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BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Living Stones Update

Living Stones



What is happening with Living Stones during the summer? Indeed, there is movement and activity

even though not always visible to everyone. The Church Board has had meetings to reconsider creation care concerns within the HVAC project and the contractors are working on final costs and plans for heat pumps plus some geothermal. The Implementation Team (ITF) appointed a Design Group consisting of Shirley Harms, Darlene Dick, and Carol Peters to work with Annette Lamp of the ITF and Christa Jahay of Regier Construction in considering and selecting things such as carpet and ceramic tiles, wall and trim colors, etc. The Board also approved a loan proposal from Midland National Bank for the congregation approved loan of up to \$190,000 for a ten-year term at a fixed rate of 3.25%, and a "line of credit" revolving loan to cover cash flow of up to \$300,000 if needed at an adjustable rate, start-

ing at 4% for one year. The organ renovation continues at the Dobson Organ workshop in Iowa, with updated photos appearing on the "post" in the lobby. And, of course, your participation with activity into the Living Stones fund is appreciated and needed, as initial expenses are coming in. Thank you for being part of the Living Stones at BCMC. ~ Mary Ann Boschmann, BCMC moderator

Community Playschool At BCMC

The Community Playschool program began in 1966. Headed up by Jeanette Leary all classes meet in the lower level of the BCMC building from the beginning of September to mid-May. This past school year 10 members of the church volunteered on a regular basis.

When the program was initiated it was designed to:

- ◆ supplement children's home experience in a stimulating learning environment
- ◆ free parents of child care responsibilities two mornings a week
- ◆ provide educational information for parents and volunteers to gain better

understanding of children's needs

- ◆ provide opportunity for persons of differing backgrounds to know and respect each other
- ◆ benefit children who would otherwise not have opportunity to attend preschool

Children from 2 ½ - 5 years of age are eligible to attend if they meet the following criteria. First preference for enrollment is given to families who cannot attend other preschools because of limited finances; one parent families; and those with special needs which are not met elsewhere. Fees are based on a sliding scale. One group meets on Tuesday and Thursday, and

another on Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Women's Fellowship Circles occasionally schedule one of their meetings to volunteer with tasks that are helpful to the school. The photos shown here are of circle members working on assigned tasks. Volunteers are always needed for making play dough, cutting out materials, and other projects. Workers are also welcome to help in the kitchen with occasional baking projects. Two circles are scheduled for the winter months after the first of next year. Contact Jeanette Leary if you are willing to help out with this worthy project.

*Information furnished by Jeanette Leary
Written by Lois Goertzen*



Women's Fellowship Circles members help Playschool with various projects. Nancy Hilty and Ruth E. Harder

← Milly Stucky, Willye Hinz and Monica Gross ↓



Frances Siemens and Joyce Holck ↓



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Chapel Sunday School Class Party Recognizes Long Time Teacher

Floyd Bartel ended many years as teacher of the Chapel SS class on Sunday, May 26. Recognizing his teaching career with this class, 28 current and former members met at the community room at Kidron-Bethel in June for a last time together. At one time this class had more than 30 members, now it has dwindled to 10 or 12.

Floyd spoke a bit reminiscing about his time with the class, and later was presented with a gift certificate to Faith and Life Bookstore, and a monetary gift. A bouquet of flowers was given to Justina for her

support during these years.

Members of the group expressed appreciation to Floyd, and the time of fellowship was concluded with refreshments furnished by the planning group; Maxine Fast, Monica Gross, Willye Hinz and Emmy Midkiff.

It remains to be seen whether the class will continue and seek a new teacher, or if they will disband and join other classes.

Congratulations, Floyd, for your loyalty in this leadership position.

*Information from
Monica Gross*

Written by Lois Goertzen



Floyd Bartel speaks to the Chapel Sunday School Class members



Mark Kreider and Nat Dick and Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure



New adventures are in store for two of our high school graduate members this fall. Nat Dick and Mark Kreider will be entering a 10 ½ month term, beginning in August and ending in mid-summer, 2014, with Service Adventure, a program of Mennonite Mission Network. Mark will serve in Anchorage, Alaska and Nat in Albany, Oregon. Here is a synopsis of what each anticipate they will be doing, and how we as their church family, can support them.

