

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** From next Thursday through Sunday, DOOR Hollywood's Dwell participants will be on their spring retreat. Pray for these young adults as they spend time reflecting on their year-long assignment and vocational discernment.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Byron Pellecer, as he concludes ministry at Aposento Alto church plant in Wichita, this month, and prepares to move to Texas to begin work May 15 as WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based).

**This congregation:** Pray for sustainability of our planet earth. Pray for sound practices of energy use and of human consumption. May we be mindful of precious resources that we must steward.

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);

day off is Friday

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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**Associate Pastor for Faith Formation:** John Tyson,

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**Administrative Assistant:** Monica Lichti, [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)

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

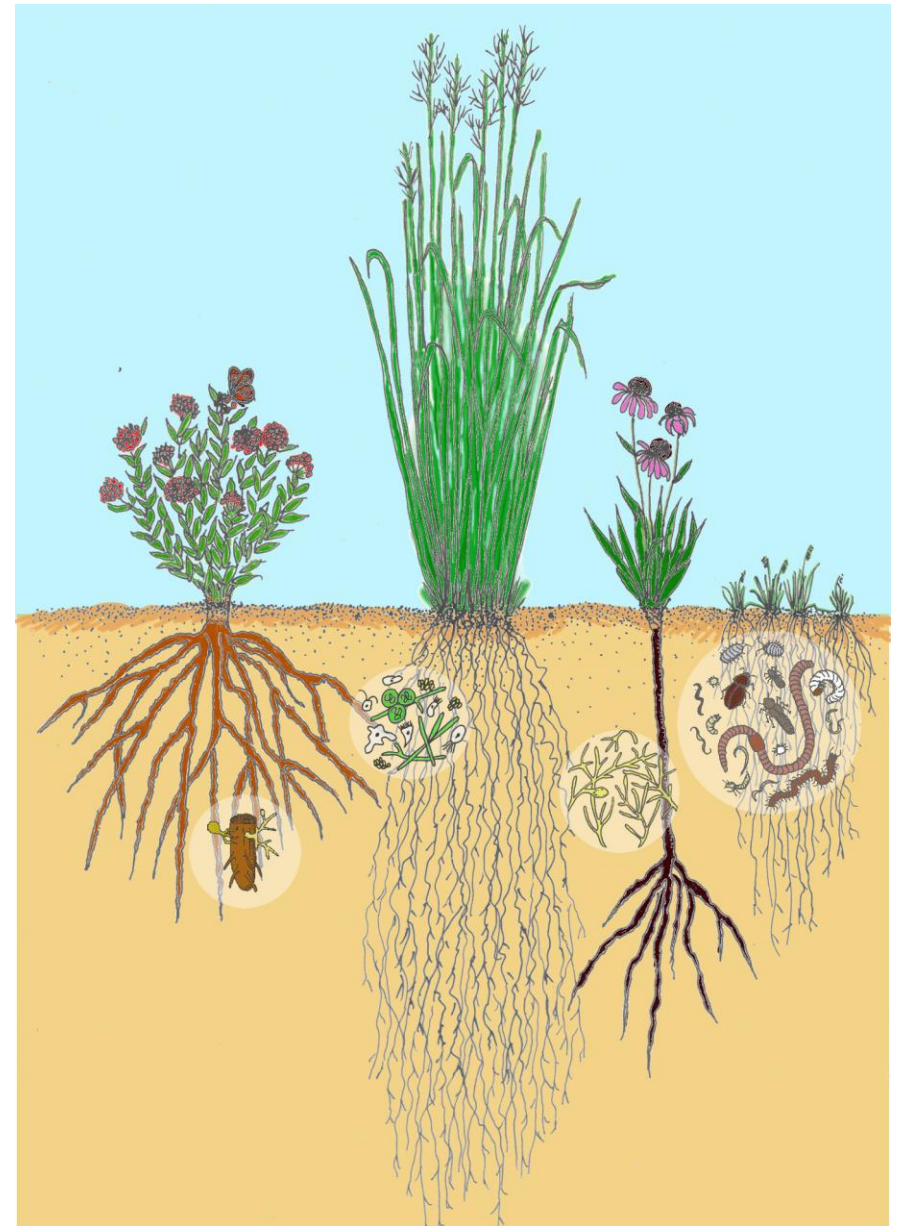
**Music Coordinator:** Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

