

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, the Anabaptist youth and young adults in Burgos, Spain, are concluding their fifth annual Origen youth conference weekend. Pray with Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network that lives will be *Redesigned* (conference theme) as God takes fragmented lives and makes them whole and beautiful.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the Easter season! Pray for WDC congregations, that they might embody Jesus' good news of life and hope.

**This congregation:** Give thanks to God for new members at BCMC. May their lives continue to be a Christian witness and our lives together grow stronger in faithfulness.

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.

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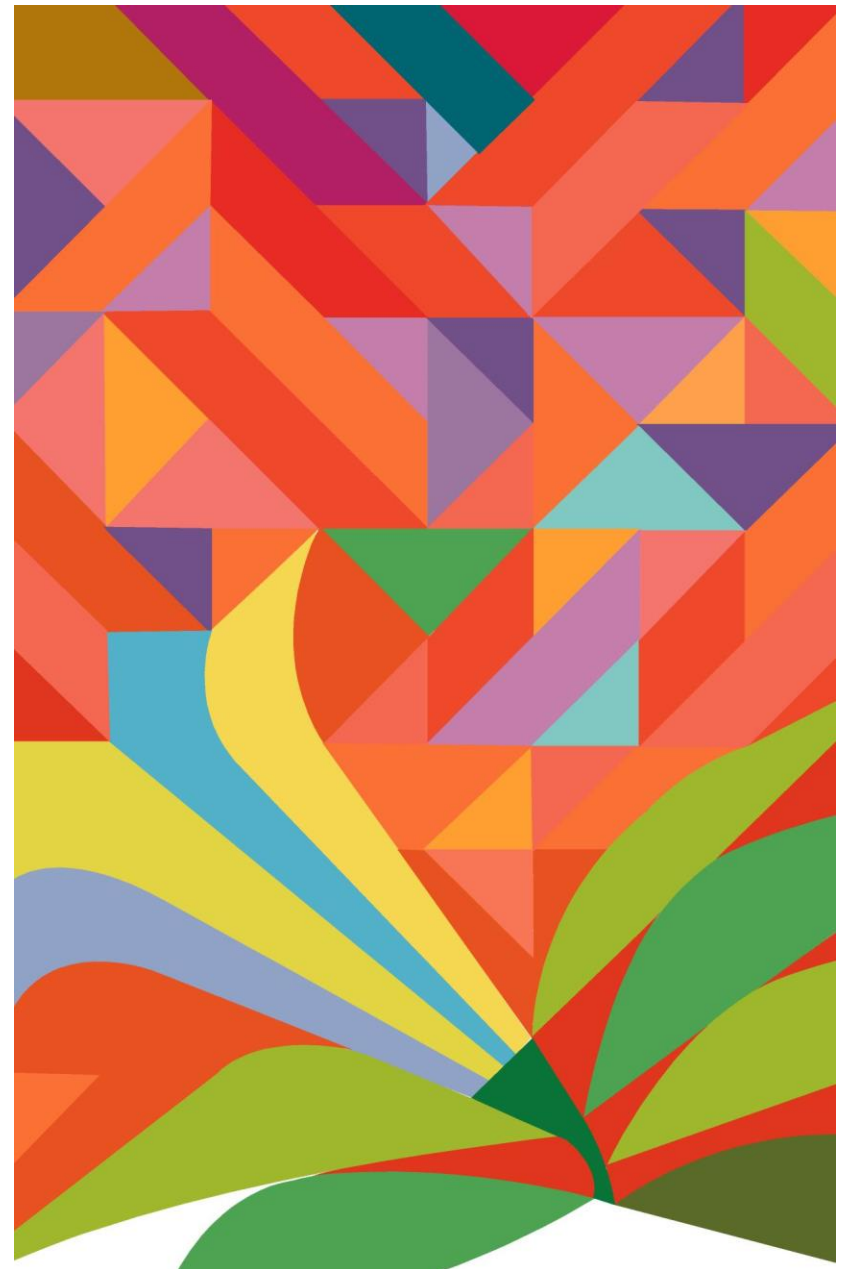
**Music Coordinator:** Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

**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

**March 27 at BCMC:** Attendance 328. General Fund \$3379.50; Living Stones \$5,630; Caring Fund \$842; Library Reserve Fund \$150; Flower Fund \$48; Frank Midkiff Memorial \$800; Walter Jost Memorial \$25.



April 3, 2016

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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**April 3, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**GATHERING - BELONGING**

**Prelude** *Pastorale* Bach  
 Verlene Garber, organist

**Introit** *Jesus Lord, how joyful you have made (HWB #9)*  
 Plains Indian Melody  
 Junior Choir, Elizabeth Schrag, director

**Call to worship / prayer** Doug Siemens, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *O Sons and daughters, let us sing* **HWB 274**  
 (children come forward during hymn)

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

**Children’s conversation** Faith Formation Commission

**Scripture litany** Psalm 150  
 Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary;  
**Praise God in the mighty firmament!**  
 Praise God for mighty deeds;  
**Praise God for exceeding greatness!**  
 Praise God with trumpet sound;  
**Praise God with lute and harp!**  
 Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
**Praise God with strings and pipe!**  
 Praise God with sounding cymbals;  
**Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**  
 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord!**

