

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons, Jacob and John-Clair, as they begin an assignment in South Africa, working with Oscar Siwali, director of Southern Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency, for their adjustment and their work with peace education and conflict transformation.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC participants Anita Kehr, Heidi Regier Kreider, Jonathan Wenger, and others on a "Come and See" learning tour to Israel/Palestine Apr. 1-13 sponsored by Mennonite Church USA.

**This congregation:** Thank God for new life, new hope, new commitments. May we, as Easter people, become "Living Letters" testifying to the world of the Good News.

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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Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

Notary public service is available in the church office.

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

**March 20 at BCMC:** Attendance 292. General Fund \$8,570.61; Living Stones \$2,195; Transfer-General \$850; *The Mennonite* \$37; Caring Fund \$50; Flower Fund \$96; Frank Midkiff Memorial \$50.



Easter Sunday—March 27, 2016  
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**March 27, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

**GATHERING – BELONGING**

*After the season of waiting, of reflecting and of examining our lives as “Living Letters”, we join today as people of God ready to begin a new chapter! All the pages and chapters of our lives find their place within God’s grand covenant narrative—a narrative that culminates in a powerful, glorious good news story in which the author has redeemed, is redeeming and will redeem us and the world forever!*

**Prelude** *Gather us in* Behnke  
*Sacrifice and Splendor* McDonald  
Verlene Garber, organist  
*Easter Anthem* Billings; arr. Wernick  
Brass Ensemble

**Introit** *This joyful Eastertide* Wolff  
Chancel Choir, William Eash, director

**Call to worship / prayer** Esther Kreider Eash, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *Christ the Lord is risen today* **HWB 280**  
(verse 4 in unison)  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD - BELIEVING**

**Children’s conversation** Carol Flickinger

**Scripture Litany** Psalm 118 (selections)  
O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, “God’s steadfast love endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous;**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

**The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord disciplined me severely, but did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Worship music** *Love is come again* Bixel  
Chancel Choir  
**Scripture** John 20:1-18 Loretta Baumgartner  
**Sermon** *Easter surprises* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

**RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING**

**\*Hymn** *The risen Christ* **STS 101**

**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** *Tantum Ergo* Faure; arr. Hirschman  
*Virga Jesse* Bruckner; arr. Levesque  
Brass Ensemble

People with March birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring Hymnal)

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God from whom* **HWB 119**  
(A & B)

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING – AND BLESSING**

**\*Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King* **HWB 48**  
Chancel Choir  
(Congregation joins choir for verse 7 only)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Alleluia Amen* Handel; arr. Levesque  
Brass Ensemble

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**Coming soon:** Your church retreat registration form, schedule, and other information! **The church retreat is April 30 - May 1 at Camp MennoScah.**

**Thank you to the more than 100 persons** who returned their Living Stones II/Columbarium surveys. The return box will be in the Gathering Place for another week for those still needing to fill out the survey. The Task Force will compile responses and present information at the Apr. 24 congregational meeting.

**Bethel College Concert Choir home concert, today, 7 p.m.,** Memorial Hall  
**Bethel College forensics presents its “Night Before Nationals” preview, Tues., March 29, 7 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium

**Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble with guest Pat Bianchi, Apr. 1, 7:30 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium.

**Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, Sat., April 2, 7:30 a.m.** starting in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

**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. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Peace Connections info@peaceconnections.org or 316-284-0000.

**Thank you to the Witness Commission** for hosting the fundraiser dinner for scholarships for Casa Betania members to take Instituto Biblico Anabaptista courses with Pastor Jaime Cazares. Over \$2800 was raised with a goal of \$3200. If you would like to contribute, please make checks to "Mennonite Education Agency" and put "Casa Betania IBA" in the memo line.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop seeks full-time general manager,** available May 16, 2016. Responsibilities include office administration, store promotion, supervision of large volunteer and staff team. Retail experience helpful. Application deadline: April 15. Contact: katherineclaassen@hotmail.com.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** is sponsoring a bus tour, Sat., Apr. 30. Contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association’s annual meeting is** April 3, 2:30 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson, with speaker John McCabe Juhnke. All are welcome.

