

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SOOP volunteers to work alongside staff doing office, maintenance and construction work, acting as teachers' aides, and assisting in the kitchen at *Academia Menonita Betania*, a bilingual Christian school located near the city of Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Western District Conference: Pray for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, and for potential pastoral candidates, as they discern God's guidance for the future.

This congregation: Pray for Janet Stucky as she returns to BCMC and shares her experiences in Benin, West Africa as a Mennonite Mission Network representative. Give thanks for her nearly three years of Christian 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;
day off is Friday

Home phone 281-9364, office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Cell phone 215-896-1047; day off is Monday

Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@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

February 21 at BCMC: Attendance 263. General Fund \$3,855.50; Living Stones \$760; Media Supplies \$20; Wednesday supper \$475; Caring Fund \$200; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$550



Bethel College Mennonite Church

You are invited to the senior voice recital of Jill Siebert, Mar. 6, 4 p.m., Bethel College, Administration Building Chapel.

Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk Sat., Mar. 5, 8 a.m., with birder Gregg Friesen. Meet in museum parking lot for 1 to 1.5 hour walk.

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*

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.

A fundraiser 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 and friends of Casa Betania 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 Bien (Living Well): Low German Mennonites in Bolivia is the topic of a presentation by Willmar T. Harder 8 p.m. Fri., Mar. 4, 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.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is sponsoring a bus tour, Sat., Apr. 30, throughout the area featuring 55 sites of interest. Included will be sites of interest to Mennonites, sites of general historical significance, and many human-interest items. For more information contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

This Week at BCMC: February 28-March 4, 2016

Today—February 28, 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 – Catechism 2016: Session 3 w/ Sojourners
- Agape— Fellowship Hall—*Stories of Muslim Friends*, Cliff and Marlene
- Bible Study—Rm 14— Lectionary Texts for Lent
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*I am not ashamed: Studies in Romans*, M. 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—Discussion of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*
- Sojourners—Chapel
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, Feb. 29

1:00 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

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

8:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Staff Worship Planning—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—Deacon Commission Congregational Feedback

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club—Rm 26; Venture Club—Rm B-8

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

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

Thursday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, March 4

3:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

March 6—Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Liz Schrag,

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

2-4 p.m. Come and go baby shower for Amy and John Tyson—Fell. Hall

Welcome to Rev. Eric Massanari, chaplain at Kidron Bethel Village as our preacher today. Eric was pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, prior to his current position. In addition to pastoring, Eric serves as a spiritual director. He is married to Yolanda Kaufman and they are parents of Noah.

Welcome home to Janet Stucky who has completed her nearly three-year service term with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin this month. She will share (briefly) next Sunday during worship and the Ministry Support Team will be arranging a time for her to share with her BCMC family. We thank God for her service and we warmly welcome her back to Kansas!

We offer sympathy to the family of Laura Flaming who died Feb. 22 at Kidron Bethel Village. Visitation with the family is Sat., Mar. 5, 6-8 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Memorial service is Sun., Mar. 6, 4 p.m. at Alexanderwohl followed by fasp.

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.

Living Stones II Task Force members are willing to talk with S.S. classes regarding the proposed projects. If your class is interested, contact Sondra Koontz, Richard Friesen, Annette Lamp, or John Waltner. The slide presentation from Wednesday supper is available on the BCMC website using the Participant Log In.

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! It's time to celebrate! Come to Wednesday night supper to wish Dr. Seuss a Happy Birthday. There will be a surprise guest joining us during the meal...! 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. 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 March 2

Number of people attending meal _____ Name _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

Cookbooks and Quilters Corner items can be left for donation beside the church mailboxes.

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

Quilt Sale Display will be next week! Set up at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 5, in the back of the sanctuary. Items are due to MCC on Monday, March 7.

MCC Comforter Blitz will be held March 7 (noon to 5p.m.); March 8 and 9 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) one mile north of Yoder. More information on church bulletin board. A big thank you for all of the wonderful comforter tops that have been submitted!

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 Committee continues its work of reviewing candidates, sermon videos, will meet next week, and is grateful for your prayers as the search moves forward. *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*

Nathan and Jill Kaufman invite you to an Open House celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary and Birthdays (Jill 65 and Nathan 50) Sat., Mar. 12 from 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A reminder that announcements for the bulletin need to be in by 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Announcements that come in after that time are not guaranteed placement in the bulletin.

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 on the pew in the south entrance.

Thank you to Mary Ann Boschmann and LaWanda Wiens for sharing their Amaryllis flowers last Sunday.



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Mar. 27. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source to be delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and return to offering plate or church office by Mar. 20. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or In honor of: _____