By Mark Kreider:

My term begins August 23, 2013, working with the Bureau of Land Management, doing trail maintenance and other outdoor jobs. I will live in a unit house with three other young adults my age, and one leader. We will share many of the responsibilities of communal living, such as cooking, shopping, and finances. I have decided to do this year of service for many reasons. I know many people who have done Service Adventure recently and all spoke highly of the experience. Through this year I hope to deepen my faith and discipleship, work with the challenges and joys of living in community, serve others, and have a great time in a new and exciting place! I will be coming home July 18, 2014.

Even as I become part of the Anchorage community

and worship with the faith community at Prince of Peace Mennonite Church, I will still remain in touch with Bethel College Mennonite Church. I have a blog in which I will post reflections, thoughts, and updates. (www.markkreider.blogspot.com) I am thankful for all the support the BCMC community has shown me and other youth. I hope that this prayerful support will continue while I am in service. I welcome any and all letters, emails and if you are in the Anchorage area, drop by!

By Nat Dick:

I will leave for Albany, driving, on August 19, and will return sometime at the end of June or early July of 2014. I will live in a unit house with two leaders and either two or three other participants from around the globe. I anticipate working either at a Habitat for Humanity ReStore or a local homeless shelter. However, my placement will not be finalized until I am onsite, so I am currently as eager to find out what I'll be doing as you are!

I decided to pursue service out of high school because of the many positive experiences I have heard from former Service Adventure participants. Many of my friends have done it in the past, and I hope to take as much out of it as they did: learning to live in community with others, grow in my faith, and being humbled through my everyday interactions with people in the Albany area. Of course, I plan on keeping the BCMC community informed of my escapades through a blog that I hope to keep updated regularly. I have already been overwhelmed by your support and curiosity for

my journey, and I trust that you will continue to support me through your prayers and communication.

We look forward to reading your blogs and extend our support to each of you as you enter a new phase of your growing faith and commitment to our Christian community.
~ Karen Penner

A Letter from Nathan Toews in Bogotá, Colombia



Letter to support group and church communities: June 15, 2013

I hope all is well in Kansas. When I tell people here about the heat in Kansas they can hardly believe it. Bogotá is beautiful and a bit rainy just about the entire year. I definitely enjoy the weather but I do miss the long summer nights that you all have now.

I believe the last time I sent out a letter was in December of last year. A lot has happened since then including the visit of my parents and a move from one apartment to another. Work with Mennonite Central Committee has also been developing and taken on some exciting changes. When my parents were here they had a chance to visit an outreach church community where I have been working. This community is in an urban setting where many people who have been displaced in Colombia have come to live. The Mennonite church runs a cafeteria for children, a church and other community activity spaces such as dance and English classes. I have recently

started leading some workshops for community members on the emotional and social impact of violence on a community as well as activities people can do in order to help each other in times of need. This project has been a new and exciting challenge for me. I have enjoyed getting to know the people in the community and have taken the time to participate in other spaces they have so we can get to know each other on a more personal basis.

I am also involved in an interview project that is both a follow up to the interviews I did for my internship last year as well as some additional interviews. In the interviews we ask the participants how the church has been most valuable to them in their journey of working through difficult times in their lives. Some of the participants have been directly impacted by the armed conflict through displacement and the loss of family members. Other participants have been more directly impacted by the difficulties of living in an urban setting with few resources available to them. We are planning to have several different topics and stories to share with the churches here in Colombia that give voice to people who have been living in vulnerable situations. There is also the hope of sharing these stories with church communities around the globe that are involved with communities in difficult situations economically and socially.

