

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber of Mennonite Mission Network teach and mentor students at LCC International University in Lithuania. Throughout the winter, Josh has battled bronchitis. Pray for renewed energy for Josh and for the health of Alisha and their first child expected in May.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's strength and peace for families, congregations, pastors and community leaders in the Hesston/Newton area as they continue to respond to the recent shootings.

This congregation: Pray for the Church Board of BCMC as it develops plans for both the physical structure of our building and for the discernment of critical issues facing the congregation. May God's Spirit provide wisdom and may the people provide a generous spirit.

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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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

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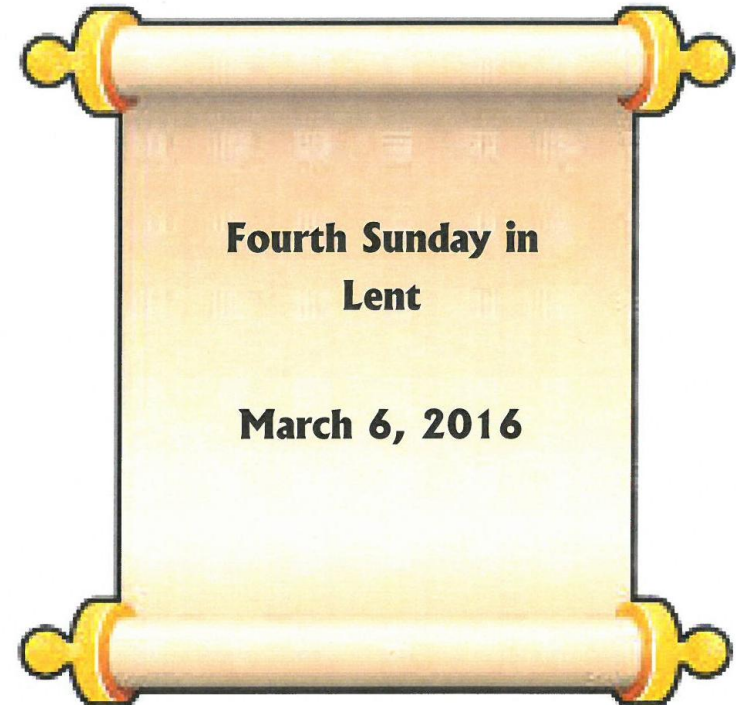
Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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 28 at BCMC: Attendance 272. General Fund \$2,619.48; Living Stones \$2,405; Flower Fund \$24; BC Scholarship Fund \$50; Wed. Supper \$467.10.



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March 6, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Lent 4 – LIVING LETTERS
GATHERING - BELONGING

Prelude/ Silent Meditation *Liebster Jesu, wir sind heir* Walther
Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten Bach
Adagio in A minor Bach
Karen Schlabaugh, organist

As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to return to the open arms of Christ and his ways and to experience the good news of reconciliation. Where am I ready to start over in my life?

Introit *Wonderful, merciful Savior* Wyse and Thomas
Bethany Schrag, soloist

Call to worship and prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader

***Hymn** *My life flows on* (a cappella) **HWB 580**
(children come forward during hymn)

Children's conversation John Tyson
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)

Loving God, we gather this morning seeking to turn over a new leaf. We confess that we have not done what we ought to have done. We are sorry. As we listen for your words to us, may we come with humble hearts and trust in your abundant love—a love that welcomes all who turn to you. Amen.

Response hymn *Kyrie eleison* **HWB 144**
The Lord's Prayer – unison (using "sins")

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD -- BELIEVING

Worship music *Konzert Für Fagott und Orchestèr, KV 191 (186e)*
Movement 2 Mozart
Elizabeth Schrag, bassoon

Scripture reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Senior High students

Sermon *The politics of love* John Tyson
***Hymn of response** *Whatsoever you do* **STS 52**
(vs. 1-4, 6)

Kingdom Report Janet Stucky
Prayer of God's people

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 *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* Buxtehude
***Dedication hymn** *What wondrous love is this* **HWB 530**
(v. 4 only)
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING AND BLESSING

***Hymn** *Love divine, all loves excelling* **HWB 592**
***Benediction**
***Benediction response** Bethany Schrag, soloist
***Postlude** *Allegro* Bach
*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).

You are invited to the "come and go" baby shower for the Tyson family **today, 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.

The Deacon Commission invites those who are interested in membership in BCMC to come to an orientation session **today Mar. 6, during the Sunday school hour.** Meet with Pastor Dorothy Nickel Friesen in the front of the sanctuary near the piano.

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.

The expressions of love and concern in the form of cards, visits, prayers, and gifts of food during LaVonne's recent hospitalization and rehabilitation are deeply appreciated by Dwight and LaVonne Platt and family. LaVonne came home on March 2 and is doing much better. ~ *Dwight Platt*

Pastoral Search Update. We met Monday and made a report to the Church Board on Thursday. We have communicated with candidates to let them know that one of our members, Jon Zerger, has been working non-stop since the Hesston tragedy, and they understand our need for brief delay. We ask for special prayers for Jon at this most difficult time. ~ *Rosalind Andreas for the Committee*

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

Friends of the MLA presentation: Rachel Waltner Goossen, *Mennonite Women Challenge John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse*, Mar. 8, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium

Volunteer training for Harvey County Homeless Shelter Mar. 8, 6:30 p.m., 900 W Broadway, Building #7. Meet the Volunteer Coordinator and learn the volunteer opportunities available. If interested in being a volunteer, contact Valetta Seymour: vmseymour@mtelco.net, or 620-345-2733.

