

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Arloa Bontrager, Del Hershberger, and Sharon Norton of Mennonite Mission Network as they spend the coming week with Journey International participants in Indonesia reflecting on their experience and strengthening the relationship with host church, *Jemaat Kristen Indonesia*.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's work through church plants in WDC (Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Camino Nuevo in Dallas, TX; Iglesia Camino de Santidad in Liberal; and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto in Wichita) and the support of their sister churches.

This congregation: Pray for Holy Week journeys--that we will follow Jesus in spirit and in truth. May God grant spiritual renewal and strength.

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

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Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

March 13 at BCMC: Attendance 239. General Fund \$5,488.50; Community Playschool \$559; Kitchen Fund \$30; Wed. supper \$24.10; *The Mennonite* \$37; Caring Fund \$100; Living Stones \$2,105; Flower Fund \$36; Frank Midkiff Memorial \$100.



Palm Sunday—March 20, 2016
Bethel College Mennonite Church

Palm Sunday

GATHERING – BELONGING

Prelude/Silent Meditation *O love that casts out fear* Bach
Prelude in classic style Young
Verlene Garber, organist

“The plot thickens!” The Passion Week begins with praise and “Hosanna” and then moves to “Crucify Him”! Like in the past, we find ourselves to be deeply complex characters within the covenant story. As Living Letters, as disciples of Jesus, how are we living in a watching world? What words do we speak this week?

Introit *Ride on, ride on in majesty!* Joel Raney
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, Director

Call to worship / prayer John Tyson, worship leader

***Hymn** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* **HWB 238**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation

Confessing and Reconciling

Call to prayer

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

Prayer (unison)

We confess that our motives, desires and passions have not been pure—we have not been living into the truth of your good news story. We confess we have acted in destructive ways rather than out of Your redeeming love. Help us find refuge in you. Forgive us, heal us and reconcile us, oh God, so that we may be the living letters of Your love. Amen.

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

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

Worship music *He shall feed his flock* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Chancel Bells

Scripture Luke 19:28–40 John Esau

Sermon *Standing in the parade* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *When we are tempted* **STS 81**

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 *O Savior blest* Bach

***Dedication hymn** *We give thee but thine own* **HWB 384**
(vs. 1 and 5)

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Ride on, ride on in majesty* **HWB 239**

***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 Kent Sheriff for the bulletin cover artwork this Palm Sunday.

The Congregational Meeting will be Apr. 24, 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary, following a potluck lunch in fellowship hall. The Senior High Youth group will provide desserts as a fundraiser. The Church Board asks committees, commissions or individuals to provide a written motion proposal for any topic for consideration by Mar. 27 so that the Church Board can plan an agenda at their Mar. 31 board meeting. Send proposals or motions to office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or to Jim Robb, jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com. ~ *Jim Robb, Moderator/Church Board Chair*

There will be a training Session for ushers on Mon., Apr. 28, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Issues include preparation for storm season, general practices for ushers, and practices related to individual and crisis situations. If you are an usher you will be getting an e-mail or telephone call with more details. Please place this meeting on your calendars. Thank You.
~ *Jim Robb, Moderator*

Pastoral Search Update. The Pastoral Search Committee will meet this next week to continue its work and discernment. Thank you for your continuing prayers. – *Rosalind Andreas, Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jonathan Zerger.*

- **Bethel College Concert Choir home concert**, Sun., March 27, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Bethel College forensics presents its “Night Before Nationals” preview**, Tues., March 29, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, rated PG-13 for some adult subject matter
- **Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble with guest artist Pat Bianchi and his Hammond B-3 organ**, Fri., Apr. 1, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Former BCMC pastor, Steve Yoder, received a heart pump which is a bridge to a projected heart transplant. He remains hospitalized. Send cards to Steve Yoder, J82-19, c/o Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195.

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

Camp Mennoscah’s Retirees Relaxation Retreat is Apr. 25-27. The brochure is available online at www.campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290.

The ripple effect of a traumatic event impacts communities in a number of ways. Join Prairie View, Inc. for a free educational event and hear from therapists about stress responses and recovery. Discover how the ripple effect may be affecting you and others. No registration required. Tues., Mar. 22, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. @ Salem United Methodist Church, 115 Old Main St., Newton.

Peace Connections and Hesston College will present a Poverty Simulation Mon., Mar. 28, 6:30-9 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., sponsored by the Hesston Community Foundation. Free to the public. This role play enables the participant to experience the everyday struggles faced by families living in poverty. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Peace Connections info@peaceconnections.org or 316-284-0000.

Hesston College Theatre will present the musical drama *Working*, Apr. 1 and 2 and April 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., and April 3 and 10 at 2:30 p.m. See more details on church bulletin board.

Job Opening: Offender/Victim Ministries in Newton is hiring for a half-time Administrative Assistant. For full job description or to submit resumes contact Libby Schrag at libby@offendervictimministries.org.