The other major aspect of my work is accompanying families who are in the process of applying for refugee status in Canada. Many families had started this process before I came and now they are being contacted by the Canadian Embassy to fill out more forms and tell their story. One of the

challenges of this process is finding a way to tell their story within a small amount of space (2-3 pages) and demonstrate the complex situations in which they have lived and are now living. The Embassy is not interested in reading a long narrative so I work with the families in finding concrete ways to both report the events that have happened but also describe the context of their situation in such a way that people in the Embassy will take notice and understand.

In the past few months I have come to find my work here very exciting and challenging. There is always a question in my mind as to what kind of impact my work has on the lives of people in this community but I also try to engage people on a very human level in which we all have our own stories and while we come from very different places we have found ourselves working together on different tasks that we hope will lead to a more fruitful life.

Please feel free to share this letter with anyone and encourage them to write with questions. I look forward to further communication.

Thank you and God bless, *Nathan Toews*

Meet the Mosaic Sunday School Class

Adults of all ages make up the Mosaic Sunday

school class. Meeting in Room 20 (nursery) on Sunday mornings, the class discusses articles from The Mennonite, Bible study guides, newspaper articles, current and societal issues and hot topics brought to the class.

Their more informal social occasions might find them at a Night at the Museum gathering, a fall bonfire/hot dog roast, singing, eating, and having good fellowship with each other.

Various members of the class might have other responsibilities on any given Sunday, so attendance varies from week to week.

Currently the members are Gwen Claassen, Mike and Stahli Claassen, Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert, Heidi and David Regier Kreider, Ken and Annette Lamp, George and Jeanette Leary, Gwen Neufeld, John and Rachel Pannabecker, Hank and Elaine Prouty, Doug Siemens and LuAnn Zook, Lowell Stucky and Sharon Koehn, Claude and Brenda Turner and Barb Voran.

Information furnished by Annette Lamp

*Class list from church office
Written by Lois Goertzen*

Pictured below, members of the Mosaic Sunday School Class are ready to go Christmas caroling after which they have a traditional soup supper



Happy 80th Birthday Lois Deckert!



Lois Deckert was born August 8, 1933, in Korba, India, where her parents Jacob R.

and Christina (Harder) Duerksen were missionaries with the General Conference Mennonite Church. Baby Lois arrived a month early, and was born at home because roads to the hospital were impassable due to monsoon season. Her parents fixed up a box with cotton batting for her to sleep in, and the queen of Korba brought a silk green dress for the new baby! Lois and her older brother and sister were raised with help from a loving nanny, while their parents worked in evangelism, pastoral oversight, and literacy training. Later the family moved to another mission station at Jagdeeshpur. At age six Lois left home for boarding school at Woodstock School. She attended there all of elementary and high school except for 9th grade while on furlough in the U.S. Despite separation from her parents, Lois has positive memories of boarding school and the strong friendships she had with other students.

After graduation in 1950, Lois attended Bethel College. It was a big adjustment, and difficult for her to feel at home on campus; she was grateful for the hospitality of fellow missionary-kid Frieda Epp and husband Dan, who often invited Lois for rice and curry at their home in North Newton. Lois majored in Elementary Education, though would have loved to

major in art if that had been an option.

Lois met Marion Deckert at Bethel (after having been good friends with Marion's sister, Alison), and they were married in 1957. She taught two years in White-water, and then in Chicago, where Marion was studying. Before he pursued his PhD, they took time off to serve in Indonesia with Mennonite Central Committee (following nine months in Morocco while waiting for visas). A son Alan was born in Morocco, and daughter Alice was born in Indonesia. Lois enjoyed living on the island of Halmahera in the town of Tobelo, teaching in a teachers' training school, and serving with Marion as directors of the MCC unit.

Marion's further education and work took them to Chicago and Pueblo, CO before settling in North Newton where Lois cared for their family and home and Marion took a position at Bethel College. Plans to return to Indonesia during Marion's first sabbatical at Bethel were cancelled when Lois was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. She underwent chemotherapy, and thankfully the cancer went into remission.

