

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, a delegation of 13 North Americans are worshipping with a congregation in Benin, the Eternal Sacred Order of the Cherubim and Seraphim. Thank God for partnerships developed through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Christ's body to be strengthened through relationships deepened on this two-week fellowship visit.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for God's joy and blessing for Weldon Martens as he is installed today as pastor at Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

**This congregation:** Let us pray for college students--especially those who are seniors and facing major decisions about next steps in their lives. May God grant them wisdom and patience.

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](mailto: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 31 at BCMC:** Attendance 276. General Fund \$12,873.74; Living Stones \$660; Sr Hi Youth \$226; Caring Fund \$200; Wed. Supper (Feb. 3) \$915.



Bethel College Mennonite Church  
February 7, 2016

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Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

**Prelude** *My Lord, what a morning* Diener/Rinehart  
*When morning gilds the skies* Hopson  
Verlene Garber, organist  
**Introit** Chancel Choir  
**Call to worship / prayer** Susan Wheeler, worship leader  
**\*Hymn** *When morning gilds the skies* **HWB 644**  
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Children's conversation** *My coins count* Tom and Gayle Jackson  
**Scripture reading** Psalm 99  
The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned  
upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion; and is exalted over all the peoples.**  
Let them praise your great and wondrous name.

**Holy is the Lord!**

Mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

**You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at the Lord's footstool.

**Holy is the Lord!**

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was  
among those who called on God's name.

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them, who spoke to them  
in the pillar of cloud.**

They kept God's testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.

**Oh Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving  
God to them, but an avenger to their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at the holy mountain.

**Surely the Lord our God is holy!**

**Worship music** *Beati quorum via* McCarthy  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture readings** Exodus, 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

**Sermon** *God is with us* Ryne Preheim  
John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*Hymn** *Will you come and follow me* **STS 39**

**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** *Largo* Bach

**\*Dedication hymn** *Christ upon the mountain peak* **HWB 232**  
(vs. 1 and 4 only)

**\*Dedication prayer**

SENDING

**\*Hymn** *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**  
(a cappella)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response** Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude** *Be thou my vision* Wood

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**HWB** = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STJ** = *Sing the Journey*

**Beati quorum** (Psalm 119:1)

Beati quorum via integra est, Blessed are the undefiled in the way  
Qui ambulat in lege Domini. Who walk in the law of the Lord.

**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).

**Many thanks for the prayers, cards, and well wishes** after my recent  
hospitalization. We are so thankful for the gifts of friendships and relationships  
in our church community. I'm well on my way to recovery!

~ Elaine Prouty

**Missing library book** - *Mennonite and Nazi*, by John D. Thiesen is missing  
from our library. Please return it. An overdue fine will be forgiven. ~ *Library  
Committee.*

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** LaVonne Platt, Asbury  
Park Green House 1202, for rehab; Laura Flaming, a resident of Kidron  
Bethel, member of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, has been attending  
BCMC and participating in the Open Circle Sunday school class. She has  
been diagnosed with acute leukemia. Her phone number is 316-283-1397,  
email at lflaming31@cox.net; cards to 2906A Ivy Drive, North Newton, KS  
67117. Let us pray for Laura as she faces this diagnosis and treatment.

A survey from the Gifts Discernment Committee was placed in each mailbox. All BCMC participants (members or non-members) 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" was also placed in each mailbox to help log in to the appropriate section of the church website. Please complete the survey by Feb. 15.

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter** volunteer training is at the Homeless Shelter, 900 W Broadway, Bldg. #7, Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. Questions, 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.

**Artist reception for Stan Reimer** and *50 Years of Photography*, Thurs., Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m. outside the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Exhibit is up through Feb. 19; gallery hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays.

**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. Questions, contact alumni relations 866-437-7866.

**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 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 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!

**This is an invitation to join Mennonite Church USA staff**, Newton offices, 718 N Main St, to hear from Mennonite Mission Network workers Wes & Deb Bergen, Tues, Feb 9, 9-10 a.m. Wes and Deb have recently returned to Newton after serving with Mission Network for two years in Ghana, West Africa. Wes worked with Good News Theological College and Seminary, teaching many different Bible courses. Deb worked as consultant psychiatrist with the Mobile Member Care Team. Wes and Deb's home congregation is New Creation Fellowship, Newton.