Old hymnals and song books, including blue *The Mennonite Hymnary*, the brown *The Mennonite Hymnal*, *The Youth Hymnary*, and *Songbook 77* are available for you to take from a pew in the back of the sanctuary. Take as many copies as you like. Any that remain will be recycled to clear room in a storage area. Old metal folding chairs are also available. Go to the *Participant Log In* on the BCMC website to see several available old electric typewriters.

This Week at BCMC: March 20-March 27, 2016

Today—March 20, 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!

- All children – Pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall
- Junior High students (6–8th grade) – Pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall
- Senior High students—Pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall
- Families of children & youth— Pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14— Lectionary Texts for Palm Sunday
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Mexican Politics*, Christopher Eitzen
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- 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 Theology of James Cone with John Tyson
- Sojourners—Chapel—*What I’ve learned from Kidron Bethel residents*, Eric Massanari
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

1:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
6:00 p.m. Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania IBA Benefit Meal—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Staff Worship Planning—Rm 14
4:00 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14
6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)
7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—B7
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, March 24

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline
2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service—Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 25—Good Friday

8:00 a.m. Catacombs Sunday School Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Community Good Friday service sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance, First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton

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March 27—Easter—Worship at 10 a.m.

7:15 a.m. Sunrise gathering at Hank, Elaine and Austin Prouty's farm, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton; Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and food (coffeecake, rolls, cheese or fruit) to share for breakfast; beverages and table service provided. (In case of inclement weather, the gathering will be cancelled.)

9:45 a.m. Organ prelude by Verlene Garber

10:00 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir and a brass ensemble; Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18; No Sunday school

Holy Week Events

~ **Maundy Thursday** service – March 24, 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Informal, intergenerational "Lord's supper" with music, readings and ending with Tenebrae ("shadows") service. Offering for Deacons' Caring Fund

~ **Good Friday** service, sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance – March 25, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton

~ **Easter Sunday**: 7:15 a.m. Sunrise Gathering at Prouty's farm, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton -- bring breakfast items to share; Worship at 10 a.m. with Chancel Choir and Brass ensemble; no Sunday School

Interim pastor, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, will conclude her service May 31. The Church Board has appointed an interim pastor search committee (Ron Preheim, chair, Lois Brubacher, Sandy Zerger) which will work with Western District Conference liaison, Clarence Rempel.

Adult Sunday school option especially for those not currently in a BCMC class, but it is open to all. Join in a four-session discussion of *The Naked Anabaptist* by Stuart Murray facilitated by Dorothy Nickel Friesen. Sessions are April 3, 10, 17, 24 and meet in the front of the sanctuary near the piano. Books are available at Faith and Life Bookstore at a discounted rate of \$13.02--toll cashier you are part of BCMC class.

The 2015 Pictorial Directories have been distributed to church mailboxes of those whose portraits are included. Sorry, but there are no extra copies! Thank you to the congregation for your patience in this process. There are two copies of the pictorial in the library for reference.

~ *Hospitality Commission*

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is requesting gently used or new Bibles (any translation) so they may be given to residents on Easter Sunday (and following). Donated Bibles should be put on back pew or taken directly to 900 West Broadway, Building 7 (Youthville campus).

The Witness Commission is hosting a benefit dinner for Anabaptist courses for Casa Betania on Tues., Mar. 22. If you cannot attend, your contribution will be appreciated. Checks should be made out to Mennonite Education Agency; in the memo line: Casa Betania scholarships.



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sun., Mar. 27. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and place in offering plate or church office **by today**. 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: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

PLEASE HELP! BCMC has been asked to provide 6 table waiters to work Sat., Apr. 9, from noon to 2:30 at Feeding the Multitude.

Other volunteer opportunities: Children's activities; Plants and Things; Cooking venenike; Quilt auction; New year's cookies, Ten Thousand Villages. Stop by the table under the balcony and sign up.

Let's Bake! We need pies, zweibach, and bread, peppernuts, noodles, and poppyseed rolls. Also needed is 36 dozen cookies for Thurs., Mar. 31, when BCMC hosts the Kansas Relief Sale Meeting.

Let the liaisons know if you want us to pick up some MCC bucks. These \$10 packets work as cash at the sale, and make great gifts for everybody.

What is the total of My Coins Count? Check out our g-r-o-w-i-n-g numbers in the Gathering Place! We need more quarters to fill our tower!

March 26 is the deadline to sign up for the **Walk, Jog, or Run for Relief**. Line up some sponsors and raise \$\$\$ for MCC! Sign up forms are on window ledge by the church mailboxes.

Questions? Call your MCC Liaisons Ron and Carol Peters (283-4232), Tom and Gayle Jackson (284-2379), and John and Judy Kliewer (284-9985).

An informative Living Stones II slide presentation is available on the BCMC website using the Participant Log In. Remember to return your Living Stones II and columbarium survey to the box in the Gathering Place today. In order for the congregation to make decisions about BCMC's future your response is necessary. Thank you!

Thank you to our church family for all the cards, food, prayers and support you have given me after Frank's sudden passing. I appreciate it greatly. Also, a huge thank you to those serving lunch to my large extended family prior to the memorial service and the reception following. ~ *Emmy Midkiff & children*

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy regarding my brother, Vern Dreier's, death. ~ *Deane Frey*