

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Janet Stucky with Mennonite Mission Network is two months into an assignment in Benin. Pray for Janet as she discerns what role she will play as a consultant to Mission Network partners: Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital and community development programs, and *La Casa Grande* children's home.

Western District Conference: Praise God for all the campers and staff at Camp Mennoscah in 2013. Pray for Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, as she leads the camp in continued developments and new staffing and as she guides the annual meeting this afternoon.

This congregation: Pray that God would use us as instruments of peace - through our vocations, volunteer activities, support of organizations working for justice and reconciliation, and other daily actions and words.

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.

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.

Notary public service is available in the church office.

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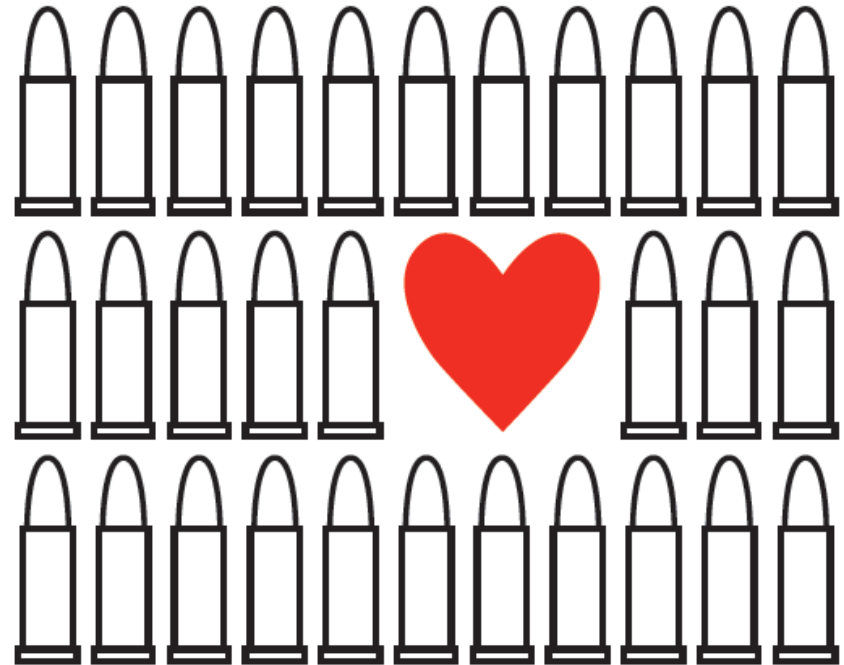
Junior Choir Director: Renee Reimer, 605-212-0081

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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.



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to the pattern of this world

Bethel College Mennonite Church
Peace Sunday
September 22, 2013

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler

September 22, 2013 **Worship 9:30 a.m.**

PEACE SUNDAY

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GATHERING

Prelude *Sonatina Opus 55, No. 2* Kuhlau
The king of love my shepherd is Gounod, arr. Smith

Eleanor Kaufman, pianist

Introit *Lamb of God* arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director

Greeting and prayer Margaret Toews, worship leader

***Hymn** *Unto thy temple, Lord, we come* **HWB 4**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Lois Preheim

Anthem *How can I keep from singing* arr. Littleton
Junior Choir

Renee Reimer, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Scripture reading Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 **HWB 850**

Hymn *We are people of God's peace* **HWB 407**
(sing a cappella as directed)

Sermon Curt Goering

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Anthem *From the apple in the garden* Hopp
Chancel Choir

Dwight Platt

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 *Andante* Mozart, arr. Smith

***Dedication hymn** *Lord, of light* (stanza 1) **HWB 410**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Lord, of light* (stanzas 2-4) **HWB 410**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Carter

*All who are able are invited to stand

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.

Today is Peace Sunday. The theme and bulletin cover design come from the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA. Peace Sunday is observed in Mennonite Church USA on the Sunday closest to International Peace Day, Sept 21. **Welcome to guest preacher Curt Goering,** Executive Director for the Center for Victims of Torture. Curt will also speak in an adult Sunday School elective today at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. He will tell more about the CVT, which is based in St. Paul, MN, and advances human rights through research, training, advocacy and healing services for survivors. For more information see <http://www.cvt.org/who-we-are>. **Thank you to BCMC's Witness Commission** for planning and leading in today's worship service. Members are Margaret Toews, chair; Charles Graber, Lois Preheim, Valetta Seymour, and Dwight Platt.