Bethel College spring opera, *Iphigenia in Tauris* by Christoph Gluck (not Bizet's *Carmen*) Fri., March 11, 7:30 p.m. (not 7 p.m. as appears on printed calendars); and Sun., March 13, 3 p.m. (not 2 p.m.). Krehbiel Auditorium; tickets on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center.

Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I and II, Mon., March 14, 7 p.m., *Mojo's* Coffee Shop

Western District Conference/South Central Conference Women's Spring Supper will be at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, Mar. 17, 6 p.m. Reservations needed by Mar. 10: (Angie, Hesston College), 620-327-8201 or ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com. Meal (ham, potatoes, & more), \$10 payable at the door. Car pooling, contact Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342.

A fundraiser dinner to support scholarships for Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania members participating in IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) classes will be Tues., Mar. 22, 6 p.m. (**Note change of date.**) at BCMC. 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. If you plan to attend, RSVP by Mar. 14 to Margaret Goering at mrgoering@outlook.com or 316-283-5034.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is sponsoring a bus tour, Sat., Apr. 30, throughout the area featuring 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.

Camp Mennoscah Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 11-12 (The dam will be put in on Saturday afternoon!) Registrations accepted until full. Scholarships available. Register online or call 620-297-3290

Submit your ideas for the Camp Mennoscah tee shirt design and send it to the camp by March 15. Call 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

This Week at BCMC: March 6-March 13, 2016

Today—March 6, 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 4 w/ Peter Goerzen
 - Circle of Grace Teachers—Fellowship Hall—Orientation
 - Agape—Fellowship Hall—Discussion with Dale Schrag
 - Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Lent
 - Catacombs—Rm B-5—*10 years of living and teaching overseas*; Francis and Margaret Toews
 - 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
- 2-4 p.m.** Come and go baby shower for Amy and John Tyson—Fell. Hall

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14; Finance Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, March 9

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** in Fellowship Hall—**Janet Stucky** will report and share slides from her service term in Benin, West Africa. Her time in Kansas is limited and we want to welcome her home and hear about her work as a nutrition and dietitian in Cotonou.

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, March 10

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

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

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Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Mennonite Men—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table (breakfast is \$4 per person) At 8:30 Judy Friesen will present her thoughts and reflections *From MCC Assignment to Meaningful Work Stateside*. Men and women are invited to hear about Judy's past work in Brazil (with husband Mel) and current involvement with children in Hesston.

8:00 a.m. Youthful Men's Group Coffee—Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

2-4 p.m. Nathan and Jill Kaufman 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration—Fellowship Hall

March 13—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Daylight savings time begins—Spring forward one hour!

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Karen Andres; music by Chancel Choir and Junior Choir; Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14;

John 12:1-8. **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time; **10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

We offer sympathy to Donovan and Douglas Schmidt and families and Susan and Keith Rhoades on the death of BCMC member Gerald Schmidt, Hilton Head, SC, Feb. 7. Inurnment will be at the BCMC Columbarium at a later date.

We offer sympathy to the family of Laura Flaming who died Feb. 22 at Kidron Bethel Village. Laura's memorial service is today, 4 p.m., Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

We offer sympathy to Joyce and Marvin Holck on the death of Joyce's aunt, Lorene Goering, Feb. 24, Pine Village, Moundridge. Lorene's memorial service was Feb. 29 at Eden Mennonite Church.

We offer sympathy to Mary Sue and Mel Voth on the death of Mary Sue's nephew, Brian E. Sadowsky, Feb. 25. Brian's memorial service was Mar. 4 at First Mennonite Church, Newton.

We offer sympathy to Helen Barga on the death of her sister-in-law, Myrta G. Bartel, Feb. 27 at Kidron Bethel. Myrta's memorial service was Mar. 2 at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro.

We offer sympathy to John and Rachel Pannabecker on the death of John's mother, Wanda Pannabecker, Feb. 28, Bluffton, OH. Wanda's memorial service was Mar. 5 at the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton.

Thank you to Mildred Voran for sharing her Amaryllis flower last Sunday.



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 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: _____



It's Supper Time! Dragons love tacos! Come to Wednesday night supper and find out what happens when dragons eat spicy salsa...! 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.



Meal reservation(s) for March 9

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

Quilt display today in the back of the sanctuary. These quilts were made by BCMC women and will be sold at the MCC Relief Sale Quilt Auction Sat., Apr. 9. Quilts are due into MCC tomorrow, Mar. 7.

Tenth Annual Comforter Blitz begins tomorrow, Mar. 7 (noon-5) and continues Mar. 8 and 9 (9-5). If you can tie a knot, pin a hem, machine stitch a hem, or hand quilt, come to Yoder! More information on the church bulletin board or see Carol Peters.

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!

Time to plant seeds or divide and transplant! Start early so that plants are well rooted for Plants and Things. Package bulbs ready to sell with plant name, size, color, variety, and # in bag marked. Pictures are helpful. Garden décor and planter boxes are also accepted in this area.

Walk, Jog, or Run for Relief will be 8 a.m. Sat., Apr. 9. Line up some sponsors and raise \$\$\$ for MCC! Sign up forms are on window ledge by the church mailboxes. Return by March 26!

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

Living Stones II Task Force members are willing to talk with S.S. classes regarding the proposed projects. If interested, contact Sondra Koontz, Richard Friesen, Annette Lamp, or John Waltner. A 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 by March 20. In order for the congregation to make decisions about BCMC's future, your response is necessary. Thank you!

Join MC USA staff at 718 N Main St, Newton to hear from Mennonite Mission Network worker **Janet Stucky** Tues., Mar. 8, from 9:30-10:30 am. Janet recently returned from spending 2 years in Benin, West Africa as a Mission Network International Worker.