

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Thank God for Scott Litwiller's ministry in Colombia through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Scott as he transitions to the next steps in his life and as he applies what God taught him during his time of service. Pray also for the Mennonite youth in Colombia.

Western District Conference: Pray for Ruth Harder who is being installed as the pastor of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City today.

This congregation: Pray for members of our wider community who struggle to make ends meet and to put food on the table, and that we all would be open to God's call to justice and generosity in our own lives.

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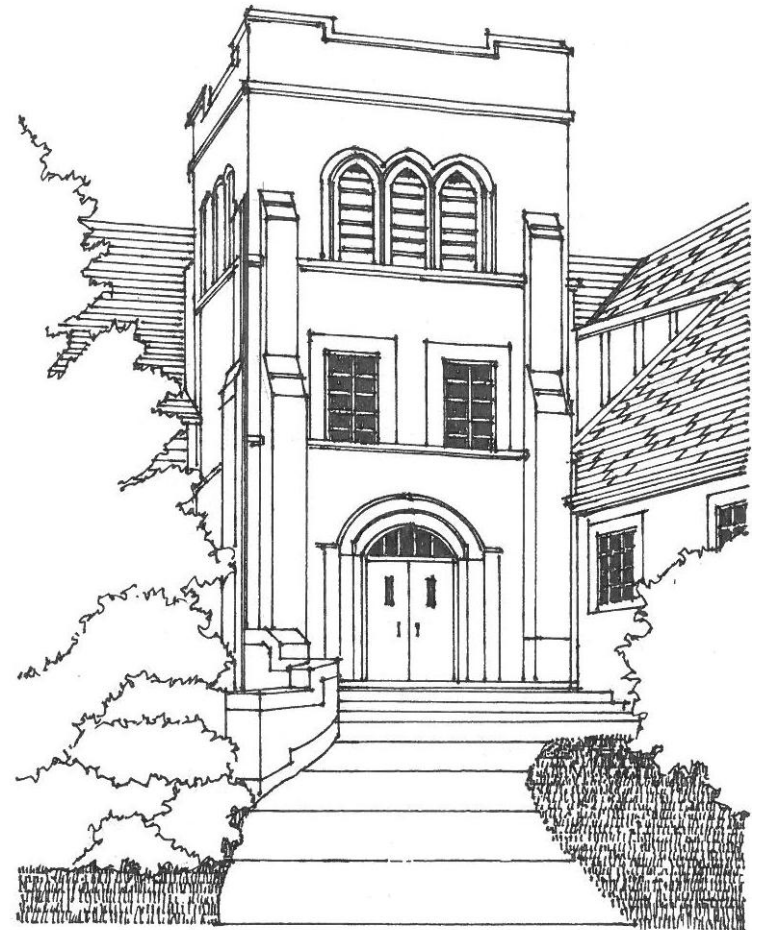
Junior Choir Director: Renee Reimer, 605-212-0081

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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.*



Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 29, 2013

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler

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Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist
Introit *Everyone praise the Lord* T. Mitchell
Cherub Choir; Megan Siebert, director
Nancy Hilty, piano; Vada Snider, flute
Greeting and prayer Harold Thieszen
***Hymn** *I'll praise my Maker* **HWB 166**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider
Worship music *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Beethoven
Menno Ringers; Vada Snider, director
Old Testament reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Gospel reading Luke 16:19-31 George Leary
Hymn *All who love and serve your city* **HWB 417**
Epistle reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Sermon *Seeking the good life* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *You've got a place* **STJ 4**
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

Those celebrating a birthday in September are invited to come forward during the offertory to receive a blessing (bring STJ).

***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *We will walk with God* **STJ 78**

***Benediction and CROP Walk blessing**

***Benediction response**

***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. 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.



The annual CROP fund drive for hunger relief culminates with today's CROP Walk, to begin and end at First Christian Church at 1st & Main streets. Registration for all walkers starts at 1:30 with the walk starting at 2:00 pm. If you're interested in walking or sponsoring a walker, please see Elaine Prouty after church. In addition, CROP donations may be placed in the church offering. Make checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and note "MCC" on the memo line. Thank you for your generous support! ~Elaine Prouty, BCMC CROP Walk representative.

Wednesday night suppers and new activities begin this week! During 8 weeks from Oct 2 – Nov 20:

- **Suppers** will be served at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (by donation; please make reservations with church office by Monday).
- **Adult program** at 6:45-7:15 p.m. will focus on *Encounters with Scripture*
- **Venture Club** (3rd-5th graders) meets in Room B-8 and **Junior High Club** (6th-8th graders) meets at 7:15-8:00 p.m. in Room 26.
- **Youth Bells** (handbells for 9th-12th graders) meets 8:00-8:30 p.m. in Room B-7.

Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells continue regular schedules. For info on supper reservations, menu, child-care, and other details, see **brochure in church mailboxes or BCMC website.**



Living Stones update: Recent progress in BCMC's facilities renovations includes installation of new air-conditioning units for kitchen/fellowship hall and north office/education wing; framing out walls for main-floor restrooms, nursery, family restroom and janitor's closet; and plumbing work. Thanks for your ongoing financial support for Living Stones!

Life Enrichment: Wed., Oct. 2, No Life Enrichment – Fall Fest Week

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.