**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 17 at BCMC:** Attendance 255. General Fund \$2,852.65; Living Stones \$1,575; Transfer-General \$17; Transfer-Funeral \$725; Walter Jost Memorial \$865; Church Retreat \$11; Naomi Krehbiel Memorial \$10.



## Creation Care Sunday

### April 24, 2016

## Bethel College Mennonite Church

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**April 24, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

**CREATION CARE SUNDAY**

**GATHERING - BELONGING**

**Prelude** *Allegro moderato e pastorale* Guilmant  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Ellsasser

Nancy Hilty, organist

**Introit** *For the beauty of the earth [HWB 89]* arr. Ben Lichti  
Menno Ringers; Suzanne Burch, director

**Call to worship / prayer** **HWB 680**  
Margaret Toews, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *I sing the mighty power of God* **HWB 46**  
(children come forward during hymn)

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

**Children’s conversation** Lorna Habegger Harder

**Worship music** *This pretty planet* Forster/Chapin  
*I love it when* Kallman  
Cherub Choir; Jill Siebert, director

**I. Soil**  
**Scripture** Genesis 2:1-7, 15 Duane Friesen  
**Story** Lorna Habegger Harder  
**Hymn** *All things bright and beautiful* **HWB 156**  
(vs 1, 3 only)

**II. Fertility**  
**Scripture** Psalm 65:5-13  
By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation, who is the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas.

**By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at earth’s farthest bounds are afraid at your signs;

**You make the morning and the evening resound with joy.**

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

**The river of God is full of water; you provide its grain, for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

**You crown the year with your bounty; the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.**

The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy,

**The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

**Story** Lorna Habegger Harder  
**Hymn** *As rain from the clouds* (STJ 40/insert)

**III. Covenant**  
**Scripture** Leviticus 26:41b-42 Duane Friesen  
**Story** Dwight Platt  
**Hymn** *Many and great, O God* **HWB 35**

**IV. Justice**  
**Scripture** Psalm 37; Matthew 5 (insert) Duane Friesen  
**Story** Lee Wheeler  
**\*Hymn** *Let all creation bless the Lord* **HWB 61**  
(vs. 1, 2 only)

**RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING**

**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** *The peace of Christ* Wagner  
Menno Ringers

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

**\*Dedication hymn** *Let all creation bless the Lord* **HWB 61**  
(vs. 3 only)

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING AND BLESSING**

**\*Hymn** *God, who touches earth* **HWB 511**

**\*Benediction** Dorothy Nickel Friesen, pastor

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude**

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**Upcoming Bethel College Events:**

- **Greer Lecture by photographer Erin Barnett, Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m.**, Administration Building chapel
- **Launch party** for the spring issue of *YAWP!*, the Bethel College literary magazine, April 28 6:30-8 p.m., Mojo's coffee shop, with music by the Flannelbacks and readings from the issue.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble spring concert**, with guest conductor Don Kehrberg, Fri., Apr. 29, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall (Note date change from printed calendars.) A reception for Don Kehrberg will follow the concert.
- **KIPCOR Film Series** wraps up with *The Waiting Room*, 3 p.m., May 1, Krehbiel Auditorium. Talk-back session with Dr. Ted Cook, medical director of the emergency department at Newton Medical Center.
- **Student-directed one-act plays, May 5, and May 6, 7 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium; recommended for mature audiences only, due to strong language and adult themes

**Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info:** 620-297-3290 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.
- **Camp has available weekends and weekdays** for you to visit. Contact Camp Mennoscah to check dates and for further information.
- **Camp has openings for kitchen helpers** for summer youth camps for July 17-23 and July 24-29. Parents receive a camper discount. Contact the camp if you can help.

