

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Beginning this month, Connie and Dennis Byler will be in the United States on North American Ministry, sharing about God's work in Spain through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for safe travels and that God will speak powerfully through them.

Western District Conference: Pray for Pastor Karen Mascho and Minister of Outreach Steve Mascho as they guide Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater, TX in the formation of Christian community and outreach to families of prisoners.

This congregation: Pray for safety and joy for members of the senior high youth group and leaders Weldon Martens, David LeVan and Karen Sheriff, as they travel today to Denver to participate this week in DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection), a program of Mennonite Mission Network.

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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Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

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Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, Weldon Martens

June 8, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude

Menuet from Sonatine

Ravel

Adagio from Sonate Pathetique

Beethoven

Valetta Seymour, pianist

Greeting

Heidi Regier Kreider

Call to worship: Psalm 104:24, 27-34

Susan Wheeler

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

**when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open
your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to God,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

***Hymn**

Spirit divine, inspire our prayers

HWB 30

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Sharing from Vacation Bible School

Scripture reading

Acts 2:1-21

Susan Wheeler

Sermon

You will be my witnesses

John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn**

O Holy Spirit, making whole

HWB 300

Prayer of God's people

Service of Communion

Words of invitation and institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup: You are invited to go to a table near you to receive communion (bread is gluten-free)

Song during Communion *I come with joy* **HWB 459**
Suzy Burch, guitar

Prayer after Communion

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 *How lovely is thy dwelling place* Brahms; arr. Ham

***Dedication hymn** *Praise God, the Source of life* **HWB 95**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Sent forth by God's blessing* **HWB 478**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

*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.

This weekend we welcome John Tyson, candidate for Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, visiting BCMC with his spouse Amy. Today John will preach during worship, and share his faith story during Sunday school in the sanctuary, with time for questions from the congregation. John and Amy will have lunch today with Faith Formation Commission, with optional activities this afternoon. Monday's activities are coffee and refreshments at 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Kidron Bethel Community Room for BCMC members at Kidron; a BCMC staff meeting at 10:30 a.m.; and lunch with the pastoral search committee.

A brief congregational meeting will take place next Sunday, June 15, immediately following worship, for BCMC members to vote on the Church Board recommendation to call John Tyson as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider will be on vacation June 11-24. Weldon Martens will be on the youth service trip June 8-13. Susan Wheeler will be out of town on Saturday, June 14; for pastoral care concerns that day, contact Marion Deckert, chair of Deacon Commission, at 283-4352.

The Church Board has accepted the resignation of Weldon Martens as Interim Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, effective June 27. We give thanks for Weldon's ministry at BCMC, and will mark this transition with a ritual of release and blessing during worship on June 22. You are also invited to share your personal appreciation through cards to Weldon. (They may be sent to the church office or placed in a basket available on June 22). – *Church Board*

Remember in your prayers those who received care this week at Newton Medical Center: Louise Bartel (released) and Fern Goering (released; moved to Pine Village, Moundridge).

Children's Summer Sunday school: During during the months of June and July, children ages Pre-K through 8th grade will meet together in Fellowship Hall. Sessions use the Mennonite Church USA curriculum, *Stories of God's People*. Each Sunday a different Bible character will be studied. (*Note: There will be no children's Sunday School Aug. 3 and 10. Fall Sunday school will begin August 17.*)

Thank you for your contributions at the senior high youth hamburger fry last Sunday! \$1,665 was raised to support their service trip to Denver this week.

A recent newsletter from Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, is posted on the bulletin board in the hall next to the church office, it is printed in the current BCMC newsletter, *Kaleidoscope*, and is 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; questions, contact Dave Linscheid.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

- **Song on the Lawn** is today, 5-8 p.m. at Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm, featuring Book of JEBB, 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. Salted Creamery will sell homemade ice cream. Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets for an evening of music to support MCC. Directions from Goessel: 3 miles north on K-15, 4 miles east, and ¾ miles north.
- **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:

- **Camp nurse** needed 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.
- **Family Camp** is July 26-27 at Camp Mennoscah. Jesse Graber and Ruth Harder are the leaders. There will be an Amazing Mennoscah Race (a treasure hunt throughout camp grounds), kickball, river play, campfire, worship, stargazing, drama, ping pong tournament, music jamboree, basketball, and other good times! Brochures available soon.
- **Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 10, 6 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church - an evening of singing, popcorn, generic pop and good Camp Mennoscah camaraderie!

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.

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.

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*

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:

- Elective: Pastoral candidate John Tyson's faith story – Sanctuary

Monday, June 9

9:00 a.m. – Pastoral candidate gathering – Kidron Bethel Community Room

10:30 a.m. – Staff meeting with pastoral candidate – Room 14

Noon – Pastoral search committee lunch – home of Valetta Seymour

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

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, June 10

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Saturday, June 14

7:30 a.m. Mennonite Men's Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, Harvest Table (\$4.00 for breakfast) followed at 8 a.m. by speaker Robert Kreider presenting "pivotal moments" from his life. Reflections and responses are welcome. No meetings the remainder of the summer until resumed in September.