Lois worked at Mennonite press, served on the board of Women in Mission and as editor of Window to Mission. Marion's second sabbatical offered Lois the chance to return to Woodstock School, where they spent a year. Lois taught journalism and Marion set up computer labs. In recent years Lois has taken classes in writing, helped out with gardening, and pursued interests in art such as ceramics, knitting, card-making, beading. Currently she participates in an on-line writers' group, enjoys reading,

and is working on writing her own novel. At BCMC she has taught children's Sunday school and been involved in women's fellowship.

Lois feels good about her and Marion's recent move to Kidron Bethel Village, which simplified their household, and allows her greater accessibility for daily activities. On Lois' 80th birthday, we pray for her strength and joy in the years to come, and give thanks for the rich gifts of wisdom, insight and creativity that she brings to our church community.

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

Happy 80th Birthday Marles Preheim!



My life flows on in endless song... This hymn text captures well the flow of Marles Preheim's

life, shaped strongly by music. Marles was born August 25, 1933, in the hospital in Yankton, SD. He grew as the oldest of two children on the farm of Edward P. and Bertha (Schwartz) Preheim in a close-knit family, farming and church community. The family attended Salem (South) Mennonite Church in Freeman, SD, where Marles was baptized in 1949. He walked 2½ miles (hugging the fence line to avoid angry cows on the way!) to attend a one-room country school. Already as a child he was involved in music, as one of five students in the same class who all played instruments, and had band rehearsal every Friday. Marles attended Freeman Academy for high

school, and then went on to Freeman Junior College for two years where his teachers included Elvera Voth, Walter Jost and Harold Moyer who would also precede him at Bethel College. Marles went on to Bethel, graduating in 1955 with a music major. Unfortunately, his senior voice recital had to be cancelled at the last minute due to laryngitis, even though the programs were already printed. Florine Voran (now Eitzen – Marles' future sister-in-law) was scheduled to be the accompanist.

Marles met Norma Voran at General Conference Mennonite Church sessions at Freeman, and they met again at Bethel College, where they sang together in a small traveling ensemble led by Elvera Voth. Following Marles' and Norma's marriage in 1955, they lived in Lincoln, NE where he did 1-W alternative service at the hospital for two years and led a choir of freshman nursing students.

After 1-W service, Marles got his masters' degree in music education at Wichita University. He again planned a recital – this time performed successfully, and with Norma as accompanist. Marles taught at Hillsboro High School for four years, and then at Freeman Junior College for six years, before earning his DMA in choral conducting and voice at Cincinnati Conservatory. Following three years teaching at Dakota State College in Madison, SD, and a two year interim teaching position at Goshen College, in 1977 Marles came to Bethel College. He joined Walter Jost who was choral conductor at that time, and in the years that followed Marles and Walter alternated leading the college choirs, the Newton Chorale, and the BCMC Chancel Choir. After many years of directing BCMC Chancel Choir, Marles retired from that position in 2012.

As he reflects on his years of choral work, Marles remembers trips and other special experiences: He has traveled to Europe seven times, including leading Bethel College choir tours, a Freeman Junior College men's ensemble anniversary tour, and a sabbatical trip to Russia. In 2000 he led a choir tour to Syria, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee; and for five years he directed a choir of community members and inmates in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, through the Prison Arts Program of Offender Victim Ministries. An ongoing project has been to prepare DVDs and CDs of earlier video and audio recordings of choir performances. When he is not involved in music, Marles enjoys playing tennis with friends. He and Norma (who is a children's music educator) stay in close contact with their three children – Kay Siebert, Terri Gaeddert and Brian Preheim, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Happy Birthday, Marles! May the song of God's grace flow on in your life. As the hymn says, "...How can I keep from singing..."

