

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network build up the Bolivia Mennonite Church through serving in pastoral roles, leadership training, and Christian education ministries. Pray that God would inspire and strengthen them as they encourage the next generation of decision-makers in the church.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Western District Conference Leadership Commission as they interview two pastors for ordination on January 10 and for the WDC Executive Board as they have their annual planning retreat on January 11.

This congregation: Give thanks to God for the youth of the congregation and that the light of Jesus will shine in their 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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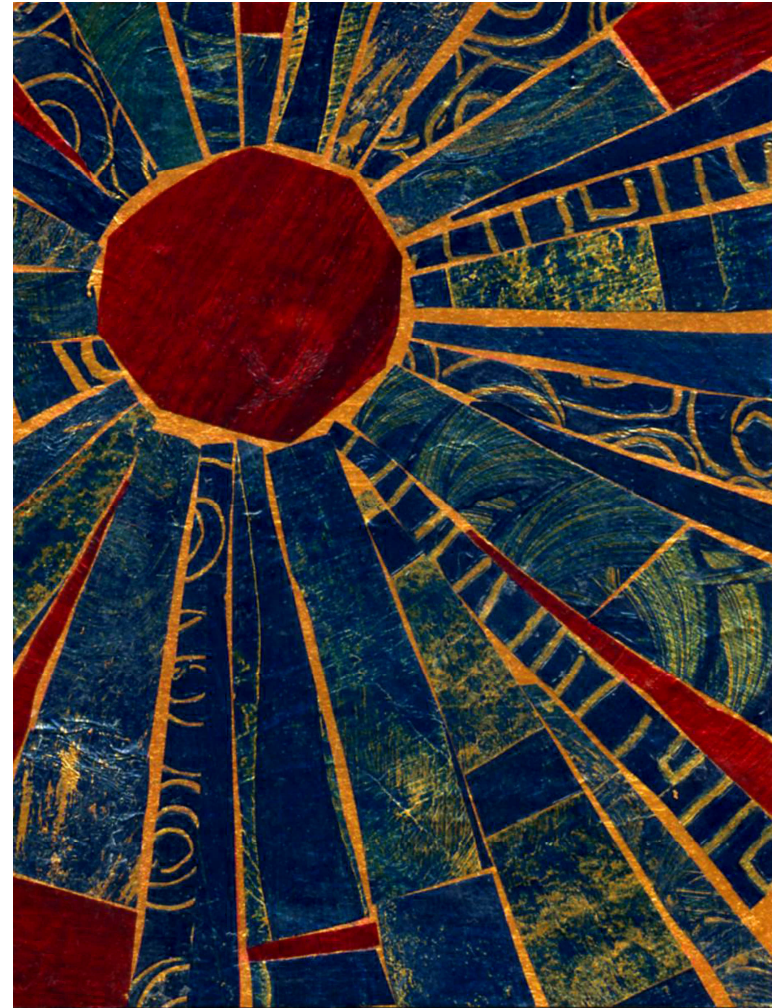
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Epiphany Sunday

The mystery of God's dwelling!



January 5, 2014

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January 5, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The mystery of God's dwelling...in diversity

INVITING THE MYSTERY

Prelude *Meditation* Henselt
Faith Mendelssohn
How brightly beams the morning star [HWB #222] Nicolai/Carter
Nancy Hilty, pianist
Heidi Regier Kreider

Greeting

Call to worship

Leader: Come as fellow heirs of the living God!

People: Let us awake to the marvel that in Christ we are one.

Leader: Oh, the mystery of God's dwelling in our diversity!

People: Our hearts thrill and rejoice -

All: as we open wide the house of the Lord!

***Hymn** *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**
(children come forward during hymn)

ENGAGING THE MYSTERY

Time with children Carol Flickinger
Worship music Sarah Turner, clarinet
Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-18

Leader: For the Word of God that shines in the darkness,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Two responses to Jesus* Weldon Martens

CELEBRATING THE MYSTERY

***Hymn** *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

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 *As with gladness men of old* [HWB 218]

Kocher/Sullivan

***Dedication hymn** *Gloria* (sing 3 times) **HWB 204**

*Dedication prayer

***Hymn** *God be with you* **HWB 430**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

Allegretto

Wesley

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

STS = *Sing the Story*

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The new 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 invite members and visitors to fill out welcome/prayer cards located in pew racks and place them in the offering plates for response by pastoral staff.

BCMC's annual New Year's memorial and communion service will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. During this service we will light candles in memory of BCMC members and other friends and loved ones who have died in 2013, and share in the Lord's Supper together. All are welcome to join in this time of worship, remembrance and hope.

The Bible in 90 Days is a BCMC Sunday school class elective beginning today, Jan. 5 through Apr. 6, hosted by the Bible Study Sunday school class. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall. Other individuals or Sunday school classes are invited to join the Bible Study class in this journey through scripture!

Bethel College students are invited to a pancake extravaganza sponsored by the Bethel College Relations team of BCMC this Saturday, Jan. 11, in the BCMC fellowship hall. Pancakes, sausage and toppings will be served from 10 a.m. -11 a.m.

Living Stones: The Pipe Organ will be returned by Dobson Organ Builders Jan. 19. The unloading and moving the organ components into the church will begin Mon., Jan. 20, 8 a.m. This requires nine to 13 volunteers for about two hours. Fewer volunteers will be needed through Thurs., Jan. 23. Volunteers will be contacted according to the schedule as needed. Contact the Organ Renovation Task Force: Harold D. Thieszen, contact person and chair, Eleanor Kaufman and Chris Shaw, recording secretary.