Bethel College events:

• **Bethel College Wind Ensemble Plays the Classics** today Sept. 29, at 4:00 p.m., in the Fox Theater in downtown Newton (*Note change of venue.*)

• **Fall Festival is Oct 3-6** with Taste of Newton Thurs, 6-9 pm downtown; special events on Friday; Saturday's festival on the Green, and Sunday's worship service at BCMC (prelude 9:30 a.m., worship 10 a.m.). The Fall Fest drama is *You Can't Take it with You*, Fri. evening, Sat. and Sun. afternoons. For details and ticket orders, see fliers in literature rack, or check the website at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest. BC Women's Association seeks donations of poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked goods and home grown produce for the Market on the Green. Bring items to large tent on north side of the green Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Also available for sale there will be Bethel-related gift items including the new *A BC ABC Book: Bethel College of Kansas in Art and Rhyme*.

• **Sun., Oct. 13, 3:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum – Reinhild K. Janzen** will speak on *Art Born of the Great Depression: Newton's 'Mennonite Settler' and Roosevelt's New Deal*, (in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibit *Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-43*).

• **Mothering Mennonite Symposium, Sat., Oct. 26, at Bethel College**, will be a day of readings, presentations, and panel discussions on being “mother” in a Mennonite context, based on a new book co-edited by Rachel Epp Buller and Kerry Fast. Topics include Old Colony mothers, gender roles and stereotypes, mothers in the mission field, infertility, sexuality, step-mothering and other-mothering. Cost for the day is \$10, including lunch, with a **pre-registration deadline of Oct 15** to mennomother@gmail.com.

On October 6, 7 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, area pastors (including BCMC pastor Heidi Regier Kreider) will offer their talent to **benefit Camp Mennoscah** in a program called Pastor Love. Freewill offering will be received, cookie reception will follow. See you there!

Camp Mennoscah will offer two scrapbooking retreats Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 15-17 - if at least 10 folks sign up for each retreat! Register at www.campmennoscah.org.



Mennonite Disaster Service update on Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Thank you to volunteers who helped with tornado clean-up in Oklahoma. MDS is now ready to begin rebuilding! Needed are weekly volunteers Oct 7 – Dec 13, and volunteer cooks. Call MDS at 1-800-241-8111 for more information.

This Week at BCMC: September 29 –October 6, 2013

Today, September 29, 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:

- 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—A study of *Ephesians*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*The Sermon on the Mount*, Matt. 5, 6, 7
- 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, Seekers and Sojourners classes—Will join Faith Forum elective
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response

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

Monday, September 30

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

7:30 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B-8

Wednesday, October 2—Wednesday Night suppers begin

8:00 a.m. BCMC staff meeting – Mojo's on Bethel campus

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

6:00 p.m. Supper—Fellowship Hall

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

6:45 p.m. Adult program: *Encounters with Scripture* – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth group—Room 22

7:15 p.m. Venture Club – Room B-8; Junior Hi Club – Room 26

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Youth Bells – Room B-7

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Friday, October 4

7:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal in sanctuary

Saturday, October 5

2:30 p.m. Wedding in sanctuary

Sunday, October 6—Bethel College Fall Fest Sunday

9:30 a.m. Prelude - Open Road and Woven (student a cappella ensembles)

10:00 a.m. New Songs, Many Voices! Worship with music by Bethel College Concert Choir and reflections by Bethel students, faculty and staff. (*Note: An overflow seating area with video and sound will be available in Fellowship Hall during the prelude and worship service.*) No Sunday School on Oct 6.

Congregational meeting report: At the Sept 22 BCMC congregational meeting Elizabeth Raid's devotions invited us to listen for God in the midst of "holy chaos." April 23 congregational meeting minutes were approved. Marilyn Schmidt, clerk, and Jennifer Koontz were elected to Church Board. Treasurer Richard Friesen reported that annual fund income is about \$5,000 behind budget. 2014 budget preparations are underway and the Pony Express in November will gather commitments for 2014. Annette Lamp from Living Stones Implementation Task Force gave a renovations update; Richard Friesen reported on Living Stones finances. Ron Sawatzky, Staff Congregation Relations Committee chair, announced that interviews had taken place with candidates for an Interim Associate Pastor for Faith Formation (to serve for up to a year), and a recommendation would go to Church Board soon. Church Board chair Mary Ann Boschmann noted that after an interim associate pastor is appointed the Board will appoint a search committee for a "settled" associate pastor.

Young and Middle-aged Men's group gathering is 8 a.m. Sat., Oct. 12, at Mojo's. If you identify yourself as such, come for coffee and fellowship.

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, 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 a.m. Keith Graber Miller will speak in Bethel Convocation. At 7 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.

Thank you to Sojourners Sunday school class, for coordinating Sunday morning Fellowship Time during September and thanks to the Agape Sunday school class for coordinating in October. ~ *Hospitality Commission*

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.

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.



It's Supper Time! Fall Wednesday night suppers begin this week, October 2, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. Fliers were in church boxes with menus and schedules. Adult programs: Encounters with Scripture. This week's program:

Introduction to Year of the Bible with Marlene Bogard. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call the church office by 10 a.m. Mon., Sept. 30 (283-3667). There is also a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall on a small table by the south entrance. Cost is by donation, with a suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. **October 2 menu:** Grilled hamburgers, corn on the cob, potato salad, applesauce, s'mores bars. **Child care provided** 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room B6 by reservation.

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Meal reservation(s) for October 2

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____

Child care needed 6:45-7:30 p.m. for (names) _____

Name: _____

Sign up for all 8 suppers _____