

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.

Western District Conference: Pray for Jenny Schrag, youth pastor for Buhler, Inman and Hoffnungsau Mennonite churches, as they join this Wednesday evening in a licensing service for Jenny's Credential for Specific Ministry.

This congregation: Pray for the Gifts Discernment Committee that their discernment for BCMC leadership will be guided by prayer and wisdom. Pray that the talents and gifts of the congregation will be released for growth and witness.

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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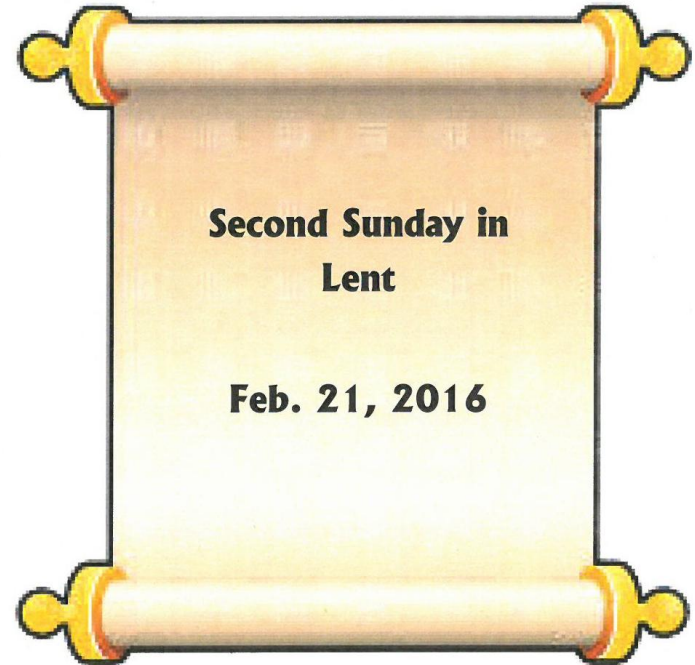
Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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 14 at BCMC: Attendance 234. General Fund \$14,074.39; Living Stones \$640; Media Supplies \$50; Wed. Supper \$422; Transfer-General \$50; Funeral \$987.50; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$2,274.



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February 21, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Lent 2 – LIVING LETTERS
GATHERING - BELONGING

Prelude *Jesus, I will ponder now* Held
 Beautiful Savior Wood
 The Lord is my shepherd Haan
 Karen Schlabaugh, organist

Meditation in silence – There are many difficult things we face and confront in our lives that cause fear. As Christ followers we are invited to face these difficult “pages and chapters” in our lives without fear, knowing that Christ’s light will shine at all times.

Introit *How can I keep from singing* arr. Sherman
 Chancel Bells; director Vada Snider

Call to worship and prayer Dale Horst, worship leader
***Hymn** *Jesus, tempted in the desert* STS 36
 (children come forward during hymn)

Children’s conversation Dorothy Nickel Friesen
 and Justina Neufeld

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

PRAYER – CENTERING

Confessing and Reconciling
Call to prayer
Response hymn *Kyrie eleison* HWB 144
Prayer (unison)
Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
Response hymn *Kyrie eleison* HWB 144
The Lord’s Prayer – unison (using “sins”)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD -- BELIEVING

Worship music *God of amazing grace* arr.Moklebust
 Chancel Bells
Scripture reading Luke 13:31-35 Austin Prouty
Sermon *Hometown fear* Dorothy Nickel Friesen
***Hymn** *Teach me, O Lord* HWB 487

Community sharing
Prayer of God’s people

Alan and Sheri Lepard

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 *What wondrous love is this* Manz
***Dedication hymn** *What wondrous love is this* HWB 530
 (verse 2 only)
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING AND BLESSING

***Hymn** *When the storms of life are raging* HWB 558
***Benediction**
***Benediction response**
***Postlude** *The royal banners forward go* Held

*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.*"

You are invited to contribute non-perishable food for the local Salvation Army food pantry. On the first Sunday of the month, bring items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance.

This Week at BCMC: February 21-28, 2016

First Mennonite Church, Newton is inviting congregations to participate in Mennonite Disaster Service's Partnership Home Program (PHP) and build a home for the Nunoz family of Wakefield, NE. The Nunoz home was destroyed in a June 2014 tornado; they purchased another house only to have it destroyed by fire later that year. The plan is to frame the house in the parking lot of First Mennonite in June and then truck the wall panels to Nebraska. In July and August work crews will go to Nebraska to complete the building on-site. Contact Carol Entz at 283-0525 or lacaentz@gmail.com with questions. ~ *Harald Boschmann, MDS representative for BCMC*

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.

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

KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Groundswell Rising*, today, Feb. 21, 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College.

Anyone interested in learning about Mennonite Agri-Urban and everyone who donated feed and worked with Agri-Urban cattle is invited to a fasma today, Feb. 21, 3:30-5 p.m. Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge.

