

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** In a country where following Jesus is not authorized, a Christian counselor thanks God for a Mission Network woman whose ministry includes developing discipleship materials and translating Christian literature. Pray for safety and encouragement for mission workers and Christians who communicate God's love in countries such as this one.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Amanda Rempel as she represents Western District Conference at the ordination of three women in the Congo. She will be leaving September 19 for three weeks. Pray for spiritual and physical vigor and safety and support in travel.

**This congregation:** Give thanks for Sunday school teachers as they guide children and youth in learning and growing together, and pray for additional persons who can offer their gifts in this way.

*If you would like to request prayer or a visit, contact the church office or one of the pastors. The Prayer Network and Visitation Team are ministries sponsored by the 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 – Thurs.  
Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

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**The lights in the sanctuary windows witness** to our hope and prayers for peace. We encourage others to place a light in a window as a reminder to pray for peace.

*~ Witness Commission.*



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 15, 2013**

# Bethel College Mennonite Church

2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117 316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler

**September 15, 2013** **Worship 9:30 a.m.**

## TIME FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

**Prelude** Andrew Voth, cello; Rebecca Schloneger, violin  
**Greeting and prayer** Rosalind Andreas  
**\*Hymn** *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven* **HWB 63**  
Eleanor Kaufman, pianist  
(children come forward during hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with children** Elaine Prouty – CROP Walk  
**\*Hymn** *We will walk with God* **STJ 78**  
**Old Testament reading** Exodus 32:7-14  
**Confession and assurance from Psalm 51** **HWB 690**  
**New Testament reading** Luke 15:1-10  
**Anthem** *I will arise and go to Jesus* (HWB 139) arr. Moglebust  
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director;  
Florine Eitzen, finger cymbals  
Rebecca Schloneger, tambourine and wind chimes  
**Sermon** *Lost and found: To whom do we belong?*  
Heidi Regier Kreider

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*Hymn** *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**  
Sing a cappella as directed

### Prayer of God's people

#### Offering

To learn more about BCMC or share a prayer request,  
please fill out a card from the pew rack and place in offering plate.

**Offertory** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Wyeth, arr. Sanborn

**\*Dedication hymn** *For the healing of the nations* **HWB 367**  
(Stanza 1)

**\*Dedication prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Hymn** *For the healing of the nations* (stanzas 2-4) **HWB 367**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude** *In all lands rejoice ye Christians* Schop, arr. Bach

\*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. Families with children: The Nursery (Rm 20 behind balcony) is available during worship for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are in the foyer. Following Time with children, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave). We invite members and visitors to fill out welcome/prayer cards located in pew racks; place them in the offering plates. Cards are reviewed by BCMC staff for appropriate follow up.

**Landscaping help wanted.** Facilities Committee invites you to join us Sat., Sept. 21 for breakfast (7 a.m. at Breadbasket) and a morning of weeding, trimming, etc., to clean up the church grounds. Contact any Facilities Committee member or Monica at the office if you can help. Work will start after breakfast at 8 a.m.

**The October/November issue of the *Kaleidoscope*, our church newsletter, is in progress.** If you have submissions that you want the newsletter team to consider, turn these in to the church office by Fri., Sept. 20.

**BCMC member Nathan Koontz** has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, beginning in October. We extend God's blessing to Nathan and Esther and their children, as they make a transition to that congregation.

**Church Board positions open:** Recently, the Church Board has resignations from the Church Board from Carol Longenecker Schmidt, clerk; and Nathan Koontz, due to his accepting a pastoral call at another church. The Gifts Discernment Committee is working on nominations to fill these positions, and will bring those names to the congregation for approval when ready.

**Bethel College and the Bethel College Service Corps** present *The Misguided Professors* and *The Book of JEBB* in a benefit concert for Oklahoma tornado relief and a celebration of fiddler Jesse Graber **today**, 3 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall; free with offering taken.