8:00 a.m. Young and Middle-aged Men--Mojo's, Bethel College Campus

Sunday, June 15

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon and time with children by Joe Sawatzky, followed by brief congregational meeting.

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

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

Next Sunday, Joe Sawatzky will preach on the theme "A kingdom and priests," based on Revelation 5:1-14. Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky are concluding their term with Mennonite Ministries in South Africa (a partnership of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, Mennonite Church Canada Witness, and Mennonite Mission Network), where they have served since 2006. BCMC has participated in financial and prayer support for them, and we welcome this opportunity to hear perspectives growing out of their experience and ministry.

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

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 today, 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.

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. 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.

Be a volunteer on July 4 and Kidron Bethel Village will treat you to a free pulled-pork BBQ meal, live music and a great fireworks show! Celebration Day Fireworks Extravaganza kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Fri., July 4, at 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. It's the annual benefit for Kidron Bethel's Health Care Benevolent Fund. Help serve food or work on other tasks. To volunteer, call Kent Dove, 316-836-4851, or [sign up on the BCMC bulletin board next to the church office.](#)

The West Zion Mennonite Church (101 S. Washington Ave., Moundridge) **Concert Series** continues with a concert on Sun., June 15, 7:00 pm with Christopher Shaw, organ; Katie Phillips Wagoner, oboe; the Country Jamboree, an instrumental and vocal bluegrass and gospel music group; and Donna Stucky, piano. A freewill offering will be received, and refreshments will be served following the concert.

Planning is underway for the next Mennonite Church USA biennial convention, June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. See the website at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> to read about hopes and dreams, introductions of leaders, reflections, and more information. Send in your seminar ideas. We need your seminar and workshop ideas in order to make it extra-great. From June 1-August 15, 2014, submit your ideas online: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/convention-411/seminars/>.

Welcome! Give and Receive God's Great Love!

This was our theme at Vacation Bible School last week.

We give thanks for all who led and participated!



Participants: (43 children)

3-4 year olds: Daisy Bradshaw, Faith Burch, Aislyn Clayton, Amerie Clayton, Leah Dickson, Brett Gaeddert, Collin Gaeddert, Rowan Kauffman, Jude Oswald, Nadia Ratzlaff, Lily Runge

Leaders: Jeanette Stucky, Jennifer Esau, Audrey Ratzlaff, Kira Hecht

Pre K-K: Brandon Butcher, Olivia Entz, Reuben Harder, Naomi Koontz, Adam Oswald, Addie Regier, Joel Umana, Mabel Kaufman Wall

Leaders: Barb Koontz and Evelyn Regier

Grade 1: Lucy Burch, Payne Claassen, John Eash-Scott, Anne Koontz, Mara Oswald, Lily Schloneger, Abram Kauffman Wall

Leaders: Barb Voran, Kathy Campbell, Crystal Gaeddert, Elizabeth Tran

Grades 2 & 3: Braylon Butcher, Alice Claassen, Tynan Hallocy, Noah Hecht, Lucca Kauffman, Abby Koontz, Simon Koontz, Markus Leopard, Nathaniel Neufeld Slemmer, Jonathan Umana

Leaders: Jill Robb and Serena Wong

Grades 4-6: Emma Claassen, Elias Harder, Caleb Koontz, John Mark Koontz, Nick Leopard, Annalise Miller, Olivia Slemmer

Leaders: Mona Krievens, Norma Johnson, Sarah Turner, Laura Tran

Who made it happen: (23 volunteers and Dobson the therapy dog!)

VBS director: Weldon Martens and Beaty Robb

Worship leader: Renee Kanagy

Music leaders: Renee Reimer and Julie Wedel

Drama coordinator: Adam Robb

Offering and Junior High coordinator: Megan Leary

Snack coordinator: Becky Miller

Zweibach baker extraordinaire: Ilene Schmidt (Ilene baked all of the zweibach for Friday's snack time.)

Photographer: Austin Prouty

Jr. High helpers/drama participants: Kira Hecht, Christa Kondziola, Katherine Lamp, Will LeVan, Stephany Meyer, Edel Miller, Zoe Siemens

Sr. High helpers: Austin Prouty, Elizabeth Tran, Laura Tran, Sarah Turner, Serena Wong

Active response: Matt Koontz, Ben Kreider, Adam Robb

Bible response: Group Leaders in Classrooms

Creative response: Rebecca Schloneger, Sheri Leopard

Mystery response: Homeless Shelter, Irma Gonzales with Mennonite Central Committee, Renee Kanagy, Beth Penner and Dobson - the Kidron Bethel Village Therapy Dog