

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for all who gather this Saturday, April 23, for WDC Reference Council, "*Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Rural Context*" at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE.

**This congregation:** Pray for families as they juggle school, sports, music and church schedules. Pray for wise teachers, mentors, and coaches who will instill healthy patterns of relationships and that the congregation will support parents in their faithful living.

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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Home phone 281-9364, office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

**Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:** Susan Wheeler

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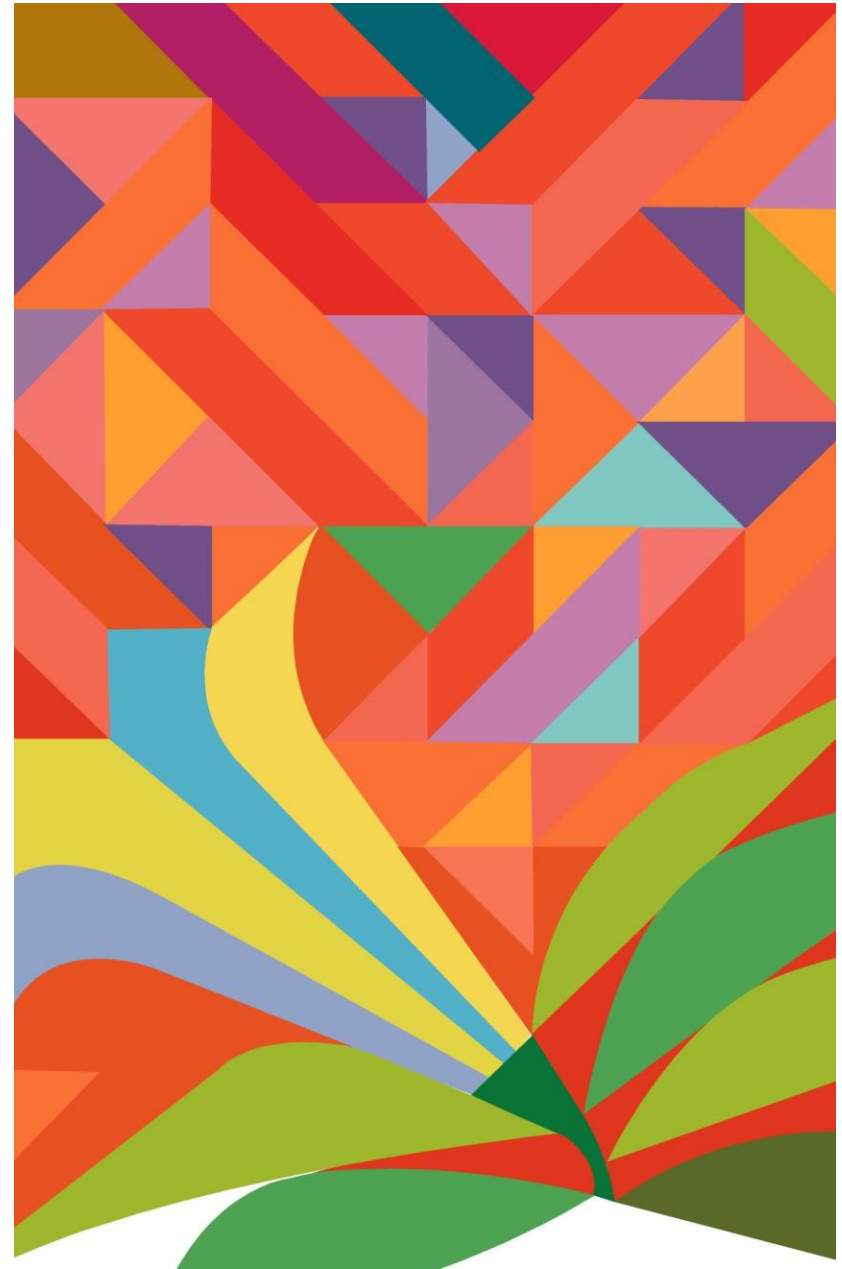
**Custodian:** Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

**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



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

- **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 to 620-297-3014 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)
- **Summer youth camps are a perfect summer activity** to share with friends, with the theme *Fearless Faith: Courage in Community*. Bring a friend for a free tee shirt! Scholarships for summer youth camps are available. Early Registration discount ends May 1. Use contact info above to register.

