

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** In the land of Jesus birth, an outreach team composed of Arab Christians and Jewish believers is setting aside their differences in order to share God's invitation to abundant life. Pray for team members who face opposition and for Mennonite Mission Network personnel working alongside them.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks to God for Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro, celebrating its 50th anniversary today.

**This congregation:** Let us give thanks for the ministry of Interim Pastor of Dorothy Nickel Friesen and the incoming ministry of June Thomsen.

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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**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

**May 22 (Baccalaureate) at BCMC:** Attendance 585. General Fund \$3,874.57; Living Stones \$4,756.81; *Rejoice* \$198.10; VBS Fund \$275; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$1,050.

May 29, 2016  
Bethel College Mennonite Church



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May 29, 2016 9:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING - BELONGING

**Prelude** *Finale from Concerto No. 5* Handel  
*How Firm a Foundation* Moyer  
Verlene Garber, organist

**Introit** *Wind who makes all winds [HWB #31]*  
Chancel Choir; Andrew Voth, director

**Call to worship / prayer** John Tyson, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *We praise thee, O God* **HWB 99**  
(children come forward during hymn)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD - BELIEVING

**Children's conversation** Jill Robb

**Scripture reading** Psalm 8 **HWB 812**

**Worship music** *Upon this Rock* John Ness Beck  
Chancel Choir  
(Congregation joins choir with **HWB 311**, vs. 1, 5 only)

**Scripture** John 15:1-17 Richard Friesen

**Sermon** *...and a few more things* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

## RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING

**\*Hymn** *Guide my feet* (a cappella) **HWB 546**

**Kingdom Report – MCC in Bolivia** Margaret Toews

**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** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Osterland  
People with May birthdays are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring HWB)

**\*Dedication hymn** *Praise God, the source of life* **HWB 95**

**\*Dedication prayer**

## SENDING – BLESSING

**\*Hymn** *How firm a foundation* **HWB 567**

**\*Litany of Release and Blessing** (insert) Jim Robb

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response** *Choral Amen* John Rutter

**\*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).

**We welcome Weldon Schloneger**, who is representing the Western District Conference Ministerial Leadership Commission this morning. Thank you, Weldon, for your leadership at BCMC and in our area conference. **Welcome also to Andrew Voth** for directing the Chancel Choir in Bill Eash's absence.

**The flowers on the north side of the Chancel area this morning are in memory of Kathy Voran**, daughter of Mildred and Myron Voran, sister of Jeanette Leary and Barb Voran. **The flowers on the south side** are for Pastor Dorothy Nickel Friesen from the Board on behalf of the Congregation.

**Friends of Kidron, at Kidron Bethel Village**, invite you to view the Opportunity Quilt displayed today in the Gathering Place. You can support Friends of Kidron fundraising efforts for Kidron's Health Care Benevolent Fund through purchasing opportunity tickets at the Kidron Bethel Welcome Desk or First Bank of Newton on Broadway for a chance to win the baby quilt, pieced and quilted by Friends of Kidron. The winning ticket will be drawn at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Extravaganza hosted by Kidron Bethel and Friends of Kidron. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Multi-age Sunday School activities for children and youth** will take place in June. June 12: games and snacks in Fellowship Hall; June 19: exploration of Bethel Trail with Katie Schmidt; June 26: activity to be led by Creation Care Committee. There is no Sunday school for children and Junior High youth in July or Aug. 7. New Sunday School program year begins Aug. 14.

**Prayer Network** is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the 41 people who already are on the prayer network.

**We are thankful for the many expressions of kindness** during the illness and loss of Lou's brother, Gilbert Gomez on May 10. With gratitude, *Lou Gomez and Elizabeth Raid*.

**Mentors: Mark your calendars for Wed., 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.

## This Week at BCMC: May 29-June 5, 2016

**Gary Schoeniger**, founder of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Initiative and co-author of *Who Owns the Ice House? Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur*, will speak on “Redefining Entrepreneurship,” Wed., June 1, 8 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Event is free, but registration requested at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/redefining-entrepreneurship-keynote-at-bethel-college-tickets-23813033424](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/redefining-entrepreneurship-keynote-at-bethel-college-tickets-23813033424).

**Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen**, June 4, 6:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot for the *Kauffman Museum bird walk* of 1 to 1.5 hours.

**The Sand Creek Trail Committee invites you to** “Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,” celebrating National Trails Day. Members of the committee will be at the Memorial Grove trailhead on the Bethel College campus June 4, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. to answer any questions and offer water for people and dogs.

**Prairie View invites the public** to “A Beautiful View”, June 2, 6-8 p.m. at the Prairie View main campus in Newton. This art exhibition will feature pieces by over 30 area artists whose lives have been touched by mental illness, whether through personal struggle or because they care for someone who lives with a mental health disorder. There will be live jazz and other original music while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, browsing art, including pieces for sale, and bidding on silent and live auction items such as selected artwork, a Moab, Utah vacation package, and many others. Live auction begins at 7:15 p.m. All proceeds benefit Prairie View’s programs, which bring hope and healing to those touched by mental illness and addiction. Tickets for “A Beautiful View” are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call 316-284-6443.

**In the tradition of Day on the Farm**, *Fun on the Farm* features interaction with animals, relays, snacks, games, nature scavenger hunt, obstacle course, stick horse race, rides, and crafts for children of all ages, June 11, 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. In case of rain, call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates. Location: WillowSpring Downs: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy K-15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon.