A benefit dinner to support scholarships for Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania members participating in IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) classes will be Sat., Mar. 19, 5:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The meal is by donation, and sponsored by the BCMC Witness Commission as part of a project supported by a WDC "Loaves and Fishes" grant used to facilitate conversational Spanish classes. Members of the Spanish class will prepare and serve the meal. If you plan to attend, RSVP by Mar. 14 to Margaret Goering at mrgoering@outlook.com or 316-283-5034.

Vivir Bier (Living Well): Low German Mennonites in Bolivia is the topic of a presentation by Willmar T. Harder 8 p.m. Fri., Mar. 6, Hesston College Kropf Center, Room 150. Harder is lead pastor of Buhler Mennonite Church. He and his wife, Hannah Neufeld, coordinated the Low German Mennonite Program of Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia from 2010 to 2014. Harder's presentation is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to attend the business meeting at 7 p.m. or to come at 8 for Harder's presentation.

The Bethel College spring opera scheduled for Fri., Mar. 11, 7 p.m., and Sun., Mar. 13, 3 p.m., (not 2 p.m. as appears on printed calendars), will be *Iphigenia in Tauris* by Christoph Gluck, not Bizet's *Carmen* as originally planned. Tickets on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center.

Today—February 21, 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!

Elective in Sanctuary with Bassam Samarah, Islamic Society of Wichita

- 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 – Catechism 2016: Session 2
- Parents of children & youth—Fellowship Hall—*Circle of Grace Information Session*
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Members will attend elective in sanctuary
- 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—Members will attend elective in sanctuary
- Sojourners—Chapel—Members will attend elective in sanctuary
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, Feb. 22

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

4:15 p.m. Governance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, Feb. 23

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

Wednesday, Feb. 24

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

12:00 noon Office Staff Luncheon—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—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—Living Stones II Task Force Report

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. 25

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

6:00 p.m. Sojourners Sunday school class gathering—Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

Friday, Feb. 26

6-9 p.m. Community playschool Family night—50th Year Party!

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Feb. 28—Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Kidron Bethel chaplain, Eric Massanari; Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9; music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

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

We offer sympathy to Karen and Glen Ediger and family on the death of Karen's brother, Gary D. Unruh, Feb. 14 at Bethesda Nursing Home, Goessel. The funeral was Feb. 18 at the Bethesda Chapel.

Bassam Samarah, a member of the Islamic Society of Wichita, will be the guest speaker for the Sojourner's Sunday school class today, 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.

Please plan to attend "the come and go" baby shower for the Tyson family Sun., Mar. 6, 2- 4 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. Cards with well wishes or gifts are appreciated. Questions, contact Kathy Stucky of the Hospitality Commission, 316-283-4262.

New church entrance, better lighting, structural improvements/repairs, and columbarium expansion. Learn about the possibilities and the costs at the Feb 24 Wednesday night supper. Living Stones II Task Force will present the program.

The Deacon Commission invites those who are interested in membership in BCMC to come to an orientation session Sun., Mar. 6, during the Sunday school hour. Meet with Pastor Dorothy Nickel Friesen in the front of the sanctuary near the piano. If you are transferring your membership from another Christian congregation, this is the only session required. Please contact Dorothy by Mar.1 so materials can be prepared. (dorothy@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; 316-283-3667) We anticipate welcoming new members on April 3.

It's Supper Time! Will you eat anything? What new foods have you tried? Come to Wednesday night supper and maybe try something new...! 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

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Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 24

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

Curious about how your coins are adding up? Check out our growing total on the easel bulletin board in the Gathering Place!

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. **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 college students.

MCC Comforter Blitz will be held March 7 (noon to 5 p.m.) and March 8 and 9 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) one mile north of Yoder. Bring a friend and spend the day with us. More information on the Church Bulletin Board.

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).

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update: The Pastoral Search Committee met this week, is hard at work reviewing Ministerial Leadership Information forms (MLIs), and calling references in its prayerful discernment. We continue to appreciate your prayers. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*

Janet Stucky will arrive in Wichita today as she completes her service term with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, West Africa. Pray for safe travel as she prepares to share her experiences with supporting congregations. Janet will be in Kansas for the next five weeks. Contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen at the church office if you wish to host Janet.

The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs such as rent and utility assistance, medical needs, and crisis care, in our church and community last year. Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342, serves as the Everence Advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

Thank you to all who came to the Wednesday Church Supper this week. We heard our Bethel College scholars share from their college experience, and express appreciation for the encouragement and support they receive from BCMC. Thanks to people's generosity, we received \$2,274 for the Bethel College Scholarship Fund. For those not able to be present Wednesday evening and who wish to support this effort, please make checks out to BCMC, (BC Scholarship Fund on memo line). Thank you for supporting our young people. ~ *The Education and Scholarship Committee.*

The Decoration Committee invites you to provide flowers for a Sunday morning of your choice. You may pick a Sunday that is meaningful for you and provide flowers. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your participation. ~ *Carol Buller, chair*