**Each day this week there will be lots to do in the Mennonite Central Committee Workroom** in North Newton - blankets and comforters to fold and bale, kits to assemble and prepare for shipment and more! Call to schedule a time with Irma or come in and share your time and talents with MCC. The workroom is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Specific urgent needs at MCC:** Not only do we need your help inside the MCC workroom, we also need the following items so we can pack and ship complete MCC kits: Adult-size toothbrushes (either individual or in 4-packs) 12 colored pencils (in packaging); Shampoo (13-24 oz. size bottles); Wide-tooth combs (6-8 inches); Fingernail clippers. Bring items to the MCC Center at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Questions? Call 316-283-2720 or email [irmagonzalez@mcc.org](mailto:irmagonzalez@mcc.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People** (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor for home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information, [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

**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 17-April 24, 2016

### Today—April 17, 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: Conversation with Sojourners
  - Elective—Study of the book *The Naked Anabaptist*—Sanctuary
  - Agape—Fellowship Hall—Reflection/Discussion of Dale Schrag Sessions
  - Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Easter Season
  - Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Sociology of Religion 101*, Stan Eitzen
  - 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—*Jirah Platt & the Underground Railroad*, Zona Platt Galle
  - Sojourners—Chapel—*Hope and Home Repair*, Neal Schwabauer

### Monday, April 18

- 2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 5:30 p.m.** Living Stones II Committee—Rm 14

### Tuesday, April 19

- 1:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 6:00 p.m.** Women & Girls Spring Fling in Fellowship Hall. By reservation. Wear hat or head covering. Offering for budget

### Wednesday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m.** Staff Worship Planning—Rm 14
- 4:00 p.m.** Administrative Team—Rm 14
- 6:30 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23
- 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
- 8:00 p.m.** Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center
- 8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, April 21

- 10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline
- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 2:00 p.m.** Witness Commission—Rm 14
- 4:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B7  
Visitation Team—Rm 14
- 7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm 14

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**Sunday, April 24**—Worship planned by the Creation Care Committee; music by Cherub Choir and Menno Ringers

**11:45 a.m.** Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall—Bring a dish to share with others; the Senior High Youth Group will be providing desserts as a fundraiser; please bring your own table service

**12:45 p.m.** Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary—Bring your Annual Report Booklets

**April 10 at BCMC:** Attendance 251. General Fund \$9,290.53; Living Stones \$2,830; Community Playschool \$133; Media Supplies \$100; Use of Facilities \$63.50; Sr Hi Youth \$10; Transfer-General \$15; Caring Fund \$25; Transfer-Funeral \$1,390; Walter Jost Memorial \$50.

**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.

A **small brown desk** is no longer needed. It is sitting in the hallway, outside of the library. A donation for it (to the library) would be accepted and appreciated.  
~ *Library Committee*

**Thank you to my BCMC church family** for the cards, prayers and expressions of support in response to the recent death of my brother, Keith. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. ~ *Gayle Jackson*

#### **Living Stones Update:**

- Look for markings on BCMC's main entrance. The new level entry and angle of the entry slope are shown.
- Read the Living Stones project and columbarium recommendations in the congregational meeting booklet.

**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. 17 and 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.

**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 at 316-283-4018 or vpreheim3527@gmail.com. BCMC is eligible for 15 delegates.

**Email addresses for pastoral and office staff have changed to:** [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). Please use the new emails listed on the back page of the bulletin. (Old email addresses will be phased out.)

**This year Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus celebrates** their 48<sup>th</sup> year of singing. In the early years they sang music drawn from chorales, hymns and gospel songs. Audiences packed the house for the unique experience of hearing a 500-voice men's chorus. Recently audiences have become smaller but programming has become more varied. Today concerts include compositions of jazz, contemporary Christian, Southern Gospel, Black Gospel, folk hymns and standard anthems of the church. This year's concert will include a harmonica soloist improvising blues to *Amazing Grace*, the Men O'Brass accompanying selections by the chorus and two pianists on one piano providing backup for the folk hymn, *I know that my redeemer lives*. An oboe descant will accompany two selections. With your attendance you can help us continue to "Sing so others may live." Concerts will be:  
**Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m. at Presser Hall, 335 E Swenson Street, Lindsborg and Sunday, April 24, 7 p.m. at Central Community Church, 6100 W Maple Street, Wichita.**

**Job opening: Communications associate. Mennonite Church USA's** Executive Board staff is seeking a 0.75 to 1.0 FTE Communications associate in Elkhart, IN or Newton, KS or dispersed to write and edit feature stories, news articles and content for social media posts, convention exhibits and other communications projects, highlighting stories and ministries from across the denomination. As an integral part of the Communications Team, the person in this role will work with the team on long-term vision, messaging and communications strategy. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in communication, marketing, journalism or English, and be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and social media. For a complete job description, see [www.mennoniteusa.org/jobs](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/jobs). To apply, send a cover letter, resume, three to five writing samples and contact information for three references to Janie Beck Kreider, director of communications, at: [janiebk@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:janiebk@mennoniteusa.org).

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

- **Today's concert by the Bethel College Women's Chorus has been cancelled.**
- **Reception for Student Art Exhibit, Thurs., Apr. 21, 6-8 p.m.**, outside the Regier Art Gallery
- **Greer Lecture by photographer Erin Barnett, Thurs., Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m.** Administration Building chapel
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble spring concert**, with guest conductor Don Kehrberg, Fri., Apr. 29, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall