

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: At this point in their year of service, the novelty of international immersion has typically worn off for Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey participants. Pray that as these young adults become more at ease in their host communities, they will see how Jesus is forming a global church across cultures.

Western District Conference: Pray for the flourishing of our Texas churches and church plants. Pray for Conference Minister Clarence Rempel as he meets with pastors and churches in Texas, April 4-9.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC member Nathan Toews, who serves with Mennonite Central Committee in Colombia.

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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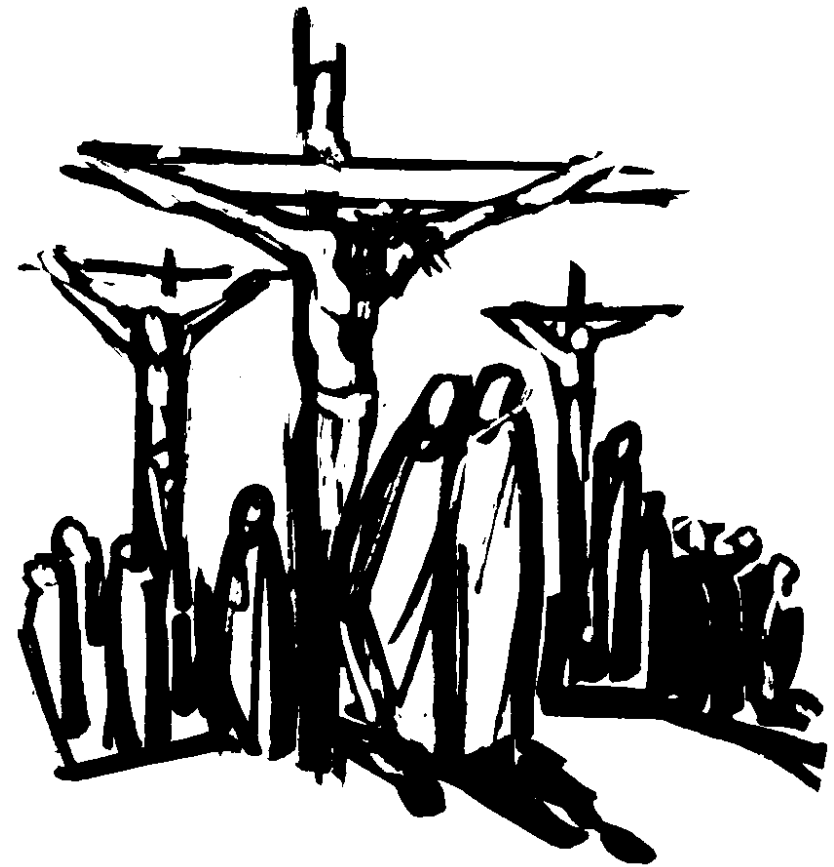
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March 30 at BCMC: Attendance: 266. General Fund \$7,526.60; Memorial Fund \$100; Organ Fund \$100; Living Stones \$400; Flower Fund \$72; Bill Friesen Memorial \$50.



April 6, 2014

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

April 6, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Prelude *Invocation* Karg-Elert
Lamentation Guilmant
Nancy Hilty, organist

Greeting and prayer Helen Nachtigal, worship leader

***Hymn** *Here, O Lord, your servants gather* **HWB 7**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Scripture reading Matthew 27:32-66
Helen Nachtigal and Roger Juhnke

Scripture response: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God revealed in Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship music *What wondrous love is this* Wagner
Youth Bells; Vada Snider, director

Sermon *Death as adversary, death as friend*
Heidi Regier Kreider

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

***Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Storm of love* **HWB 132**

Kingdom Report: Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia
Margaret Toews, Witness Commission chair

Prayer of confession and response *Oyenos, mi Dios* **HWB 358**

Reflections on the Lord's Prayer Weldon Martens
"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"

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 *Ah, Holy Jesus (HWB 254)* arr. by Young

***Dedication hymn** *Lord, whose love... (v. 1)* **HWB 369**

Contributions for MCC "Penny Power" will be brought
forward for dedication along with our offerings.

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Closing hymn** *Lord, whose love... (vv. 2-3)* **HWB 369**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Choral* Gibbons

*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 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.

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Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent, a season of spiritual renewal and preparation for Easter. During Lent worship at BCMC is using readings from Matthew recounting the passion of Jesus. Each week we also pray the Lord's Prayer following reflections on portions of the prayer.

Today's Kingdom Report highlights Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia. Following worship, Witness Commission is also sponsoring letter-writing at a table in the back of the sanctuary, to advocate for just peace in Colombia. For more information, check out the BCMC website to see a letter and pictures from Nathan Toews, who serves with Mennonite Central Committee in Colombia; or see <http://washington.mcc.org/days>.

Holy Week events coming up:

- Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. – Worship with Cherub and Junior Choirs and children's procession with palms - Sanctuary
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday communion and tenebrae ("shadows") service, with special offering for Caring Fund - Sanctuary
- Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. – Community Good Friday service sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance, with special offering for Community Assistance Fund – Koerner Heights Church
- Saturday, April 19, 3:00 p.m. – Organ/ hymn festival celebrating the Lent and Easter season with the newly renovated pipe organ, with special offering to support organ renovation – Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service – God's Son has risen. The celestial sun will rise at 6:46 a.m. Gather for the service at 6:30 a.m. Youth will lead the service. Look for further details in next week's bulletin. 9:30 a.m. Prelude; 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary (No Sunday school)

Stop by the BCMC library, pick up a list of new books, browse, and check out a book or two. Also available are CD's of the *Perspectives on Aging* series from the Wednesday evening programs. ~ *Library Committee*

The second film in the KIPCOR spring film series is the 85-minute documentary *Climate Refugees*, about the human face of climate change; today, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, with talk-back session following.

Register (online) for AMBS-Great Plains courses for summer session. *Biblical Spirituality* taught by Jerry Truex; meets Tuesday evenings May 27-July 1. Two or three hours **credit** option and \$50 fee reduction if enrolled by Apr. 14. An **audit** fee of only \$100 for this class is available. Call 283-7098 for forms and send check by Apr. 14 to AMBS-GP, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. A second summer class is *Conflict, Communication and Conciliation* taught at KIPCOR June 10-13, 8:30-5 for two credit hours. No auditors but a "certificate" option is available. Call KIPCOR directly to register for this option at 284-5217.

Here is the concert schedule for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:

Apr. 27 7 p.m. – Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple St., Wichita
May 4 7 p.m. – Bethel College Memorial Hall, North Newton
June 8 4:30 p.m. – Bethany College Presser Hall, Lindsborg (a joint concert with the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus)

MCC Central States is recruiting a Young Adult Program Coordinator, a full-time position to work with young adult programs and leadership development in the Central States region, with preference for an urban setting. Send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org). View job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/young-adult-program-coordinator-cs>. **MCC Central States** is also recruiting an "Office Manager/Bookkeeper" position, for the North Newton office. This is a 0.8 FTE (Tuesday through Friday) position, which manages the North Newton office functions & also completes various financial & bookkeeping tasks for the region, as well as interacts with volunteers & constituents. Persons interested send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org) View the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states>.

The Comforter Blitz Committee says "thank you" to the 300 women who came for 2 days to complete 169 comforters for MCC. The country of Jordan has requested 20,000 comforters as Syrian refugees cross into their country. The Blitz next year will be Mar. 9-10, 2015 at Journey Mennonite at Yoder. Begin now making comforter tops for next year with preferred size of 60" by 80" and backing 4" larger all the way around. ~ *Lois Leinbach, Comforter Blitz Secretary*

Every 3 months, BCMC and Faith Mennonite Church supply volunteers to stay at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter from 5 p.m.-12 midnight (2 people) and from midnight to 8 a.m. (2 people). More volunteers are needed. Volunteer training dates are Apr. 8 and 24, May 2 and 22 at 6:30 at the shelter.

This Week at BCMC: April 6 – April 13, 2014

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with coffee served in the Gathering Place

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—*Journeys of Paul, Pt. 1*, Weldon Martens
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Book study-*If the church were Christian*, Philip Gulley
- Sojourners-Chapel—*The Beatitudes*, John Esau

Noon Bible in 90 Days and Agape SS classes potluck lunch - Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Youth catechism – Rm 22

Monday, April 7

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

4:00 p.m. Ad Hoc Visual Arts Group—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board—Rm 14

Tuesday, April 8

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Rm 14

3:15 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper—Fellowship Hall

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

6:45 p.m. Adult program: *Perspectives on Aging: Intergenerational Conversations*- Jake Goering, Lois Goertzen, Joe Kondziola, Katelyn Melgren —Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:15 p.m. Venture Club—Rm B-8 and Junior High Club—Rm 26

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

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Weldon Martens, music by Cherub Choir and Junior Choir, and palm procession for children

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with refreshments in the Gathering Place

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

1:00 p.m. Youth Catechism

These are Jesus Friends is the theme of Vacation Bible School, June 2-6 at BCMC. Don't miss it! More information to come soon.

To facilitate our support of the Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, Apr. 12, Mennonite Men changed their meeting time to Sat., Apr. 19 this month. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a presentation and discussion with Mr. T. Walton, Harvey County Sheriff, at 8 a.m.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider will be out of the office Thursday, April 10, for a retreat/study day.



***Craft items are on display TODAY** in the Gathering Place.

Check out the creativity of our BCMC members.

***Penny Power ends today.** Thank you, kids, for returning your juice bottles today. Adults - jars will be picked up today after the Sunday School hour so this is your last chance to contribute to this project. Total collected so far is \$392.57!

***Craft items and plants will be loaded up Fri., Apr. 11.** Please have your items at church by 8 a.m. that day.

***Food items will be taken to the sale on Sat., Apr. 12.** Please have your items in the church kitchen by 8 a.m. Sat. morning. The church will be open at 7 a.m. for those of you who need to drop off items early.

Plan to attend the sale this Friday and Saturday. Highlights include:

◆ Friday evening music program - 7 p.m. featuring Book of JEBB ◆ MCC alumni gathering - 10 a.m. Sat. at Sunflower North with MCC exec. director, Ron Byler ◆ General auction items include several old restored John Deere tractors, a 1972 Buick Electra, loaves of Turkey Red Wheat bread from Scott County plus many handcrafted pieces of furniture and much more.

***Opportunities** still exist for people to work. See Jim or Beaty for more information.

***Check out the MKRS website:** www.kansas.mccsale.org for the latest information. Questions: Contact committee reps Jim & Beaty Robb, Dennis & Kathy Campbell, Ron & Carol Peters.

See you at the sale!



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. The Art and Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and return to offering plate or church office by today, April 6. Make checks out to BCMC, designated "Flower Fund." Contact Mildred Voran for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

or In honor of: _____

The Bethel College Concert Choir sings with the Wichita Symphony to perform Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, today, 3 p.m. Century II, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Lou Gomez and Elizabeth Raid on the death of Lou's father, Lou Gomez, Sr., on Apr. 1, at Kansas Christian Home, Newton. The funeral was Apr. 4 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Newton.

Thank you to Elaine Prouty for leading BCMC's participation in the annual Crop Walk for many years. If you are interested in being the Crop Walk Coordinator for our congregation beginning in June, 2014, please contact any member of the Witness Commission (Margaret Toews, chair; Charles Graber, Valetta Seymour, Lois Preheim, Dwight Platt).

Are you qualified in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)? The Church Board is developing a crisis response plan for BCMC, including a current list of people at BCMC qualified in CPR. If you are willing to be listed, please contact the church office, and note the approximate date of your latest CPR training. Thank you!

Thank you to members of the Issues and Christianity Sunday school class for serving refreshments during Sunday morning fellowship time in March, and to the Open Circle class for serving in April.

BCMC Women and girls are invited to the Women's Fellowship Spring Banquet 6 p.m., April 15. Peggy Goertzen, director of Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College, will tell her story and talk about her doll collection. Ticket prices are \$11 for adults, \$5.50 for ages 4-10. Make reservations with Nancy Hilty by April 11.

A recital and hymn festival led by organist Christopher Shaw to celebrate the organ and Holy Week, will take place at BCMC, Sat., April 19 at 3 p.m., with a freewill offering for Living Stones to support the organ renovation.

Life Enrichment Wednesday, Apr. 9, at Krehbiel Auditorium:

9:30 a.m. *Building on a Dream*, Kathy Schwarzenberger

10:35 a.m. Double session: *Bucket Lists and Looking Back*, Karen Roth Ridder

It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Apr. 9, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. 6:45 pm program: Perspectives on Aging: Intergenerational Conversations- Jake Goering, Lois Goertzen, Joe Kondziola, Katelyn Melgren - Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in offering, email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Apr. 7. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Apr. 9 menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit, strawberry/rhubarb crisp.

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Meal reservation(s) for April 9

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____