

Prayer Requests

Menonite Church USA: Praise God for the 107 people who have made a decision to follow Jesus and be baptized into the Evangelical Menonite Church of Burkina Faso, a Menonite Mission Network partner. Pray for courage and faithfulness for these new believers who may face derision and persecution by a Muslim majority.

Western District Conference: Pray for Camp Menoscah staff and campers as they begin a new summer season with the theme – *Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus.*

This congregation: Pray for energy and joy for children, teachers and helpers involved in Vacation Bible School this week, and for members of Faith Formation Commission and church staff who provide leadership for this week of learning and fun!

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 Menonite 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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May 25 at BCMC: Attendance: 261. General Fund \$9,883.36; Kitchen Fund (Funeral) \$200; Caring Fund \$25; VBS Fund \$303; Living Stones \$4,060.

Bethel College Menonite Church

2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117

316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

June 1, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *Holy, holy, holy* arr. Court
When in our music God is glorified Hobby
Karen Unruh, organist; Braden Unruh, trumpet

Greeting and prayer Jim Robb

***Hymn** *Let the whole creation cry* **HWB 51**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider

Song *I saw a tree by the riverside* **STS 116**
Braden Unruh, guitar

Scripture reading Romans 12:1-8
Romans 12:9-21 **HWB 850**

Reflections Heidi Regier Kreider
Steve Stucky - Facilities Committee
Kathy Stucky - Hospitality Commission

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Commissioning for officers, board, commissions, committees

Congregational reading **HWB 795**
Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Gifts Discernment Committee chair

***Hymn** *O Holy Spirit, by whose breath* **HWB 291**

Kingdom Report: AMBS-Great Plains
Dorothy Nickel Friesen

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 *Simple gifts* Wilbur Held

***Dedication hymn** *Teach my thy truth* **HWB 548**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

*Benediction

Blessing for youth and sponsors traveling to DOOR program

Sung response *May God grant you a blessing* **HWB 422**
(sing 3 times)

*Postlude

Fanfare Helman

*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.

Children's Summer Sunday school: During during the months of June and July, children ages Pre-K through 8th will meet together in Fellowship Hall. Beginning June 8, sessions will use the Mennonite Church USA curriculum, *Stories of God's People*. Each Sunday a different Bible character will be studied, with the story and suggested activities available in the curriculum. Teachers are still needed to lead some sessions. Please consider helping out! This is a good opportunity to become better acquainted with children of our church! Senior High youth will also assist in these classes. Please contact Bonnie Krehbiel (284-2449) or Weldon Martens at the church office if you are willing to help. (*Note: There will be no Sunday School for children on Aug. 3 and 10. Fall Sunday school will begin August 17.*)

Today we commission those serving on Church Board, commissions and committees here at BCMC, as the new program year begins in June. May God's Spirit empower all who share their gifts and time to further God's work through BCMC!

Staff: Custodian Mike Crawford is on vacation until June 4.

The flowers this morning were given by the family of Hartzel and Ilene Schmidt to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

You are invited to a 90th birthday (come and go) celebration for Ethel Kaufman, today, 2-4 p.m., at the Kidron Bethel Village Community Room. (Ethel's actual birthday is May 26 – if you cannot come to the celebration, you can send a birthday card to her at 3001 Ivy Dr., #211, North Newton, KS, 67117.)

The BCMC Prayer Network is a ministry sponsored by the Deacon Commission, with prayer requests distributed by pastors to members of the prayer network through e-mail, at the request and permission of the persons involved. Participants make a one-year commitment to this prayer ministry. **If you would like to participate** in the prayer network for the coming program year (June 2014 – July 2015), please contact the church office.

A recent newsletter from Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, describes the importance of relationships in the African context, and the nutrition work she is doing at Bethesda Hospital. Janet requests prayers for clarity in discerning the most beneficial projects to meet the long term needs of the community surrounding Bethesda; and wisdom in guiding two local students to apply for college admission and find Christian host families in the United States. Janet's newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the hall next to the church office, and on the BCMC website on the "Get Connected: Mission and Service" page.

BCMC young men and beyond, their sons and friends are invited to the 12th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 8-9. Details in July.

