

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: The South Africa and Paraguay Radical Journey teams will arrive in Chicago tomorrow for four days of re-entry sessions. Pray for discernment during this time of debriefing and preparation for returning to their home communities and what comes next in their lives.

Western District Conference: Pray for the newly formed Church Planting Commission of Western District Conference as they network Anabaptist church planting partnerships.

This congregation: Pray for safety, health and joy for those traveling or taking vacations.

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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July 13, 2014

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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 *Partita on Darwall's 148th (Rejoice, the Lord is King)*

Charles Callahan

Karen Unruh, organist

BCMC children

Introit

Greeting and prayer

Harold Thieszen

***Hymn**

Sing praise to God who reigns

HWB 59

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Heidi Regier Kreider

Worship music

BCMC children

Scripture

Genesis 25:19-34

Hymn

O God, who gives us life

HWB 483

Sermon

Families, feuds and faithfulness Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn**

God of the Bible

STJ 27

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

Dona nobis pacem

arr. John Behnke

***Dedication hymn**

Praise God from whom

Tune of STJ 67

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
in heav'n above and earth below;
one God three persons we adore.

To God be praise forevermore. Amen.

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn**

Let there be light, Lord God

STJ 67

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude**

Toccata

John Rutter

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ = Sing the Journey

Thank you to organist Karen Unruh from Alexandwohl Mennonite Church, and BCMC children: Caleb Koontz, Abby Koontz, Katherine Lamp, piano; Lily Schloneger, violin (with Rebecca Schloneger, accompanist ;) and Maisie Brubacher, solo, offering worship music today!

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.

BCMC member Megan Leary plans to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in Tucson, AZ, this coming year. **On July 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, there will be a support meal of taco salad in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Megan Leary's upcoming Mennonite Voluntary Service term and support her through prayer and finances. The meal will be by donation, to support expenses beyond funds provided by the BCMC Education and Scholarship program (any additional proceeds will go toward the BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fund).

July forums: Today's Adult Sunday school elective at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary will feature pictures and a presentation by delegates who attended the Western District Conference assembly in Texas last weekend. All are welcome! Upcoming electives in the July forums are:
July 20 – Service Adventure reports - Nat Dick and Mark Kreider
July 27 – Presentation on Camp Mennoscah

We offer sympathy to Carol Dietzel Cranston and Shonnie Cranston on the death of their father and grandfather, Arnold Dietzel, July 4, Schowalter Villa. The memorial service was July 8 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

We offer sympathy to Gerald "Red", and sons Donovan and Doug Schmidt and families, of Hilton Head, South Carolina, on the death of Irva LaVonne Schmidt July 9 at Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Church Board expresses appreciation to Bernice Esau who recently resigned as Assistant Treasurer after many years of faithful service. Nancy Hilty was newly appointed and Lois Goertzen continues in this position. Assistant Treasurers coordinate the counting of weekly offerings, record individual contributions, and make bank deposits.

This Week at BCMC: July 13 – July 20, 2014

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, 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

Harvey County Homeless Shelter Update: HCHS has moved to 900 W. Broadway, Bldg. 7 (Youthville campus). There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for HCHS. Needs are: Boxed meals (hamburger helper, etc.), pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, napkins, toilet paper, and new men's and women's socks and underwear. There is always a need for volunteers for staffing. Next volunteer orientation training session is July 24 at HCHS at 6:30 PM. Let Valetta Seymour know if you are able to be a new volunteer.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Summer Thresher Golf Classic and Barbecue, Sat., Aug. 3, at Galaway Creek Golf Course, Henderson, NE. For a brochure, go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends or contact 316-284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu.

Register with payment by Thurs., July 24, and save \$10!

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Family Camp** is July 26-27 at Camp Mennoscah. Jesse Graber and Ruth Harder are the leaders. For more information call 620-297-3290.
- **Only a few summer youth camps remain** for the 2014 summer at Camp Mennoscah. Register for gobs of fun. Camps remaining are Junior High II (8th/9th grades), Junior II (6th/7th), and Senior High (10th-12th/graduated seniors). Check out these camps at www.campmennoscah.org or call.
- **Health Spiritual Retreat**, a retreat for those affected by mental illness, along with family and friends, is Aug 31-Sept. 1 on the theme "Finding Your True Self." Activities include hayrack ride, worship and music, swimming, crafts, and sessions on the theme. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Camp Mennoscah.
- **Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 10, 6 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church with Michael Unruh and Greg Shelley leading the singing.
- **Women and Girls Retreat** - September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration forms available early July.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will have a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pleiades building project Sun., July 20, 7 p.m. at the building site. Guests are welcome to supper at 5:30 p.m. (by donation) and stay for Family Camp I worship service at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to the camp by Wed., July 16.