All are invited to a special Bible Foods Meal at noon today in Fellowship Hall, served by the Senior High youth together with chef Ben Lichti. 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 make checks out to Bethel College Mennonite Church" designated for Senior High Youth Fund. Contributions above the cost of the meal (\$5) may be considered tax-deductible. All are invited!

BCMC Living Stones renovations update: On Monday through Wednesday this week, the basement hallway, men's/women's restrooms and some classrooms will be occupied with work on plumbing and heating/air-conditioning renovations. Please plan not to enter that area of the building during those days. Thank you!

Life Enrichment: Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Krehbiel Auditorium:

9:30 a.m. *The Farmton Plan*, Barbra Goering

10:35 a.m. *Two Weeks in New Zealand*, Craig and Cindy Simons

11:30 a.m. *Stay at Home Longer*, Jerry Pomeroy

The Ministry Support Team of our Mennonite Mission Network partners, Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky, sent BCMC a note of thanks for the “*on-going and faithful support of Joe and Anna and their family. Their work with Bethany Bible School has borne fruit through better-trained local leaders who have gained confidence and can now teach others.*”

Bethel College events:

- **Jack Cole**, veteran of New Jersey state police and founder of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition will speak about the so-called “war on drugs,” Thurs., Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Kaufman House, 2515 College Ave.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble Plays the Classics**, Sun., Sept. 29, 4 p.m., the Fox Theater in downtown Newton (Note change of venue.)
- **Bethel College Fall Festival coming up!** Bethel College Fall Festival is coming soon! Most events are Saturday, Oct. 5, on campus, including, in the Entertainment Tent on the Green: The Book of JEBB (9:15 a.m.); music by members of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and the immigrant rights’ group Mi Projimo (10 a.m.); the Newton Community Children’s Choir (11:10 a.m.); the Bethel a cappella groups Woven and Open Road (11:30 a.m.); and the annual Jazzfest (begins at noon). See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

BCMC member Christopher Shaw presents an organ recital Oct. 6, 4 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N Clifton Ave., Wichita with works by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Lau, and Emma Lou Diemer. Shaw will also give the public premiere of a piece by Bernard Wayne Sanders, commissioned by the Wichita American Guild of Organists to honor Irene Shaw for her work with *POPS for Kids*. A reception follows.

Enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, Sat., Oct 5, 7 to 9 a.m. to start your day at Bethel College Fall Festival with pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. Meal is by donation.



Mennonite Disaster Service update on Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Thank you to volunteers who helped with clean-up in Oklahoma following tornados in May. MDS is now ready to begin rebuilding! We invite your prayers and support as we work to bring families back home. Also needed are weekly volunteers Oct 7 – Dec 13, and volunteer cooks. Call MDS at 1-800-241-8111 for more information.

Today, September 22, 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
- 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students—Rm 26
- Sr Hi Youth—Rm 22

Adult Sunday school classes:

- Peace Sunday elective with Curt Goering – Sanctuary (Catacombs, Mosaic, Seekers and Sojourners classes will attend elective)
- 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
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—The book *God, Gene, NSB*, by Dr. H.R. Schmidt
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—Biblical history, discussion of issues/events
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response

Noon - Bible Foods meal in Fellowship Hall, served by Senior high youth.

(see announcement on a previous page for more information).

12:45 p.m. Congregational meeting in Sanctuary—Agenda includes updates on pastoral staff transitions, Living Stones, nomination for a new Church Board member, and a Treasurer’s report. All members and regular participants are encouraged to attend the meeting!

Monday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 25

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

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

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 26

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm B-8

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Cherub Choir and Menno Ringers

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

2:00 p.m. CROP Walk starts at the First Christian Church, 102 E. 1st, Newton

Pastoral transition update: A committee appointed by Church Board is working with Western District Conference Minister Clarence Rempel to identify and interview candidates for an Interim Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC, who will serve up to a year. 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.