Bethel College announcements:

- **The Bethel College Women's Association** announces Geri Tyrell, Assistant Professor of Nursing and new Director of the Nursing Program, as the speaker for this year's faculty lecture, Thurs., June 5, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Geri will speak about the experiences Bethel students have had traveling to Haiti over the last three years, and the impact these experiences have had in developing critical thinking skills, resource management, and appreciation for Haitian culture. A reception will follow in the foyer of the Fine Arts Center. We hope to see you there!
- **Bethel College Alumni Weekend this year is June 6-8 on campus**, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/ for a complete schedule, or call 316-284-525
- **First-Saturday bird walk on Sand Creek Trail, Sat., June 7** – Walks begin at sunrise (according to the local paper or online listing), in the Kauffman Museum parking lot, 27th and Main Streets in North Newton, and last about an hour.

There will be a Launch and Training for the new S.S. Curriculum, *Shine!*, at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine in Wichita, on Sun., June 22, from 3-6 p.m. Call 316 283-6300 to reserve a place or call Bonnie Krehbiel about pooling rides.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus performs June 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Bethany College Presser Hall, Lindsborg (a joint concert with the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus).

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

• **MCC Song on the Lawn** will be Sun., June 8, 5-8 p.m. at WillowSpring Downs (Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm) featuring Book of JEBB, The Bethesda Band, Five Times Harder, Country Jamboree and the Cottonwood River Band! Burgers, hot dogs, and Kettle Corn will be available for a donation all evening long. The Salted Creamery will sell homemade ice cream. Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets for an evening of music to support the work of MCC.

• **Do you volunteer** at the MCC center in North Newton, at an MCC thrift shop, the Kansas Relief Sale, or do you help can meat, tie knots on comforters or sew kit bags? If so, you're invited to a Volunteer Appreciation event at MCC, 121 E. 30th Ave., Thurs., June 12, 4-6 p.m. RSVP by June 5 to meganuptontyner@mcc.org or 283-2720.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- Kitchen helpers needed for the week of July 27-Aug. 1 (full week).
- Camp nurse needed for July 13-19. This position comes with either a stipend or a camper discount--and a free camp tee! Contact 620-297-3290 if you can work the full week or even the first or second half of the week.
- Summer camps start June 8! Send in your Camp Mennoscah registration forms. Registration forms can be found online at www.campmennoscah.org with an online payment option.
- Reserve the date: Aug. 10, 6 p.m. for the annual Camp Sing, a good evening of singing, popcorn, generic pop and good Camp Mennoscah camaraderie! Location yet to be determined.

Join Mennonite Mission Network board and staff for a celebration of God's mission in Africa with a special offering and dessert reception Sat., June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st St., Newton. Hear stories and testimonies about God's work across Africa. Speakers include Stanley Green, James Krabill, and Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky. RSVP by Fri., May 30, to Karen Ritchie at 1-866-866-2872, ext. 23003 or email KarenR@MennoniteMission.net.

Library Camp! Kara Schmidt will lead kids grades K - 4 (completed) in one hour of fun with books and art. Read, wonder, and create at the Western District Conference Resource Library from 2 - 3 pm, June 18, 20, 25 and 27, \$10 per child for four sessions. Call 283-6300 to sign up.

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with ice water available 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 8th grade students—meet in Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday school classes:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Will not meet during June, July and August
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—“*Revelation*” in *One Easy Lesson*, John Esau
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—*Understanding the New Testament* video series
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21
- Sojourners—Chapel—Reorganization Meeting

Noon – Hamburger fry sponsored by senior high youth in the church alley/playground. Come hungry! Lunch will be by donation, with proceeds going to support youth service trip to Denver, June 8-13.

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Orientation for chair-persons of commissions and Board-appointed committees, and staff liaisons. The session will be led by moderator Jim Robb, treasurer Richard Friesen and pastor Heidi Regier Kreider to review organizational and financial processes at BCMC, helpful practices for meetings, and other resources to equip leaders for ministry at BCMC – in the BCMC Chapel

4:00 p.m. – AMBS-Great Plains Extension celebration—Sanctuary. Join in this program of thanksgiving for the past 34 years and hear about the new AMBS-Kansas Center ongoing course offering site. Reception to follow.