**Life Enrichment:** Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Krehbiel Auditorium:  
9:30 a.m. *Fun with Fall Plants*, Larry Rogers  
10:35 a.m. *Ancient Ethiopia*, Jim Goering  
11:30 a.m. *Summer Service Experiences*, Bethel College students

**The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** is Sat., Sept. 21, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., North Newton. Rides of 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Register on line at [centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander](http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander).

**Fall Story Time at the Conference Resource Library.** Pre-schoolers age 3-5 are invited to Story Time with Marlene, Michelle, Ali and Pat, beginning Wed. Sept. 18 at 10 am. We will enjoy brand new books and old favorites at 2517 N. Main, North Newton. Call 283-6300 to register.

**Hesston College hosts Warren St. John, journalist**, former New York Times reporter and author of *Outcasts United: An American Town*, *A Refugee Team*, and *One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*, as he presents his research of the refugee experience and resettlement, 7 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 19, Hesston Mennonite Church. Free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation in the Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center with refreshments. Reception attendees will receive book signing order numbers upon arrival. Books will be for sale at the reception. Go to [hesston.edu](http://hesston.edu) for more information.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains** invites you to a Simple Supper Fri., Sept. 20, 6 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Supper will be followed by a report of the recent survey data and discussion concerning the future of the AMBS - Great Plains extension program. No cost; RSVP by Sept. 16.

**Offender/Victim Ministries seeks applicants** to oversee its M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. This position is half-time, salaried and based in Newton.

**Enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village** from 7 to 9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 5, a great start to your day at Bethel College Fall Festival. The breakfast menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. A donation is requested for the meal.

**Today, September 15, 2013**

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with coffee served in Fellowship Hall

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages – Visitors welcome!

Children and youth Sunday school classes:

- 2-3 year olds—Rm B-6
- pre-K through 4th grade students—following snacks in Fellowship Hall, meet in Room B-8 for a time of singing and storytelling
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students—Rm 26
- Sr Hi Youth—Rm 22
- College-age—Agape Center in the Richert House, 2611 College Ave.

Adult Sunday school classes:

- Faith Forum—Twelve Scriptures Project – Sanctuary
- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- Young Adult gathering—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Rm 14—*The World of Paul*, Duane Friesen
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*The Anabaptist-Mennonite Canon*
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—The book *God, Gene, NSB*, by Dr. H.R. Schmidt
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—Biblical history, discussion of issues/events
- Mosaic—Will join Faith Forum elective in sanctuary in September
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Will join Faith Forum elective in September - Sanctuary
- Sojourners—Rm 28—*AMBS Great Plains*, Dorothy Nickel Friesen

**7:00 p.m.** Annual dessert reception for Bethel College students on the BCMC front lawn. Please bring a dessert or ice cream topping. Ice cream and beverages are provided.

**Monday, September 16**

**3:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm B-8

**Tuesday, September 17**

**8:30 a.m.** Implementation Task Force/Building Representatives—Rm 14

**5:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B-8

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Rm B-8

Women's Fellowship General Meeting—Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 18**

**1:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

**4:30 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm B-8

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-8

**7:00 p.m.** Youth group—Room 22 **7:15 p.m.**—Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.**—Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

**Thursday, September 19**

**4:00 p.m.** Visitation Team—Fellowship Hall

**7:00 p.m.** Witness Commission—Rm 23; Finance Committee—Rm B-8

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## **Saturday, September 21—Facilities Committee Work Morning**

**7:00 a.m.** Facilities Committee—Breakfast at Breadbasket – you are invited to join the Facilities Committee for breakfast followed by a morning of weeding, trimming, etc., to clean up the church grounds. Work starts after breakfast at **8:00 a.m.** on the church grounds.

## **Sunday, September 22—Peace Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Curt Goering and worship led by members of Witness Commission; music by Junior Choir and Chancel Choir

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time with coffee served in Fellowship Hall

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages. Adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary with Curt Goering.