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:

- July forum elective: *Report from Western District Conference Assembly*—Sanctuary
- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the Old Testament*, dvd
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response

12:00 noon Creation Care Committee potluck lunch—Fellowship Hall --

All are welcome!

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 17

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Witness Commission—Rm B-7

Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-8

Sunday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Breakfast for the support groups of Nat Dick and Mark Kreider in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Mark Kreider, Andrew Toews and Francis Toews.

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages; July Sunday school elective: Service Adventure reports - Nat Dick and Mark Kreider

Children's Summer Sunday school: During the months of June and July, children ages Pre-K through 8th grade 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.*)

Staff: Custodian Mike Crawford will be on vacation July 13 and July 18.

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. Arrive Fri. 6:30 p.m. or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight, too. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear, breakfast food to share Sat. a.m., etc. Questions? Contact Dave Linscheid.

As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention and instead to send humanitarian aid. Help reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq on long-term peace efforts. Information is available at mcc.org/get-involved/kits and donate.mcc.org/iraq or call 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at mcc.org/advocate-iraq provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church invites the broader community to special events, as they continue to celebrate 140 years.

- July 13, 7 pm - Willmar Harder & Hannah Neufeld on their MCC work in Bolivia
- July 20, 7 pm - Historical program and worship at the site of the former Immigrant Houses built for the first settlers to the Inman/Buhler area. Featured speakers: Brian Stucky (methods of locating former buildings), Glen Ediger (research on area Immigrant Houses). Location from Hoffnungsaue church is: 1 1/2 miles north on 13th Ave, 1 1/2 miles west on Arrowhead Road.
- July 27, Celebrating the Past, Faithfully Embracing the Future – 9 a.m. Children's activities, games and informal visiting; 10 a.m. Worship & celebration service; Noon - Fellowship meal.

Jolene Brackey, speaker and author, will share tips for creating positive moments with family and friends who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. This seminar is free to the public; seating is limited at 7 p.m., Wed., July 23, Water's Edge Restaurant, 703 S. Main, Hesston.

Scripture Sing: First Mennonite Church, Newton, hosts an evening of song and scripture Sun., July 20, 7 p.m. Musicians will perform pre-selected songs, connecting them with specific scripture texts, but there will also be opportunity for suggestions. The only requirement is to connect the song with the text. Bring instruments if you have them. If you want to sing a new song, bring the music.

What does it mean to be an Anabaptist? The fall course at AMBS-Kansas Center will be "Anabaptist History and Theology" with Lois Barrett meeting four weekends (Friday evenings and Saturdays) Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, Dec. 5-6. Credit or audit. Early registration deadline is July 28--\$100 discount. Send a Sunday School teacher, or develop a congregational scholarship for this class. Register at www.ams.edu or contact Brenna Harker (1-800-964-2627).

Newton Et Cetera Shop evening manager position: Key qualifications: available 4-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, great with people, ability to multitask, competent computer/technology skills, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. College graduate preferred. Begins Aug. 11, 2014. Email resume and 3 professional references by July 14 to manager@newtonetceterashop.com.

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, Sept. 18-20, hosted by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. Many are becoming increasingly aware of the intimate connection between the environmental crisis and humanity's detachment from the land and perceive the profound link between the (un)health of the land and the inner disorder of our Western society. As God's people, the church must imagine and embody an alternative that cultivates shalom between individuals, within and between communities, between humans and the rest of creation, and with God. This conference will engage in a theology that cares for God's creation, for the land and all that lives on it. Pastors, scholars, creation care advocates and practitioners are invited to join the discussion.

Exploring Circles Dessert Night: If interested in exploring the possibility of being a volunteer Ally in Circles of Hope attend Thurs., July 24, 7-8 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Meet the members of a Matched Circle (Circle Leader and Allies), hear stories about building intentional friendships, ask questions or share concerns about what it's like to walk with someone who is setting goals to get out of poverty and meet other people who want to make a difference. All this and dessert too. RSVP to info@peaceconnections.org or 284-0000.