

May 15, 2016 – Pentecost  
Bethel College Mennonite Church

**Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network has served in Mongolia for more than two decades in the areas of finance, administration, and worker support. Pray for her as she divides her time between the main office in the capital city and her travel to be a spokesperson for the needs of more remote areas.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they work to support the growth and vitality of the church.

**This congregation:** Pray the Holy Spirit will inspire each of us to live faithfully, serve joyfully, and share generously.

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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**Menno Ringers Director:** Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**May 8 at BCMC:** Attendance 196. General Fund \$6,061.04; Caring Fund \$100; Living Stones \$2,345; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$350.



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May 15, 2016 9:30 a.m.

PENTECOST

GATHERING

- Prelude Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend Walther Verlene Garber, organist
Introit Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt Schutz Chancel Choir; William Eash, director
Call to worship / prayer Susan Wheeler, worship leader
Hymn Holy Spirit, come with power HWB 26 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Children's conversation Dorothy Nickel Friesen
Recognition of High School seniors John Tyson
Recognition of Sunday School teachers John Tyson
Recognition of Chancel Choir singers William Eash
Worship music Hymn to the Spirit Ferguson Chancel Choir; Westen Gesell, clarinet
Scripture Acts 2:1-21 John Tyson
Sermon Let there be fire! Dorothy Nickel Friesen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

- Hymn You've got a place STJ 4
Prayers 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 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Biery
Dedication hymn Lord, you give the great commission STJ 63 (vs. 1 only)
Dedication prayer

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

- Service of Communion
Invitation and prayer
Communion (take bread, dip into cup, eat, hold tray for your neighbor; all bread is gluten free)
Prayer of thanksgiving

SENDING AND BLESSING

- Hymn Praise God from whom HWB 118
Pastoral Candidate Announcement Rosalind Andreas, Jim Robb
Benediction
Benediction response Choral amen in F Rutter Chancel Choir
Postlude
All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book STJ = Sing the Journey

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).

Also hat Gott - Heinrich Schutz
Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt For God so loved the world
Dass er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, that he gave his only Son,
Auf dass alle die an ihn glauben that everyone who believes in Him
Nicht verloren werden may not perish
Sondern das ewige Leben. but may have eternal life.
John 3:16

We thank Robert Regier for the bulletin cover artwork. Christians believe that Pentecost was the time when the churches were empowered with God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The descending dove and the flame have symbolized this Spirit from the earliest days of the Christian church. In this banner the consistency of the quilt pattern is interrupted by these two symbols. Fire is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit and is associated with Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts: "and there appeared to them tongues like flames of fire". In the gospels John testifies that "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove". The dove has a range of meanings and is often regarded as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. The vertical, descending dove most often denotes the Holy Spirit and is frequently associated with baptism. The flames become the light source for the banner, and the colors gradually deepen as they move upward from the flames. Out of the darker hues emerges the descending dove. Lighter colors appear to advance, and so the color gradation from dark to light and cool to warm is intended to reinforce the downward movement of the dove -- the visitation of the Spirit." ~ Robert Regier

Thank you to David Kreider for installing the Pentecost wood panels (created by Robert Regier) in the sanctuary. May the Spirit continue to inspire us all!

## This Week at BCMC: May 15-May 22, 2016

The congregation voted to begin work on Living Stones II after internal debt from Living Stones I is paid off. That balance is now \$35,317. Contractors could be available to begin as early as July and August to tuck point, clean, and seal the exterior and to make the front entrance handicap accessible. Contributions should be ear-marked for Living Stones.

### Bethel College events:

- **Open Road concert**, Sun., May 15, 7 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall.
- **Bethel College Women's Association annual meeting**, May 19, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum. The public is invited to view the museum's exhibits, and hear a presentation by Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel College associate professor of visual art and design, and a brief summary of BCWA activities over the past year.
- **Reception for annual Senior Art Show**, May 20, 7-9 p.m. outside the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Senior art majors are Sondra Buller, Xi Cheng, Erin Doerksen and Claire McStravick.

**Taize Evening Song and Healing Prayers** will resume the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning today from 6-7 p.m. in the nave of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Drive, Newton. All are welcome!

~ Loretta Baumgartner

**You are 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

**Western District Conference Children's Library Summer Story Time** begins June 14, 10-10:45 a.m. with Marjie Warkentine, storyteller, for ages 3-8. This year's stories will be animal adventures. Register at 316-283-6300 or crlib@mennowdc.org. Space is limited.

**There are a number of dishes/pans, etc. left in the kitchen** from previous meals or funerals that were held in our fellowship hall. Please check to see if any of them belong to you! Anything not picked up after May 19, will be given to the Newton Et Cetera Shop. ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

**Mennonite Central Committee needs colored pencils** (packages of 12) to complete school kits for shipment; and receiving blankets (30"-36" lightweight fleece or flannel) for infant care kits. If you shop online, you can simply purchase items and have them shipped to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Items for all other MCC kits are welcome, but the pressing needs are for colored pencils and receiving blankets at this time.

