

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network's all-staff gathering begins tomorrow through Thursday. Pray for safe travel to and from Wichita, an openness to the leading of God's Spirit – for wise discernment in discussions and decisions – and for an atmosphere of collaboration.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for members of the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week to continue their work of sustaining transformational pastors in WDC.

**This congregation:** We thank God for inter-generational opportunities at BCMC: worship in the sanctuary; choir anthems; the upcoming Church Retreat; child-care in the nursery; potlucks; service projects.

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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**Custodian:** Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

**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

**April 3 at BCMC:** Attendance 254. General Fund \$16,822.50; Living Stones \$2,415; Flower fund \$12.



April 10, 2016

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**April 10, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**GATHERING - BELONGING**

**Prelude** *Celebrate with joy* Dobrinski  
*Steal away* arr. Eithun  
*Great is Thy faithfulness* arr. Moglebust  
Chancel Bells, Vada Snider, Director  
Karen Loucks, pianist

**Introit** *Grace before sleep* LaBarr  
**Woven**

**Call to worship / prayer** Susan Wheeler, worship leader  
**\*Hymn** *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* **HWB 264**  
(children come forward during hymn)

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

**Children’s conversation** John Tyson  
**Worship music** *Jabula Jesu* Hatfield  
*Threaded with stars* LeBarr  
**Woven**

**Kingdom Report** Church Retreat Committee – Adam Robb  
**Worship music** *Shto* traditional  
*Nothin’ gonna stumble* Gilpin/Parker  
**Woven**

**Scripture** John 21:1-19 Karen Penner  
**Sermon** *Because of wonder* John Tyson

**RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING**

**\*Hymn** *Tu’ has venido a la orilla*  
*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore* **HWB 229**  
(Sing in Spanish or English – all verses)

**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** *Will the circle be unbroken* arr. Moore  
**Woven**

**\*Dedication hymn** *Alleluia* (sing twice) **STS 87**

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING AND BLESSING**

**\*Hymn** *Sing with all the saints in glory* **STS 92**

**\*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).

**Welcome and thank you to the** Bethel College a cappella group, “Woven” this morning. Members of Woven are: Mareike Bergen, Stephanie Brown, DrewAnne Gatlin, Lisa Goering, Michelle Peachey, Erin Regier, Abby Schrag, Rebecca Schrag, Kylee Schunn, Jill Siebert.

**The Spring Congregational Meeting will be Apr. 24**, in the sanctuary, at 12:45 after a potluck lunch. The Senior High Youth group will provide desserts as a fundraiser. There will be election of officers and church board members. Others items to be discussed: the front entrance and the columbarium; a recommendation from the Deacons; a recommendation regarding Pastor Susan Wheeler’s term; an amendment to the bylaws dealing with Section One of the Board Handbook, By-law 2, Sec. A. The proposed amendment follows: *If the Gifts Discernment Committee is not able to discern an officer in time for the annual congregational meeting in April, the Church Board may develop and implement alternatives to ensure the smooth functioning of the congregation until the April congregational meeting of the following year.*

**We thank 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 Church brochure*) and **Kent Sheriff** for his artwork on display on the west entrance bulletin board for Eastertide.

**Church retreat registration form, schedule**, and other information was in your mailboxes. Extra copies are in the literature racks in the foyer. **The church retreat is April 30 - May 1 at Camp Mennoscah.** Drop your completed forms in the box on the windowsill in the Gathering Place. Checks should be made to BCMC with "Retreat" in memo line.

A small brown desk is no longer needed in the library. A donation for it would be accepted and appreciated. ~ *Library Committee*

**Delegates needed for the Western District Conference annual assembly** to be held on the Bethel College campus July 29 and 30. If you are interested in serving as a BCMC delegate, please inform Vern Preheim, chair of the Gifts Discernment Committee by April 15; 316-283-4018; vpreheim3527@gmail.com. BCMC is eligible for 15 delegates

#### **Upcoming Bethel College Events:**

- ***Hymns of Spring***, concert by Donna Hetrick on Kauffman Museum's Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen organ, today, April 10, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium
- **Braden Unruh senior trumpet recital**, today, April 10 4 p.m., Bethel College Administration Building chapel. Accompanying him will be Karen Unruh (piano and organ) and Kyle Unruh (trumpet). The recital is free and open to the public. A reception in The Meeting Place on the ground level of the Administration Building will follow.
- **Liz Schrag senior bassoon recital**, Sat., April 16, 7 p.m., Bethel College Administration Building chapel
- **Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert**, Sun., April 17, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

**Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info:** 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org

- **Men and Boys retreat is April 15-17.** All ages are welcome Fri. with registration beginning at 9 a.m., Sat. Bring your own food, and/or meals (Sat. supper through Sun. lunch) are available for purchase. No preregistration needed. Questions contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or kevinneufeld2@gmail.com.
- **The Camp Board of Directors** invites all to a fundraising meal for the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation Apr. 23, 5:30 p.m. in the camp dining hall. Renovation plans will be available to preview and meet Jerry Kroeker, the new executive director. RSVP by Apr. 15 to 620-297-9014 or office@campmennoscah.org.
- **Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is Apr. 25-27. The brochure is available online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)

**The Mennonite Central Committee Central States Material Resource Center** is getting a makeover! Volunteers are needed to help rework the space starting Apr. 11. If interested in helping, call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 or email Irma at [irmagonzalez@mcc.org](mailto:irmagonzalez@mcc.org).