**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.

**Community Playschool Annual Corporation Meeting is** Mon., Apr. 11, 6 p.m. Room 14 at BCMC. This will be followed by the Playschool 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at 7 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall—join the party! BCMC is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**French organist Pierre Queval** will give a recital on the Andover Organ, Mar. 29, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Free and open to the public

## This Week at BCMC: March 27-April 3, 2016

**Today—March 27, 2016—Happy Easter! No Sunday school today**

**Monday, March 28**

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

**4:15 p.m.** Governance Committee—Rm 14

**5:15 p.m.** Living Stones II Task Force—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Ushers Meeting—Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 29**

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

**3:30 p.m.** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

**6:30 p.m.** Lead Pastor Search Committee—Rm 14

**Wednesday, March 30**

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

**12:00 p.m.** Office Staff Lunch—Rm 14

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)  
Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

**7:15 p.m.** Menno Ringers—B7

**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 31**

**10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline

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

**5:30 p.m.** Church Board—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm 14  
MCC Relief Sale Committee Meeting—Fellowship Hall

**Friday, April 1**

**11:00 a.m.** Memorial Service for Walter Jost—Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 3**—Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Junior Choir and Chancel Choir; reception of new members; the conclusion of “My Coins Count”

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**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.

**For BCMC Ushers: There will be a training Session for ushers on** Mon., Mar. 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. ~ *Jim Robb, Moderator*

**We offer sympathy to** Gayle and Tom and Brett and Nick Jackson on the death of Gayle’s brother, Keith Alberding, March 18, Lawrence, KS. A celebration of life will be Apr. 2 at Midnight Farm, Baldwin City, KS.

**This Easter Sunday we thank the following:**

- **Brass ensemble members:** Connor Born, trumpet; Alec Loganbill, trumpet; Rebecca Schrag, horn; Billie Selichnow, trombone; Andrew Thiesen, trombone. Also, the members of the BCMC Chancel Choir!
- **Robert Regier** for the bulletin cover artwork. It is a detail from a design for an Easter banner created for First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS. "The lily, a familiar Easter symbol is solidly rooted in the earth, its early springtime budding followed by its fully flowering reminds us of new life and hope—the heart of the Easter message." (from *First Mennonite Ch. brochure*)
- **Kent Sheriff** for his artwork on display on the west entrance bulletin board for Eastertide.

**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. If you have a written motion proposal for any topic for consideration for the agenda, it is needed by today so that the Church Board can plan the agenda at their Mar. 31 board meeting. Send proposals or motions to office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or to jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com. ~ *Jim Robb, Moderator/Church Board Chair*

**Women and Girl's Spring Fling** will be Tues., Apr. 19, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Theme: **Spark! Creativity with Hats.** Come for a fun time with Carol Flickinger, Lois Brubacher and others. Decorate a hat or wear some head covering even if it is a doily or ball cap. Menu: Build your own taco salad. Cost: \$8 adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. **Reservations are due by April 11** to Nancy Hilty, WF Treasurer, 316-804-4376 or nhilty@cox.net, or a note in Nancy's church box.



**2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9**  
**Hey kids: Got those juice bottles filled for My Coins**  
**Count.** Sunday, April 3, 2016 we will collect them during the morning service offering. Be sure to bring them and we will celebrate your contributions with a special parade!  
**Wanted—zweibach and pie bakers!** Please sign up at the table under the church balcony and pick up your pie tins and plastic bags today!  
**Is it time to clean out your cookbook shelf?** We are willing to deliver used cookbooks to the MCC Sale. Leave them beside the church mailboxes.  
**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 needs are helping with New Year's Cookies, Children's Activities, Plants and Things, the Quilt Auction, or Ten Thousand Villages. Also an option, making verenike in Hillsboro on April 5, in preparation for the sale.  
**MCC Bucks are** \$10 packets which work as cash at the sale, and make great gifts. Let us know by March 31 if you would like to purchase some bucks.  
**Questions?** Call your MCC Liaisons Ron and Carol Peters (283-4232), Tom and Gayle Jackson (284-2379), and John and Judy Kliewer (284-9985).

**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).

*Easter lilies are shared by the following people:*

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