**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.

**Today—April 24, 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
  - Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
  - Senior High students – Room 22
- Elective—Study of the book *The Naked Anabaptist*—Sanctuary
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*From whence we have come*, Dale Schrag
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Easter Season
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*MCC to the rescue*, Dale Horst
- 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
- Sojourners—Chapel—*My story*, Ryne Preheim

**11:45 a.m.** Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall—Senior High Youth Group will be providing desserts as a fundraiser (checks to BCMC; memo “Senior High”)

**12:45 p.m.** Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary—Bring report booklet

**Monday, April 25**

- 2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 4:00 p.m.** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7
- 4:15 p.m.** Governance Committee—Rm 14
- 7:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee—Rm 14

**Tuesday, April 26**

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

**Wednesday, April 27**

- 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 28**

- 10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline
- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 7:00 p.m.** Church Board—Rm 14

**Sunday, May 1**—All Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah—there will be no services at the BCMC building

**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 the Creation Care Committee members**, Duane Friesen, Lorna Habegger Harder, Dwight Platt, Margaret Toews and Lee Wheeler for planning and sharing in today's service. Thank you also to Lorna for preparing the artwork for the bulletin cover.

**The rose this morning is to celebrate the birth of** Levi Alden Tyson, April 21, to Amy and John Tyson. While John, Amy, and Levi adjust to their new family of three, and host extended family over the next few weeks, they have requested no unannounced visitors. They thank everyone for the many well wishes and prayers and look forward to bringing Levi to BCMC soon. We pray God's blessings on Amy and John as they parent this new child.

**Staff:** Susan Wheeler will be out of the office April 30 - May 8; Dorothy Nickel Friesen will be out of the office April 30 - May 5. The emergency and on-call pastor will be Harold Thieszen - 316-283-8623. John Tyson is on family leave and out of the office until May 10.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for May 31 - June 3. Registration forms will be distributed in mailboxes this week. The 2016 theme is "Surprise: Stories of Discovering Jesus".

**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. Last session today in the front of the sanctuary.

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

**Next weekend's BCMC retreat at Camp Mennosah registration deadline is today!** Return your registration forms (attach fees) to the box in the Gathering Place. Contact Adam Robb ([adamandjillrobb@gmail.com](mailto:adamandjillrobb@gmail.com); 620-345-8690 (home) or 620-747-0185 (cell) with questions. Extra registration forms are in the literature racks in the foyer. Checks should be made to BCMC with "Retreat" in memo line. There will be no worship services or Sunday school at BCMC next Sunday. Bulletin announcements for May 1 will be in your church mailboxes.

**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." **Concert today, 7 p.m. at Central Community Church, 6100 W Maple Street, Wichita.**

**The BCMC Church Board** has appointed Rev. June Thomsen as the Interim Supply Pastor to begin June 1. June was a pastor in Ohio and Chicago and an interim pastor in Western District Conference at Salina Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, and Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. She and her husband, Ib, live in Newton and attend First Mennonite Church. She will be installed on June 12 by Clarence Rempel, WDC liaison.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting., May 19, 6:30 p.m., Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. The meal is \$15 a plate paid at the door. RSVP to Carol Peters 283-4232 by May 16 or contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com)

**Thank you for your generous response to Mennonite Central Committee's recent request** for kits supplies. There are still a number of school and infant kits to complete. Your time to come and assemble the kits along with donated items to complete them is welcome. There is need for gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) size 3-9 months for the Infant Care Kits and colored pencils (pack of 12) for the School Kits. Toothpaste is not needed for any of the relief kits. If you plan to attend, call 316-283-2720.