The annual CROP fund drive for hunger relief continues through Sunday, Sept. 29. If you wish to donate, please make contribution checks to "CWS/CROP" and enter "MCC" on the memo line. Last week's mini-Crop walk during the children's story netted \$279 in loose change. If you're interested in walking or sponsoring a walker, please contact Elaine Prouty, Crop Walk representative. In addition, contributions may be placed in the church offering. The Crop Walk is Sunday, Sept. 29, 2:00 pm beginning at First Christian Church, 102 E. 1st, Newton.

The Church and homosexuality: A Conversation that can hold us together is the theme of the upcoming Western District Conference Reference Council **Sat., Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton. This is a gathering of WDC executive board, commissions, committees, staff and pastors. Others with a special interest in this topic are also encouraged to attend. The event is free, but please register with WDC at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org by Oct. 18. Keith Graber Miller, professor of Bible, religion and philosophy at Goshen College (IN), and David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Conference of Mennonite Church USA, will speak about the church's response to persons of same-sex orientation. This will be followed by several respondents and discussion on maintaining relationships in the midst of conflicting convictions. Lunch will be provided, with a free-will offering received. This day is sponsored by the WDC Human Sexuality Discernment Task Force. A related event, **Engaging our Sexual Culture, will be Fri., Oct. 25**, co-sponsored by the Task Force and Bethel College Campus Ministries. At 11:00 a.m. Keith Graber Miller will speak in Bethel Convocation. At 7:00 p.m., Keith Graber Miller will join Ted Swartz of Ted and Co. Theaterworks to present *A Peek into the Church's Journey with Sexuality*, including new dramatic material prepared by Swartz. Both events are in Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets for the evening event are \$10, available at the Bethel ticket office or by calling 283-2500.

Volunteer training at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the office at the Shelter, 209 E. Broadway.

Year of the Bible: Western District Conference recently launched Year of the Bible to encourage deeper engagement with scripture. This Fall at BCMC, Wednesday night adult programs will focus on *Encounters with Scripture*, featuring creative engagement with the Bible. Sessions will be Wednesdays, Oct. 2 – Nov. 20, at 6:45-7:15 p.m., following supper at 6 p.m. More details will be in a brochure soon.

All Are Invited to Participate in the Loss of Turtle Island Fri., Sept. 27 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The Loss of Turtle Island exercise provides an opportunity to interactively explore the historic relationship between Europeans, specifically Mennonites in the Central States region, and the Indigenous nations who inhabit the land we now call the United States of America. The exercise uses blankets to represent the lands of what is now known as the United States, and the distinct cultures and nations which live on those lands to this day. Following the exercise all who attend are welcome to stay for lunch with MCC Central States board and staff to learn more about MCC's current work. Shalom Mennonite Church is located at 800 E. 1st St, Newton. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinaschrag@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

New People & New Hours - Mennonite Central Committee Central States has several new people to introduce to you! Michelle Armster is our new Transitional Executive Director. Michelle currently lives in Lancaster, PA and is Associate Pastor of Community Life at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. She will move to Kansas and work from the North Newton office. Also in North Newton, Anna Yoder is Donor Relations Coordinator, Megan Upton-Tyner is Office Manager and Dan Stucky is Warehouse Coordinator (he works daily from 1-5pm). **New Hours!** The North Newton MCC Center is once again open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Please stop by and see us at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or call 316-283-2720!

Dr. Larry Warkentin, Fresno, CA, presents "Current Trends in Worship Music," Mon., Oct. 7, 9:45 a.m. in the ground-floor Wohlgemuth Music building, Tabor College, Hillsboro. His presentation will include the use of music in the Bible and church history as well as today's challenge--how people with widely varying preferences can learn to worship together. The public is welcome (\$4 at the door). Discussion will continue during the optional 11a.m. lunch. For more information contact Connie Isaac, Lifelong Learning Director, conniei@tabor.edu or 620-947-5964 (home).

Offender/Victim Ministries seeks overseer for its M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. This position is half-time, salaried and based in Newton. Interested candidates apply by submitting resumes and cover letters to libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.