meatballs or macaroni and cheese and hear reports from Alex, Andrew, Eric and Serena on their Bethel experiences. You will also learn more about the BCMC Education Scholarship program ministry. Supper begins at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your normal supper donation of \$4/person or \$12/family as well as your donations (checks to BCMC; BC Scholarship Fund in memo line) as together we support our young people. ~ *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*