Monday, June 2—Vacation Bible School Week

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. VBS —BCMC Classrooms & Sanctuary

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

7:30 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee (note time change) —Rm 14

Tuesday, June 3

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. VBS—BCMC Classrooms & Sanctuary

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

Wednesday, June 4

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. VBS—BCMC Classrooms & Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Janet Stucky Ministry Support Team – Room 14

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells party—Vada Snider's, 2507 Ivy Drive, N. Newton

7:00 p.m. Creation Care Committee meeting with Scott Vogts—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

Thursday, June 5

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. VBS—BCMC Classrooms & Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Friday, June 6

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. VBS —BCMC Classrooms & Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. – Agape young adult dinner with candidate – home of Jill and Adam Robb, 193 20th Ave., Moundridge.

Saturday, June 7

10:00 a.m. – College student gathering with candidate – Mojo's, BC Campus

12:00 noon – Senior High youth lunch with candidate – BCMC

6:00 p.m. – Church Board & SCRC dinner with candidate – North Newton community room

Sunday, June 8—Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson, candidate for Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, and Communion served.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with ice water available in the Gathering Place.

10:50 a.m. Sunday school elective in sanctuary – John Tyson will present faith journey, with time for questions from the congregation.

Noon –Faith Formation Commission lunch with candidate – Fellowship Hall

Vacation Bible School at BCMC will be June 2-6 sponsored jointly by New Creation Fellowship and BCMC for children age 3 – grade 6. For more information, contact the church office.

Gathering at Kidron Bethel Village: BCMC members and friends who live at Kidron Bethel Village are invited to a gathering to meet pastoral candidate John Tyson on Monday, June 9, at 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Kidron Bethel Community Room. An introduction and brief remarks by John will be at **9:15 a.m.**; coffee and refreshments will be served.

Last Sunday following worship, the Church Board announced the recommendation of John Tyson as candidate for Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC. A flier was distributed with more information about John and a schedule for his visit to BCMC and congregational action on the recommendation.

Join Mennonite Mission Network board and staff for a Celebration of God's Mission in Africa with a special offering and dessert reception Sat., June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st St., Newton. Hear stories and testimonies about the deep connection that Kansans have with God's work across Africa with speakers Stanley Green, James Krabill, and Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky. RSVP by May 30 to Karen Ritchie at KarenR@MennoniteMission.net or 1-866-866-2872, ext. 23003 (toll-free, direct) would be appreciated.

Casa Betania Mennonite Church will celebrate their 6th anniversary Sun., June 15, with worship at 10 a.m. at Athletic Park in Newton (small shelter north of tennis courts) followed by lunch at noon. Members of the wider church community are invited to join in worship or just come for lunch, which will be by donation with proceeds to support Casa Betania's ministry.

If you have an interesting story about your life you want preserved, Joe Kondziola will be using National Public Radio's StoryCorps to collect stories about uniquely Mennonite struggles. If you have a story about your experiences with pacifism, life in service of the church, or simply want to share your story, contact Joe. He will be conducting interviews from May 18 - June 7. Please, share your story of faith.

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on three Mondays: June 9, July 7 and Aug. 4. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain options if you continue to work, and answer related questions. Seminars will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com. ~ *Marlene Faul, BCMC Advocate*

Delegates are needed to represent BCMC at the annual assembly of Western District Conference, July 4-6, Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie (near Dallas), TX. The \$65 registration fee will be reimbursed to each of the 19 delegates after registering online at www.mennowdc.org. A chartered bus option is being considered to leave July 4 at 9 a.m. and return July 6 at 7 p.m., cost \$58-\$110 depending on bus size. Reserve bus seat by June 3 by calling WDC at 283-6300. Other costs: Adult lodging/meals (2 nights, 5 meals) - \$170 double occupancy; \$185 single occupancy. Adult meal package is \$30 if not staying at Lakeview (3 meals, no breakfasts). If you are interested in serving as a BCMC delegate, please contact Gifts Discernment Committee chair person Dorothy Nickel Friesen.

Join friends and colleagues in offering Myrna Krehbiel congratulations on her retirement and thanking her for 14 years of creative community building at Peace Connections. Come and go reception Sun., June 8, 2-4 p.m. at Carriage Factory Art Gallery, 128 E. 6th Street, Newton. Refreshments, reflections at 3 p.m., and music by Barrick Wilson.