**Worship music** *Easter Morning* Christiansen  
 Chancel Choir

**Reception of new members** **HWB 777**

**Hymn of blessing** *May the grace of Christ our Savior* **HWB 423**

**Scripture** John 20:19-31 Roger Juhnke

**Sermon** *Easter: Imagination needed* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

**RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING**

**\*Hymn** *We walk by faith* **HWB 570**

**Prayer of God’s people**

**Offering**

**“My Coins Count” offering** Tom Jackson  
 (Children bring juice bottles forward)

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

**Offertory** *Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir* Pachelbel

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God from whom* **HWB 118**

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING AND BLESSING**

**\*Hymn** *Lift your glad voices* **HWB 275**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response** Chancel Choir

**Congregation be seated for a fire or tornado simulation drill**

\*All who are able are invited to stand

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| <b>HWB</b> = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i> | <b>STS</b> = <i>Sing the Story</i> |
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| <p><b>Welcome visitors and friends!</b> May you sense God’s presence at BCMC. <u>Personal hearing devices</u> are at the north sanctuary entrance. <u>The nursery</u> 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).</p> |
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**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 Ch. brochure*) and **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.

**We welcome** new members (see insert) to BCMC. Please greet them following the service in the back of the sanctuary. The Deacons will host them at a lunch today in the Fellowship Hall (stage side)

## This Week at BCMC: April 3-April 10, 2016

**Last week a letter was delivered to Kansas Speaker of the House Rep. Ray Merrick**, on behalf of the sponsors of HB 2515, the death penalty repeal bill. Call Speaker Merrick soon and ask him to bring HB 2515 to the floor for full debate and a vote. Mention the death penalty's wasteful spending that could be used for other critical budget concerns. Phone: 785-296-2302. E-mail: ray.merrick@house.ks.gov. ~ *Valetta Seymour, Witness Commission*

**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 today, 2:30 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson.

**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.

### Upcoming Bethel College Events:

- **Nova Deco concert**, (Nancy Johnson and Dominique Corbeil, violins); Tues., April 5, 7 p.m., Bethel College Administration Building chapel. Special guest: Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, piano. Freewill offering to benefit the Rupert Hohmann String Scholarship at Bethel.
- **Hymns of Spring**, concert by Donna Hetrick on Kauffman Museum's Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen organ, Sun. April 10, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.
- **Braden Unruh senior trumpet recital**, Sun., 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.

**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)

**Kitchen helpers for summer youth camps** are needed for the weeks of June 19-25, June 26-30, July 17-23, and July 24-29. Parents can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Free camp tee for all volunteers!

**Summer youth camp theme** is *Fearless Faith: Courage in Community*. Register online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org). Scholarships are available.

### Today—April 3, 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—*Making lifelong connections*, Harold Thieszen
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- 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—Living Stones II, Sondra Koontz

**12:00 p.m.** Potluck lunch for children, youth, families, and mentors in FH

**12:00 p.m.** New members lunch—Fellowship Hall (stage side)

### Monday, April 4

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

### Tuesday, April 5

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

**3:00 p.m.** Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

### Wednesday, April 6

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

**4:00 p.m.** Art Committee—Rm 14

**6:15 p.m.** Senior High departure for Wichita Thunder game

**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 7

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

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

### Saturday, April 9

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Group—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel campus

**Sunday, April 10**—Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Bells and Bethel College a cappella group "Woven"

**3:30 p.m.** Kidron Bethel Village Worship Service—Menno Hall Chapel

**Dr. Suzanne Wedel, daughter of Arnold and Dolores Wedel**, died on March 30 in Boston. A memorial service is planned at the Old North Church in Marble Head, MA at a time to be determined. We express our care and sympathy to her husband, Alasdair Conn, and her three children, Kathryn, Christopher and Alexander.

**We offer sympathy to** Helen Ruth Unruh and Jon Unruh on the death of Robert Unruh at Kidron Bethel Village, March 31. The memorial service for Bob will be Mon., Apr. 11 at 11 a.m. at BCMC with a lunch following.

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Howard Lorhentz, Schowalter Villa—Progressive Rehabilitation Academy.

#### **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.

#### **2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale is April 8-9 at Hutchinson State Fairgrounds.**

Today is the final day for sign-up sheets under the balcony.

**Craft and Auction display is TODAY** in the Gathering Place.

**My Coins Count ends today.** We still need quarters to fill the quarter tower.

**Thank you kids for returning your juice bottles today and helping with the offering. Adults, this is your last chance to contribute to My Coins Count.**

#### **Urgent needs include:**

- 27 more pies, 18 dozen zweibach, and 4 loaves of bread.
- Two more table waiters for Saturday noon to 2:30 p.m. at Feeding the Multitude.
- Verenike making is Tuesday at Hillsboro County Fairgrounds
- Sign up for a 2-hour shift Friday or Saturday – many options are available

#### **Getting items to Hutchinson**

Your craft, plants and auction items will be taken to the sale on Friday morning by the church liaisons. Have your items in the church kitchen by 8 a.m. (Church will be unlocked at 7 a.m.)

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



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

**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--tell cashier you are part of BCMC class.

**Don Kaufman's navy blue jacket with keys** is missing from the south entrance. Please return if inadvertently taken.

**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.

**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.*

#### **Change the email addresses you use for the church—Email addresses for pastoral and office staff have changed to:**

bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Although old emails will continue to work for a short period of time, you are encouraged to start using the new emails listed on the back page of the bulletin. (For example: for Monica Lichti – office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.)

**Delegates are 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.