

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.

Western District Conference: Today is Eastern Orthodox Easter! Pray for WDC congregations as they foster relationships of grace and peace with other communities of faith, in the spirit of the Risen Christ.

This congregation: Give thanks for Camp Mennoscah and its role in shaping Christian formation for all ages. May God bless BCMC as it "retreats" at Camp Mennoscah this weekend.

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,

john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Cell phone 215-896-1047; day off is Monday

Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, 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 24 at BCMC: Attendance 259. General Fund \$8,669.07; Living Stones \$1,715; Sr Hi Youth \$1,621; Library Reserve Fund \$100; VBS Fund \$22; Frank Midkiff Memorial \$100; Church Retreat \$770.

Bethel College Mennonite Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah May 1, 2016 Bulletin Announcements

This Week at BCMC: May 1-May 8, 2016

Today—May 1, 2016-- All Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah—there will be no services at the BCMC building

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

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

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, May 4

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, May 5

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

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

Sunday, May 8— Worship with sermon by Peter Goerzen, Bethel College Chaplain; music by Chancel Bells, Junior Choir, and Cherub Choir

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".

From the family of Robert E. Unruh, thanks be to God for a caring community, and to the BCMC Faith Family for being there for us.
~ Helen Ruth Unruh and Jon Unruh

SAVE THE DATE: The Pastor Search Committee is asking BCMC to anticipate a potential candidating weekend for the Lead Pastor June 17-19. More details later.

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.

BCMC is requesting applications for Cherub Choir Director, Junior Choir Director, and Cherub Choir accompanist. Positions begin August 17. Job descriptions are available in the church office or online at the BCMC website under “Get Connected” Applications. Deadline is May 15. Interviews are required. For information, contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen (dorothy@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; 316-283-3667).

Sweet Success! Thank you to the congregation for the support of the Senior High Youth with your donations for last Sunday's desserts. A total of \$1,621 has been received and will be used for this summer's service projects.

THE BCMC congregation made the following decisions at its April 24 meeting:

1. Amendment to the by-laws granting the Church Board authority to develop and implement alternatives if an officer of the church is not discerned at its spring meeting until next year's April meeting. Ballot vote: 110 yes - 4 no
2. Susan Wheeler was affirmed for another three-year term; 40% for the next year; 112 yes 2 no
3. Gifts Discernment Committee - ballot for church officers and church board - nearly unanimous
4. Deacon Commission recommendation BCMC will continue the practice of pastors, in consultation with the Deacon Commission, of discerning officiating or not officiating all wedding ceremonies regardless of sexual orientation. 123 yes - 10 no
5. Living Stones II - Projects not to exceed \$250,00 including debt, stone cleaning, entry ramp, deferred maintenance, etc. 111 yes - 7 no 2 abstentions
6. Columbarium - Expand columbarium with curved structure north of the church; 95 yes, 21 no.

See the BCMC website, “Participant Login” for complete information and slides of the various decisions.

Upcoming Bethel College Events:

- **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
- **Masterworks Concert**, May 8, 3 p.m., featuring *Te Deum* by Bruckner and *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award, Bethel College, Memorial Hall. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door.
- **Jazz on the Green at Bethel College**, May 11, 8 p.m., featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II (rain/storm location: Krehbiel Auditorium)
- **Kauffman Museum's May bird walk** will be on the 2nd Saturday, this month, May 14, 6:30 a.m. Join Gregg Friesen in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Woven concert**, May 14, 7 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall

You are all invited to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 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

Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@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 to check dates and for further information.
- **Thanks to all who attended the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation** Fundraiser at Camp Mennoscah. Generous gifts bring the camp \$9331 closer to reaching the estimated \$200,000 needed. A painting of the camp drive by Virgil Penner is yours for a donation of \$25,000 or more!

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.