**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. Traditional German Buffet 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.

**Today—February 7, 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students – Room 22
- Agape— Fellowship Hall—Potluck lunch
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*How to read and study the epistles of Paul*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*I am not ashamed: Studies in Romans*
- 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—Class members poetry and favorite quotes
- Sojourners—Chapel— The psychology of social media, Dr. Paul Lewis
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

**Noon** Sister Care Meeting—B7

**Monday, Feb. 8**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Pastor Search Committee—Rm B7

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

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

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 p.m.** Finance Committee—Rm 28

Library Committee—Rm 14

Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**

**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.** **Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary**

**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. 11**

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

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

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

## Saturday, Feb. 13

**8:00 a.m.** Mennonite Men's Breakfast-Harvest Table, Kidron Bethel followed by program in Menno Hall with Katherine Burkey Wiens of Newton. Kathy was an early childhood educator for 28 years, teaching both children and adults. She also offers workshops to help faith communities value and nurture children.

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Group Coffee-Mojo's, Bethel College campus

## Feb. 14—First Sunday in Lent

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with meditation by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Brent and Maggie Dungan; communion will be served

Deuteronomy 26:11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

### Spotlight on Senior High:

•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:

•**The Junior High Youth Group will be selling snacks for the annual Super Bowl Sunday snack fundraiser today following worship**

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

**BCMC Witness Commission** (Lois Preheim, chair; Dwight Platt, Margaret Goering, Charles Graber, Valetta Seymour) is calling for 2 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.

**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.

**Pastoral Search Committee Information Update:** The Pastoral Search Committee met this past week and reported to the Church Board. 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*

## It's Supper Time! Can one really make soup with a stone?

Come to Wednesday night supper to find out...! 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@bethelcollegemenonitechurch.org

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### Meal reservation(s) for Feb. 10

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**BCMC Education Scholarships.** BCMC holds a long tradition of supporting our young people who attend an accredited Mennonite college or university, and budgets \$1,000 for each educational scholarship. Because of our special relationship with Bethel College, we raise *an additional \$1,000* to support our students who choose to attend Bethel. Last year we raised \$4,000 at a Wednesday night supper to support our students at Bethel for 2015-16. This year, we must raise \$8,000 to support our Bethel scholars for 2016-17. Come to the Feb. 17 Wednesday Night Church Supper to enjoy fellowship around tables, hear our scholars share their experiences, AND donate to the BCMC Bethel College Scholarship Fund. – *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*



### 2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

• **Have your spare change ready! MY COINS COUNT begins today!** (formerly Pennypower) **Adults,** you will be given an opportunity to contribute loose change **today during the Children's Conversation.** Large bottles will be located in each adult Sunday school classroom every Sunday until April 3. Help us exceed last year's total of \$852.47! Watch the total grow on the poster in the Gathering Place.

A bottle of juice will be sent home today with each child during Sunday school. After they drink the juice, please wash and dry the bottle. Help your child collect coins in the bottle during the coming weeks, and bring the bottle back to Children's Story time on Sunday, April 3.

• **Looking for a gift idea?** MCC Bucks! If you would like to purchase a packet of \$1 gift certificates, contact one of your church liaisons. They come in a packet of ten, and can be used like cash at the sale.

• **Sale Bill Items** – If you have an auction item to be publicized in the Sale Bill, forms are available on the bulletin board by the office. Church liaisons are willing to deliver your item to the sale!

• **Service Opportunities** – Help is needed on the following committees – Bohne Beroggi Baking, New Years Cookies, Children's Activities, Pie and Ice Cream North Booth Meadowlark, Chair for Friday night FTM Table Waiters, FTM Checkers Chair, and Verenike Booth in Domestic Arts. Thank you BCMC for your support of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! Your church liaisons are *Ron & Carol Peters, Tom and Gayle Jackson, and John & Judy Kliewer.*