

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Mission Network's Laura Schlabach serves as the JCS International representative for Bayanhongor, a rural province in Mongolia. Pray for Laura as she works with this consortium of Christian organizations to help people enjoy more abundant life through development and relief, while encouraging the growing church.

Western District Conference: Pray for John Tyson who will be installed today as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton.

This congregation: Pray for Sunday school leaders who today begin a new year of teaching and learning together with children and youth at BCMC.

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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August 17, 2014

Bethel College Mennonite Church

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, John Tyson

August 17, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Shine: Living in God's Light

Celebrating a new year of faith formation

GATHERING

- Prelude** *Prelude in A* Thayer
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Manz
Verlene Garber, organist
- Introit** Two Minuets J.S. Bach
Andrew Voth, cello
- Welcome** Alan Lepard, chair of Faith Formation Commission
- Opening prayer**
- *Gathering hymn** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HWB 71**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- Time with children** Heidi Regier Kreider and Alan Lepard
Gift of Bibles to 3rd graders
Backpack blessings
Meeting John and Amy Tyson
- Service of Installation for John Tyson,**
Associate Pastor for Faith Formation **Insert**
Led by Clarence Rempel, Western District Conference Minister
- Hymn** *Lord, listen to your children* **HWB 353**

Scripture readings and responses

Reading: Isaiah 9:2

Response: *God's light shines amidst the darkness in our world.*

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Response: *We are a reflection of God's light, called to shine that light at home and beyond.*

Reading: Romans 12:2

Response: *The light of Christ transforms us and gives us wisdom to do God's will. We cooperate with God to bring healing and hope to our world!*

- Worship music** *To a wild rose* Andrew Voth, cello
- Reflections** Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Litany of commitment and commissioning

Leader: Today we celebrate the greatness of our God—the one who created us with minds to learn, and who opens our hearts to understand.

People: *We are a reflection of God's light, wanting children to experience the transforming power of God's love and to shine God's light in the world. Arise; let your light shine.*

Leader: We are thankful for teachers who share God's story. We are thankful for children and youth who see the light of God's message unfold. We are thankful for a congregation and families who encourage and support these efforts.

People: *Let us look to God and be radiant. Let us reflect the brightness, as nothing can hide God's glorious light. Arise; let your light shine.*

Leader: Together, we promise to experience God's story and respond, as we serve God faithfully. We give God all the praise, honor, and glory.

All: *We believe that expressing our faith through lives of compassionate peacemaking and service to others shows that the light is stronger than darkness.*

- *Hymn** *Let your light shine* **Insert**
Suzy Burch, guitar

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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Bish

***Dedication hymn** *Halle, halle, hallelujah* **STJ 17**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Closing hymn** *The Lord bless you and keep you* **STJ 76**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *Sending Song* from *Shine* curriculum

***Postlude** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

*All who are able are invited to stand

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** for those affected by mental illness, and their family and friends, is Aug 31-Sept. 1. Partial scholarships available. Contact camp to register.
- **Women and Girls Retreat** - September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration forms available from the BCMC Women's Fellowship.
- **Work & Play Camp** - Sept. 14-17.
- **Camp Mennoscah has a few open weekends this fall** for almost any size group. Reservations are on a first request basis. Call 620-297-3290.
- **Approximately 125 people came to the Annual Camp Sing** at Shalom Menn. Church and \$3000 was raised for the new bathhouses. Thank you!

Everence Announcements:

- **Women and money is a series of lunchtime presentations** (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, for four Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Hesston Public Library. Light lunch will be served. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller at darlene.buller@everence.com. or (620) 327-4043 or (877) 467-7294.
- **Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices*** at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on four Mondays Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall and Financial Representative Megan Smith will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at the contact numbers above.

Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop: Volunteer clerks are needed for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Call 283-9461 or email manager@newtonetceterashop.com.

- Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. Key qualifications: available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, ability to lift and carry heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461 by September 15.

Western District Conference survey: BCMC members received a survey request via e-mail from the WDC Discernment Task Force. The Task Force will guide conference-wide conversation on the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors regarding pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction. Your participation in the survey is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. To fill out the survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>. Please respond to the online survey by August 31. If you are not able to complete the survey online, paper copies are available in the church office and foyer. Fill them out and return to the church office or box in foyer by August 24.