**11:45 a.m.** Bible foods lunch—Fellowship Hall—Sr High fund-raiser

**12:45 p.m.** Congregational meeting—Sanctuary

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## **Coming up next Sunday, September 22**

- BCMC will observe Peace Sunday. Our guest preacher will be Curt Goering, Executive Director of the Center for Victims of Torture in St. Paul, MN (for more information see <http://www.cvt.org/>). Curt will speak in worship and tell more about the CVT in a Sunday school elective sponsored by Witness Commission.
- **At noon** the senior high youth will join chef Ben Lichti to prepare and serve a special Bible foods meal in fellowship hall. The meal will be by donation, as a fund-raiser for next summer's youth service trip to DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) in Denver next summer. Please bring your own tableware.
- **At 12:45 p.m., the BCMC Fall congregational meeting** will take place in the sanctuary. Agenda includes updates on pastoral staff transitions, Living Stones, a Gifts Discernment Committee report regarding Church Board nominations, Treasurer's report, and Witness Commission item regarding allocation of BCMC's contribution to Mennonite Church USA. All members and regular participants are encouraged to attend the meeting!

**Pastoral transition update:** The Church Board has appointed a committee to conduct a search for an Interim Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC, who will serve up to a year. This committee consists of Staff Congregation Relations Committee members (Ron Sawatzky, chair; Elizabeth Raid, Dale Schrag, and Sondra Koontz), Church Board representatives Jim Robb and Jill Robb, and pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. They are working with Western District Conference Minister Clarence Rempel to identify and interview candidates for the position. This committee will then recommend a candidate to the Church Board for appointment. Meanwhile, the Church Board is also preparing to initiate a full search process for a "settled" associate pastor. More information will be shared at the Sept. 22 congregational meeting about these search processes.



The annual CROP fund drive for hunger relief continues through Sun., Sept. 29. Contribution envelopes have been placed in church mailboxes for your convenience. Please make checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and note "MCC" on the memo line if you want your contribution routed through MCC. Today you can empty your pockets of loose change for a special offering for CROP during the children's story. Funds raised through the CROP Walk are divided between international hunger relief efforts (75%) and local (25%). Last year in Harvey County, 125 walkers raised over \$17,000 with BCMC contributing over \$7,000 of that total. If you're interested in walking, getting sponsors or making a donation, stop by the CROP table during fellowship time. CROP donations may also be placed in the church offering. Please prayerfully consider supporting the CROP Walk! If you have questions, contact Elaine Prouty, BCMC CROP Walk representative.

**Year of the Bible at BCMC:** Western District Conference recently launched Year of the Bible to encourage deeper engagement with scripture. For more information, see <http://www.yearofthebiblenetwork.org/>. Some ways BCMC will participate in Year of the Bible are the following:

- **A Faith Forum Sunday school elective in September** features the *Twelve Scriptures Project*, an initiative by Mennonite Church USA encouraging us to identify and share formative scriptures. Faith Forum meets in the Sanctuary: **Today, Sept. 15:** Sharing individual scriptures that have shaped us personally; **Sept. 29:** Creating a group Twelve (or more!) Scriptures. For information see <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/2012/03/22/the-twelve-scriptures-project/> (*Note: September 22 will be a separate Peace Sunday elective.*)
- **Adult Sunday school classes** are encouraged to do the *Twelve Scriptures Project* within their own group sometime during Fall 2013 and to do a Bible study of some kind in Spring 2014.
- **Fall Wednesday night adult programs** will focus on *Encounters with Scripture*, featuring a variety of creative ways to engage the Bible. The sessions will be Wednesday evenings, Oct. 2 – Nov. 20, at 6:45-7:15 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m. More detail will be in a brochure soon.

## **Bethel College events:**

- **Soyoun Chun**, soprano, Bethel College music faculty, and Chung-Hoon Peter Chun, viola, University of Kansas music faculty, joint recital, Sat., Sept. 21, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel, featuring works by Handel, Vivaldi, Donizetti, Bloch and others
- **Jack Cole**, 26-year veteran of the New Jersey State Police, former undercover narcotics detective, founder and past executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), will speak about the so-called "war on drugs," Thurs., Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Kaufman House (KIPCOR offices, 2515 College Ave., North Newton).