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

With Our Members

Weddings:

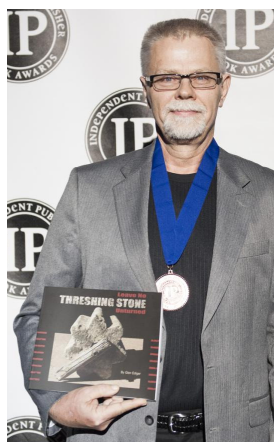
- ◆ Kevin Leary and Naomi Graber — April 13, 2013
- ◆ Ben Harder and Susan Schmeichel — July 20, 2013

Congratulations to Glen Ediger, whose book, *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*, won the bronze medal for Mid-West Region Non-Fiction at the Independent Book Publisher Award ceremony recently in New York City. The IPPYs

honor innovation and creativity in self-published books. The IPPYs are the world's largest book awards competition, with more than 5,200 entrants in 95 categories this year.

Ediger researched, wrote, designed and published his book that was released for Bethel College's 125th anniversary in 2012. Additional information Ediger collected for his book has resulted in a daily blog on Facebook called "Mennonite Farmer," to which Ediger invites readers.

(Adapted from press release by Kauffman Museum to *Mennonite World Review*)
~ Karen Penner



Glen, his award and *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Robert and Phyllis Bob and Betty Harold and Esther



Phyllis and Robert Carlson — August 8, 1953



Betty and Bob Schmidt— August 27, 1953



Esther and Harold Thieszen— September 18, 1953



Fred and Ruth Obold are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary (August 24, 1963) in Portland, Oregon.

In a recent note from Bertha Krehbiel (former BCMC member who now resides in Corn, OK) Bertha relates a story which happened to her recently. After completing

shopping at a Wal-Mart in Weatherford, OK she discovered her credit card had expired, and with no other means of payment with her soon discovered the generosity of a lady in line behind her who said "We're OK, it's being taken care of". The lady slid her own card through the machine and paid for Bertha's purchases. Bertha asked for her name so she could repay her by mail, but the lady refused leaving the message wishing that Bertha should enjoy herself and that "Jesus loves you". What a clear indication that there is much good in the world.

(Information from an article in *Herold Family Happenings* at Corn Heritage Village)

Mennonite Church USA Assembly in Phoenix— Citizens of God's Kingdom Healed in Hope

With immigration as the center piece of the MC USA Conference, delegates from BCMC report they came home feeling energized, refreshed, hopeful, tired, and at times—angry. There were many new ideas and thoughts to ponder. With the complexity of all the issues discussed, one of the delegates reported she was left with feelings full of hope and despair all at the same time. An empty chair onstage throughout the convention symbolized the solidarity with Hispanic Mennonite Church who chose not to attend the convention because of Arizona's controversial immigration policies.

Our delegates were Pastor Ruth Harder, Jeanette Leary, Norma Johnson and

Vern Preheim, Mary Ann Boschmann and Ron and Lois Preheim, Delegate Chair. Others from BCMC who attended were Ron and Carol Peters and David Linscheid, who staffed a booth for Bethel College. Renee Reimer gave her presentation of *My Name is Rachel Corrie* at the convention, which was most memorable for many delegates and attendees. And our own Patty Shelly was commissioned as the new moderator-elect of Mennonite Church USA. If you are interested in reading daily events at the convention, there are daily newspapers from the conference at BCMC library.

Jeanette Leary is excited about the development of a new Anabaptist children's Sunday school curriculum entitled *Shine*, that will be put in use in the fall of 2014. She also reported that the children's safe environment curriculum *Circle of Grace* was promoted. This program provides children with age appropriate information and activities to help them recognize abuse or threat of abuse. BCMC has been using this program for two years, and will again this coming year.

Mary Ann Boschmann indicates the BorderLinks trip

to the Mexican border town of Nogales gave personal impressions and information on the immigration issue. She was moved by the power of song and message when participating in the MC USA "traveling choir" in Phoenix. They sang at the large homeless shelter in Phoenix; the minimum security prison for the visiting families of inmates, mostly undocumented persons; and at Glencroft, the Mennonite-run retirement center. The delegate sessions also were times of spiritual discernment, discussion, sharing and learning. The comment of one delegate at the last session made an impact when he admitted he had not looked forward to spending a week in a large room full of Mennonites—not his "idea of fun." He felt he was "not Mennonite enough" to be part of such a delegate body. But at the end of the week, he confessed that the experience at the assembly made him proud to be a part of this Mennonite faith.