**Friends and former clients are invited** to a retirement celebration honoring Gary Rediger, Apr. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Dyck Arboretum Visitor Center, 177 W. Hickory St., Hesston. Well wishes welcome but no gifts please!

## This Week at BCMC: April 10-April 17, 2016

### Today—April 10, 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<sup>th</sup> grade in B8; 5<sup>th</sup> grade in B6: Circle of Grace
- Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26: Circle of Grace
- Senior High students – Room 22: Circle of Grace
- Elective—Study of the book *The Naked Anabaptist*—Sanctuary
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—Conversation with Dale Schrag
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Easter Season
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*40+ years at Bethel College*, John Sheriff
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Bart Ehrman cd—*After Jesus' Death*
- 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—*Alexanderwohl and the Great War*, Jim Juhnke

**5-7 p.m.** Visitation with Robert E. Unruh Family—Kidron Bethel Menno Hall

### Monday, April 11

**11:00 a.m.** Memorial service for Robert E. Unruh—Sanctuary

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

**7:00 p.m. Community Playschool 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration—Join the Party!** —Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 12

**11:00 a.m.** Memorial service for Naomi Krehbiel—Sanctuary

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

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall; Finance Comm.—B7  
Library Committee—Rm 14; Worship Commission—Rm 23

### Wednesday, April 13

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

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

**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 **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

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

### Thursday, April 14

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

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

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Fellowship Executive Board—Rm 14

### Saturday, April 16

**8:00 a.m.** Mennonite Men—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table; program follows

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**Sunday, April 17**—Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir

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**We offer sympathy** to Bonnie Schrag on the death of her brother, J.C. Kennedy, who died on April 4 in Lakewood, CA.

**We offer sympathy** to Kathryn Stucky and Jack Brubacher and family on the death of their sister, Naomi Krehbiel. Naomi died Apr. 6 at Kidron Bethel Village. Her memorial service will be Apr. 12, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

**There will be a visitation with the Robert E. Unruh family** at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall today, Apr. 10 from 5 - 7 p.m.

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Roland Schmidt has moved to Kidron Bethel Health Care, Room 36W; Martha Graber is at the Schowalter Villa Progressive Rehabilitation Academy

**Thank you to our church community** for the many ways you've given support and caring to us both before and after Walt's death. You have helped bring comfort in this time of our grief. ~ *Mary Ann, Scott, and Lora Jost and family*

**For Mennonite Men, Apr. 16,** 8:30 a.m. at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall, Dwight Platt will speak on "Vinoba Bhave and the Land Reform Movement in India in the 1950's and 1960's". Bhave inspired a powerful movement in which people voluntarily gifted land so others could live." Breakfast is at 8 a.m.; program at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

#### **LIVING STONES II UPDATE:**

- Look for markings on BCMC's main entrance. See how wide a new level entry would be and note the angle of the entry slope toward the sidewalk.
- Living Stones II survey responses will be accepted until April 24.

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

**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 "People on the Street Interviews" featuring girls, mothers, and grandmothers. 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.

#### **Email addresses for pastoral and office staff have changed to:**

bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Please use the new emails listed on the back page of the bulletin. (Old email addresses will be phased out.)

**Farewell to Janet Stucky** as she completes her term with Mennonite Mission Network and leaves for visits with her family in California and Minnesota. In June, she begins orientation in Texas with Mercy Ships for one year. She will be the dietician aboard a Mercy Ship, docked in Cotonou, Benin beginning in August. Correspondence: jhstucky@gmail.com.

**The Western District Conference Reference Council** will be Apr. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Panel discussion, storytelling, table conversations and more - how can rural and urban congregations learn from one another as partners in God's mission? Refreshments and lunch provided. Everyone is invited! Please RSVP by April 14 to: 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org. Let us know if you want to carpool.

#### **Pastoral Search Update.**

The Pastoral Search Committee has narrowed the field of candidates and continues its discernment. Thank you for your continuing prayers at this important phase. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jonathan Zerger.*

**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.

**Congratulations kids and adults!** Thank you to everyone who "pitched in" on collecting coins for MCC MY COINS COUNT – this year. Our GRAND total was \$1,168.84.!!! In addition, our adult Sunday School classes donated almost \$4000 to help cover sale expenses. Our church hosted almost 200 volunteers at the March 31 area-wide MCC Sale General meeting. THANK YOU to Pastor John for giving a meaningful meditation, and to Mike Crawford for the set-up of tables and chairs. We also thank Monica Lichti for her assistance with bulletin announcements, church-wide e-mails, tracking of My Coins Count funds; and to Karen and Larry Penner for help on adult Sunday School donations. THANK YOU, BCMC MEMBERS, for all of the zweibach, pies, cookies, quilts, wood crafts, auction items and live plants donated or for working at the Kansas MCC Relief Sale. Proceeds of this sale benefit relief, development, and peace programs of Mennonite Central Committee. *From Ron and Carol Peters, Tom and Gayle Jackson, John and Judy Kliewer.*

**More free items are available** as a result of cleaning out a storage area. Hymnals in the back of the sanctuary prove 606 was once 606. Other odds and ends are also available. Go to Participant Log In on the website and click on Help Yourself to view other items and to help separate the wheat from the chaff.