Join in a gallery walk with Rachel Epp Buller and John Thiesen at Kauffman Museum on the closing day of the museum's special exhibit, "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-1943," today, Jan. 5, 3:30 p.m.

Artist reception for Teresa Pankratz, Thurs., Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m., Bethel College Fine Arts Center Gallery.

Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., is Mon., Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Change the world one Tuesday at a time in 2014! Circles of Hope Ally Training, Sat., Jan. 11, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. If you can listen, are concerned about poverty in the community and enjoy building relationships, register for Circles Ally Training at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. To register call Peace Connections at 284-0000.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service invites all to their annual meeting and program Jan. 19, 2 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. The program will feature the Partnership Home Project. Learn how your church or churches in your community could get involved. Refreshments will follow the program.

It's time for men to register for a new season of singing with the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. All money received from offerings at KMMC concerts go to Mennonite Central Committee. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board. "We sing that others might live."

Perspectives is a 15-session global mission course to meet Monday nights, 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The first class will be taught by James Krabill of Mennonite Mission Network on *The Living God Is a Missionary God*. For more information see perspectives.org.

Winter weather watch! In the event of extreme cold, snow or ice, please use caution when coming to and from the church. To check for church closing or canceled services, see the BCMC website at <http://www.bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org>. Information about church closings will also be listed on local radio and TV stations if possible.

Prayer: "Holy Father, Creator of the heavens, who led the magi by a star to worship the Christ Child: lead us always as we hear your word; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen

This Week at BCMC: January 5 - 12, 2014

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with coffee served in newly renovated foyer area

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

Adult Sunday school classes:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- College students—Agape Center in Richert House, 2611 College Ave.
- *The Bible in 90 Days*—Fellowship Hall
- Catacombs—Rm B-5
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—Discussion of issues and events
- Mosaic—will attend *The Bible in 90 Days*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Reading the Bible again for the first time*, Marcus Borg
- Sojourners—will begin meeting in the Chapel—*Reading the Bible again for the first time* by Marcus Borg—Duane Friesen

7:00 p.m. New Year Memorial and Communion service – sanctuary

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Construction Site Meeting—Rm 14

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

2:00 p.m. Pastoral search committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Rm 14

4:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee – Rm 14

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

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 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, January 9

2:00 p.m. Pastoral search committee – Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Bethel College Relations Team—Agape Center

Saturday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Pancake extravaganza for Bethel College students – fellowship hall

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Worship: sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider, music by Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with refreshments in renovated gathering area

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

Coming up January 26: BCMC's newly renovated space will be dedicated, and the youth will serve a soup-luncheon at noon as a fund-raiser followed by the winter congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. Agenda will include a 2013 financial report, approval of the 2014 budget, a Living Stones update, report on the Associate Pastor search process, and action on recommendations regarding Mennonite higher education and service scholarships and the Mission and Service Endowment Fund policy. A complete agenda and financial report booklet will be put in church boxes on January 19.

BCMC Living Stones update: The Hospitality Commission will decide on a new name for the renovated foyer area. Your suggestions for a name are invited! Write an idea on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

Many thanks to all of you who remembered me with cards and visits and phone calls during my hospital stay. It's gratifying to be a member of a congregation that cares so deeply. Blessings, *Evelyn Lehman*.

Thank you to the Catacombs Sunday school class for coordinating Sunday morning Fellowship Time in December, and to the Seekers class for serving in January. ~ *Hospitality Commission*

A resource person from the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty will be speaking and advising us on a letter writing campaign during the Sunday School hour Jan. 12. We have an opportunity to encourage Kansas legislators to take action to abolish the death penalty in the upcoming legislative session. The presentation will be held in the front of the sanctuary with opportunities for letter writing during and after the Sunday school hour at a location to be announced. More details will be available in a Kingdom Report next Sunday morning. ~ *Witness Commission*

Staff: Susan Wheeler will be out of town Jan. 6-8. Welcome to Doyle Preheim who will serve as interim Chancel Choir director Jan - May 2014. Doyle will direct choral activities at Bethel College while William Eash is on Concert Choir tour in Europe in January and on sabbatical during spring semester.

Mennonite Men meet Jan. 11 at the Kidon Bethel Village Harvest Table for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by a program with Carl and Rosalind Andreas: "From Bill Collector at Bethel Deaconess Hospital to Negotiator of Health Benefits for Industrial Workers: Some Highlights."

Are you interested in learning more about BCMC, or becoming a member of the congregation? An orientation class will be offered in several Sunday-afternoon sessions in Jan. and/or Feb. 2014. To participate, contact Heidi Regier Kreider at heidi.bcmc@sbcglobal.net. or 283-3667. Schedule will be set once participants are confirmed.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary- Great Plains Extension announcements:

• **How are congregations "conformed" to the culture** and in what ways should they be "nonconformed"? How do Christians learn or shape new cultures? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension offers a three-hour credit (audit option) course, *Understanding the Church's Contexts* with Dr. Lois Barrett spring semester, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning February 4. Register (online) by Jan. 6 and receive a \$50 discount. Contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu or 283-7098 for information.

• **AMBS - Great Plains Extension** offers a 3-credit course *Congregational Song* (audit option) in four spring weekends: Feb. 7-8, March 7-8, April 4-5, and April 25-26--with Friday class 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday class 8:30 - 4:30. Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith is professor; classes will be at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton. Sign up by Jan. 6 (saving \$50). Register online; www.ambs.edu/forms or contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu; 316-283-7098, ext. 206 for information.