We as a congregation say "thanks" to our delegates who represented BCMC at this MC USA assembly at an event that worked to be inclusive for all MC USA members.

~ Karen Penner

Summer Sunday School for K—12th graders

The Summer Sunday school series for K-12th graders began Sunday, June 9, in Fellowship Hall. The theme was Creation stories with many fun projects and activities planned for all ages!

On June 21 the children wrote poems about creation.

They were given a formula:
1st line=3 words
2nd line=5 words
3rd line=3 words

The children created quilt blocks on the theme of creation, with the help of Jesse Graber and Annette Lamp.

These blocks were then taken by Jeanette Leary and mounted and the colors set. From there they went to Deane Frey who sewed the blocks with various borders (material which Annette had purchased.) From here the quilt will be tied and then it will be decided what will be done with this beautiful "creation quilt."

Here are their poems:

God made light
land, water, sky and animals
then he rested.

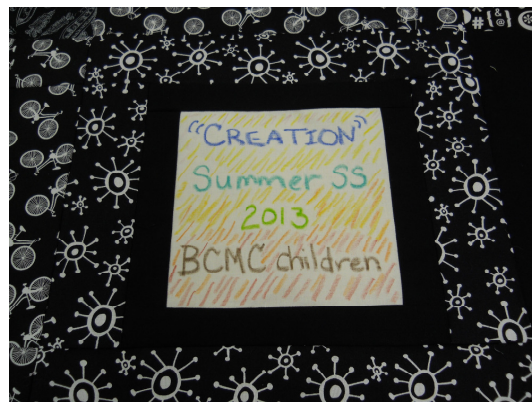
God created life
animals and plants and humans
in His image.

Plant, grow, sprout
all animals eat, poop, sleep
God created life.

God created light
sky, land, sun, moon, water
God is resting.

God created earth
God created sun and moon
creation is good.

God created animals
chickens, cows, dogs, cats, fish
it was noisy!



BCMC Kaleidoscope





Pastor's Corner— Ruth R. Harder *Forever bookmarked*

I have been working hard on the development and design of our new BCMC website (www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org), a project that began in early January 2013. This project required many of us to sort and organize thousands of photos, save and upload countless files, consider tough policy and theological issues, and think about who we are as a church and how to communicate who we are on a website. It's a huge undertaking, but one that has felt worth it and even inspiring at times. (Of course we couldn't have done this without the help and expertise of the staff at Flint Hills Design who created a website management system called

Dovetail, built specifically with churches in mind.)

At times it has felt strange to be so immersed in this project, especially given the fact that I have resigned from BCMC and will begin as pastor at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, KS, in September. Whereas some would say it is natural to begin pulling back and saying goodbye, I felt more and more pulled into this project (my own doing). One of my many insightful friends wondered if this was my way of dealing with my grief over the thought of leaving BCMC. She's probably right. It has been cathartic and even therapeutic for me to work on this

project. Tears were shed during this project, not so much because it was difficult (although it was that too!), but because I was reminded over and over of the variety and beauty with which people live out their faith, individually and communally. In fact, I kept a journal pad close to my desk at all times during this website project because often photos or documents would remind me of all those intangible items that I want to take with me (conversations, stories, lessons learned, smiles and tears shared, questions asked, pain expressed, healing discovered, joy shared).

I feel privileged to be part of the BCMC story and experience. Not only will I keep the BCMC website as a favorite bookmark, I think that I will forever see my years at BCMC as a special bookmark in time. Whenever I visit North Newton or whenever I link to the website, I will be eager to hear about or see photos of future mentor groups or future musicals that the children and youth perform. I will read and cherish future 80th birthday stories in the church newsletter and I can't wait to hear the new organ and see the Living Stones renovations. How I hope BCMC, not just the website, will be a place people will visit and stay! And how I hope that beauty, hope, wisdom and peace will continue to abound in this place, this house of God.