### Today, May 15, 2016—Pentecost Sunday

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students – Room 22 – Circle of Grace
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*From whence have we come?* Dale Schrag
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Pentecost
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Congo Transport Bike Project*, Chuck Regier
- 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—*Music Therapy for the occasion of Nov. 2, 2004*, J. Kliewer
- Sojourners—Chapel—*A Nun in the pool*, Joan Breit

### Monday, May 16

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

### Tuesday, May 17

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

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Fellowship General Meeting; Rachel Epp Buller from Bethel College, *Spark! Our Creativity continues and flourishes*. Election of officers. Reorganization of circles. All women invited. —Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 18

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

**6:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group—Summer kick-off (West 4th Street and Sand Creek)

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

**8:00 p.m.** Young Adult Fellowship Group

### Thursday, May 19

**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.** Visitation Team—Rm 14

**6:00 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm 14

### Friday, May 20

**5:00 p.m.** Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary

### Saturday, May 21

**4:30 p.m.** Wedding in the sanctuary

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**Sunday, May 22--Bethel College Baccalaureate; No Sunday school**

**10:00 a.m.** Musical prelude followed by worship with music by Concert Choir and reflections by graduates and others

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**Staff:** Monica Lichti will be on vacation May 16-20; office will be open mornings only during this week.

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Diana Graber (released) Newton Medical Center; Evelyn Frey at Progressive Rehabilitation Academy, Schowalter Villa; Terry Soth (released), Lois Deckert, Via Christi St Francis; Marvin Dirks, Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital, Wichita.

**We offer sympathy to** Lou Gomez and Elizabeth Raid on the death of Lou's brother, Gilbert, May 10, Newton. The memorial service for Gilbert was May 13 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton.

**We offer sympathy to** the family of Ruth E. Harder, North Newton. Ruth died May 12. Memorial service will be Mon., May 23, 11 a.m. at BCMC, lunch following.

**The roses in the sanctuary** are in memory of Evelyn Lohrentz who passed away one year ago today. She is truly missed and loved. ~ *Friends*

**Thank you for your thoughts and prayers** for our daughter, Suzie Goering Schultz, through her diagnosis, surgeries, and recovery. Both surgeries were successful and she is recovering. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated. ~ *Larry and Margaret Goering*

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 6**, all mentors of Senior High youth are invited to an evening of food and games on the BCMC lawn. The gathering will be from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. This takes place during a week-long series of service projects, learning experiences, and fun activities focused on engaging our local community.

**Thank you to all 2015-2016 Sunday School teachers, helpers, leaders, and sponsors!** Amy Tyson, Marlene Ewert, Heather Zerger, Erin Brubacher, Crystal Gaeddert, Barb Koontz, Sandee Zerger, Rachel Pannabecker, Lora Dungan, Barb Voran, Jeanette Leary, Beaty Robb, Matt Koontz, Melanie Mueller, Sheri Lepard, Gwen Neufeld, Jeanette Stucky, Alice Suderman, Alan Lepard, Mike Claassen, Dick Koontz, Jenni Koontz, Suzy Burch, Ben Lichti, Nancy Mueller, Bethany Schrag, and Tim Schrag. A reception for them, following worship will take place today in Fellowship Hall.

**Congratulations to graduating Seniors** Elizabeth Tran, Angus Siemens, Daniel Wagoner, Sarah Turner, and Jules Veenstra! BCMC wishes you well on the next step of your journey!

**And congratulations to Bethel College graduates:** Eric Preheim and Thang (Alex) Nguyen; and Abe Turner who graduates from Salina Area Technical College.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for May 31 - June 3, 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Registration forms are due in the church office. The 2016 theme is "Surprise: Stories of Discovering Jesus".

**SCHEDULE NEWS:**

- May 22 - Bethel College Baccalaureate, 10:00 a.m.; no Sunday School
- May 29 - Dorothy Nickel Friesen's last Sunday as Interim Pastor
- June 5 - Vacation Bible School Sunday (no Sunday School); 10:00 a.m. - Display in Fellowship Hall; 10:30 a.m. worship in sanctuary; 11:30 - Hamburger Fry; 12:30 - Orientation for BCMC leaders - Chapel
- June 12 - Interim Pastor June Thomsen installation
- June 19 - Lead pastor candidating weekend (Sunday school for children; joint Sunday School for adults in sanctuary)
- June 26 - Congregation meeting following worship to vote on a call to new Lead Pastor

**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.

**Commission and committee chairs:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual orientation for all chairs on **June 5 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** in the chapel. This will be a time to discuss the program year, budgeting, using handbooks and the website as resources, and making your group's voice heard within the BCMC structure.

**BCMC Education Scholarships.** BCMC holds a long tradition of supporting our young people who attend an accredited Mennonite college or university and budgets \$1,000 for each education scholarship. Because of our special relationship with Bethel College, we raise *an additional \$1,000* for our students who choose Bethel College. Four students attended Bethel this year; we project that eight will enroll at Bethel for 2016-17 requiring \$8,000. ***Due to this congregation's generosity, since last Sunday we have received all but \$2,500 to reach that goal.*** For those who wish to contribute, please make checks out to BCMC, (BC Scholarship Fund on memo line). Thank you for caring about our young people. ~ *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*

**BCMC is requesting applications for Cherub Choir Director, Junior Choir Director, and Cherub Choir accompanist.** Positions begin Aug. 17. Job descriptions available in the church office or online at the BCMC website, under "Get Connected; Application for Employment at BCMC". Deadline is today. For info, contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, 316-283-3667 or [dorothy@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:dorothy@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). Interviews required.