**This year’s mini-music festival**, *Song on the Lawn*, WillowSpring Downs, June 12, 5-8 p.m., features the Book of JEBB, Cottonwood River Band, Newton Men’s Quarter, Senior Jammers, and Elaine Unruh/Emil Schmidt and Friends. Meal catered by Keith Banman. Bring lawn chairs, table service, friends and family. Admission is free, donations accepted for Mennonite Central Committee. In case of rain, event will be at Goessel Elementary School. Call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates.

**Discover how Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM)** is currently partnering with African churches in leadership training, church planting, income generation, local language Bible distribution, bicycle manufacturing, and more. Come for dessert and mission reporting, June 12, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (basement) of First Mennonite Church, 429 E. First St, Newton. PLEASE RSVP to [lola@aimmintl.org](mailto:lola@aimmintl.org); or 574-535-0077.

**Today, May 29, 2016—There are no children’s Sunday school classes today**

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!

- Senior High students – Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—Video/discussion of Islam
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Review and future plans
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Senator Carolyn McGinn, *An update on the last Kansas legislature session*
- 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—*Doctrine of Discovery* DVD and discussion
- Sojourners—Chapel—Harald Boschmann Story

**6:30 p.m.** Music Committee—Rm 14

**Monday, May 30—Memorial Day—Office is closed; building is locked**

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

**Tuesday, May 31—Vacation Bible School Begins**

**8:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.** Vacation Bible School

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

**Wednesday, June 1**

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

**8:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.** Vacation Bible School

**2:00 p.m.** Newsletter editing team meeting—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group

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

**Thursday, June 2**

**8:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.** Vacation Bible School

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

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

**6:30 p.m.** Church Board—Rm 14

**Friday, June 3**

**8:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.** Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, June 5—Vacation Bible School Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.** VBS Display in Fellowship Hall

**10:30 a.m.** Worship in sanctuary with VBS Participants

**11:30 a.m.** Hamburger Fry Fundraiser in the Church Picnic Area—bring lawn chairs!

**12:45 p.m.—1:45 p.m.** Orientation for BCMC Leaders—Chapel

**The church office and building will be closed on Monday, May 30** for the Memorial Day holiday. For pastoral care concerns call Dorothy Nickel Friesen at 316-281-9364.

**VBS 2016 is this week!** BCMC is collaborating with New Creation Fellowship Church to host VBS May 31-June 3 (8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.) The theme is "Surprise: Stories of Discovering Jesus!" Each morning will consist of interactive worship, drama, singing, arts, physical activity, and engagement with the life of Jesus. This year's offering project will provide school kits for MCC to distribute to children throughout the world. VBS 2016 will conclude Sun., June 5, with a morning focused on providing a glimpse into the week's many activities. The planning team (Beaty Robb, Bonnie Krehbiel, John Tyson, and Jennie Wintermote) look forward to an engaging and fun week of VBS!

#### **SCHEDULE NEWS:**

- 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 is a time to discuss the program year, budgeting, using hand-books and the website as resources, and making your group's voice heard within the BCMC structure. **Please RSVP to the church office by May 30.**

**BCMC does a bulk order for *Rejoice!*** the MennoMedia daily devotional magazine for those who pay the **\$28.30** annual subscription fee. Copies are delivered to the church each quarter and put in church mailboxes. Subscription year is Sept. 2016-Aug. 2017. To place an order for *Rejoice!*, complete the form below and return it with your payment to the church office **by June 12.** *If you have already subscribed, ignore this announcement.*

I want to receive a subscription to *Rejoice!* Payment is attached.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church; on check memo line write "Rejoice subscription."

**Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed its 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a preschool!** We had several events throughout the year to commemorate this occasion including a birthday party themed Family Night and an Open House for the community. Thirty-eight children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank BCMC for being one of those supporting churches through monetary donations, the use of the facilities, secretarial and custodial services and a welcoming attitude toward our program. It is nice to have a home here! We want to acknowledge the service of Ted Mueller as BCMC's representative on our board and to Dalene White for serving as a Community representative. Jeanette Stucky, Barb Voran, Bonnie Krehbiel, Lela Schmidt, Stahl Claassen, Mildred Voran, Ruth Obold, Annette Lamp and Margaret Toews have served as teachers, helpers, and substitutes this year. These volunteers help make it possible for us to continue to provide an affordable preschool experience to families who need it most. A big thanks to BCMC Women's Fellowship who supported us this year with a monetary donation. We also are grateful for the matching grant that we received from this church through the Everence Sharing Fund. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look to the next 50 years! ~ With gratitude, *Jeanette Leary, Director*

**Women's Fellowship** begins a new program year on June 1. The Bible Study focus will be *Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions* by Marlene Kropf. New circle leaders are 1) Janet Voth, 2) Louise Thieszen, 3) Lois Brubacher and 4) Carol Buller. Still needed are a **vice president and secretary**. If you are willing to serve in this capacity for two years, please contact incoming president, Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or marlene.violet@gmail.com

**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 attending Bethel. ***We are overwhelmed by your generosity, as we have now met our goal of \$8,000.*** We are deeply grateful for your role in helping BCMC "live its mission and vision". ~ *Education and Service Scholarship Committee*

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be July 29-30, Fri. evening-Sat., on the Bethel College campus. Watch for schedule and registration information coming soon.

**Palestine/Israel tour report** is June 7, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st Street, Newton. Participants from an April *Come and See Learning Tour* to Palestine and Israel (sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee at the invitation of Palestinian Christians) will present a program of reflections and pictures from their experience. All are welcome.