Staff Transitions At BCMC

Jeanette Leary will conclude her time as Education Coordinator on August 18, in order to give full attention to her role as Community Play-school Director. The worship service on August 18 will include a recognition for Jeanette.

Associate Pastor Ruth R. Harder has accepted an invitation to be pastor at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City. On September 8 worship at BCMC will include a formal ritual of release for Ruth, followed by a congregational potluck and farewell program at noon. We will keenly miss Ruth's and Jeanette's presence on church staff, yet bless them in following the call to serve God in different ways. The BCMC Church Board is working with the Staff Congregation Relations Committee and Western District Conference to plan for interim staff coverage and an associate pastor search.



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A congregation of Mennonite Church USA in North Newton, Kansas

NEWS & EVENTS

Worship:
Sundays 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted
Fellowship time:
10:30 to 10:50 a.m.
Christian Education Hour:
10:50 to 11:45 a.m.

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Make new friends

We are committed to getting to know one another better to encourage nurture and support for all members of our congregation.

THIS SUNDAY AT BCMC: JULY 14, 2013

This Sunday we will hear more about the Mennonite Church USA convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Ruth R. Harder will reflect on the theme Citizens of the Kingdom: Healed in Hope, focusing particularly on Ephesians 2. Worship music will be provided by Nate Synder.

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PICTURES FROM PHOENIX!

Check out photos from Phoenix delegates

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PASTOR'S POST

Welcome to our new website! The hard-working and intelligent crew at Flint Hills Design, Newton, KS, has built a new custom content website management system called Dovetail. <http://dovetail.byfhd.com/> The system is made for churches, built to last and best of all, they are right down the street should we need help maintaining and improving our [...]

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Worship Commission

Starts: 7:00 pm
Ends: July 15, 2013 - 8:00 pm
Location: Room 11

[More details...](#)

Electronic Media Task Force

Starts: 4:00 pm
Ends: July 16, 2013 - 5:00 pm
Location: Room 11

[More details...](#)

Homeless Shelter Volunteer Training

Starts: 6:30 pm
Ends: July 16, 2013 - 7:30 pm
Location: 209 E. Broadway, Newton, KS

[More details...](#)

Facilities Committee

Starts: 7:00 pm
Ends: July 16, 2013 - 8:00 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

[More details...](#)

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Return service requested

Worship and events schedule *(Check weekly bulletins and church web site, bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, for updates)*
9:30 a.m.—Worship (unless otherwise noted)
10:30 a.m.—Fellowship time
10:50 a.m.—Christian education

August 2013

August 4, 2013

Worship with sermon by Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; music by a string ensemble consisting of Rebecca Schloneger, Esther Koontz, Rachel Evans, Jill Robb, Jonah Schloneger, John Mark Koontz, and Josué Coy-Dick.

August 11, 2013

Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Vada Snider, flute; Ellen Neufeld, oboe; Heidi Regier Kreider, piano
Commissioning for Mark Kreider and Nat Dick (Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure); licensing toward ordination for Elizabeth Raid and blessing for Patty Shelly, Mennonite Church USA moderator-elect

August 18, 2013

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by a recorder ensemble; backpack blessings and recognition for Jeanette Leary, Education Coordinator; Fall Sunday School begins; Bibles presented to 3rd graders

August 25, 2013

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by “Book of Jebb”, and mentor blessing

September 2013

September 1, 2013

Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Zoe Siemens, Megan Siebert and a bell ensemble

September 8, 2013

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir; ritual of release for associate pastor, Ruth R. Harder

Noon Potluck lunch farewell for Ruth R. Harder in Fellowship Hall

September 15, 2013

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells

7:00 p.m. Bethel College Dessert Reception on the BCMC front lawn

September 22, 2013—Peace Sunday

Worship with sermon by Curt Goering, executive director of The Center for Victims of Torture

10:50 a.m. Peace Sunday SS elective with Curt Goering in the Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. Potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall

12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

September 29, 2013

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Cherub Choir and Menno Ringers

2:00 p.m. CROP Walk beginning at First Christian Church, 1st and Main Streets