Today

- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time in the Gathering Place.
- 10:50 a.m.** Christian Education – Visitors welcome! Fall classes for children and youth begin today:
 - 2-3 year olds through 4th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for snack, then Room B-8 for singing before going to classrooms (2-3 year olds in B-6; Pre-K – 1st grade in B-4; 2nd-4th grade stay in B-8)
 - Grades 5-8 – Room 26
 - Senior High youth – Rm 22 – Gathering to welcome new youth group members, meet new associate pastor John Tyson, catch up from summer, and discuss upcoming plans for Fall!

Adult classes:

- Agape (Young Adults)—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study—Not meeting in August
- Catacombs—Rm B-5
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- 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—Open sharing and/or discussion of sermon
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Making your wishes known*, Eric Litwiller, Everence

12:00 noon All church potluck – Everyone is invited!—Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 18

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Women's Circle #3 breakfast at Breadbasket, 219 N. Main, Newton

9:00 a.m. Women's Circle #4 breakfast - Mary Ann Boschmann home, 304

Witmarsum West, N. Newton

Women's Circle #5 – Coffee/breakfast at Mojo's at Bethel College

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

2:30 p.m. Ruth Reimer Rediger memorial service – Bethesda Home, Goessel

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

5:15 p.m. Hospitality Commission – Rm B-7

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Rm 14

Supporters of Thang (Alex) Van Nguyen—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 20

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B-8

Thursday, August 21

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

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Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; worship music by Joel Linscheid

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

7:00 p.m. Dessert reception for Bethel College students – BCMC lawn

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.

Pray for those who received medical care this week: Wendell Rempel, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

The memorial service for Ruth Rediger Reimer will be at the Bethesda Home chapel, Tues., Aug. 19, 2:30 p.m. led by Bethesda Home chaplain, Gail Graber. Burial will be at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Wayland, IA, on August 23. Memorial gifts are designated for Bethesda Home in Goessel, or Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, in care of Broadway Colonial Home, Newton.

BCMC annual Leadership Retreat will take place Sat., Sept 13, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Members of Church Board, Board-appointed committees, commissions, and staff are invited to this time of worship, fellowship, and discernment of God's presence and guidance for BCMC. Invitations with RSVP information will be sent soon.

BCMC is responsible to schedule volunteers for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter Aug. 20-26. More volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Valetta Seymour at 620-345-2733 or vmseymour@mtelco.net. Volunteer training Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, Bldg. 7. **Check the following website** for the needs of the Shelter--www.hchs-ks.com/needs. There is also a list on the bulletin board and some lists to take with you by the Homeless Shelter box at the back of the sanctuary. Shelter Items can be left in the box at the back of the sanctuary. HCHS has an immediate need for dry cereal, sliced bread, and peanut butter and jelly. If you are able to contribute, please take these items to the Shelter at 900 W Broadway, Bldg. 7. They are open 24/7. Please pray for BCMC volunteers as they provide valuable service to HCHS during the week of Aug. 20-26. Pray also for residents and staff of HCHS.

Fourteen new books are in the church library. Stop by to pick up a copy of the list, browse and check out something to read. The August issue of *The Mennonite* is available. ~ *Library Committee*



Choirs for adults and children will begin fall rehearsals on Wed., Sept 3. You are invited to participate!

- Cherub Choir (Kindergarten – 3rd grade) – 6:30-7:15 p.m. in Room 24 – Jill Siebert, director
- Junior Choir (4th-8th grade) – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in Room 28 – Elizabeth Schrag, director
- Chancel Choir (adults) - 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary chancel – William Eash, director
- Chancel Bells (adults) – 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. in Room B-7 – Vada Snider, director

Another great adult Chancel Choir season is about to begin! Please consider joining us, a committed group of singers dynamically contributing to the BCMC worship experience on a bi-weekly basis. Our first rehearsal is Wed., Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the chancel. All persons interested in joining the choir are welcome. ~ *William Eash, Chancel Choir director*

BCMC's annual dessert reception for Bethel College students will be Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. on the BCMC front lawn. BCMC members – please bring a dessert or ice cream topping. Ice cream and beverages are provided.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

- **Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and the Peace and Justice Support Network** of Mennonite Church USA sponsors "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel," at Hesston Mennonite Church on Sat., Sept. 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in the Middle East and current executive director for Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacemaking, will share from his experience and facilitate the conversation.
- **The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be Sat., Sept. 20, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Kenya. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Brochures are on the bulletin board or on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line on the website.
- **Support the MCC Bike Hike on Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7** when 30 people from Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois will meet in the Black Hills to participate in a 175 mile bike ride or 40 mile hike to raise money for MCC's Indigenous Vision Center. You are invited to support the rider or hiker of your choice by pledging per mile or per participant. Checks can be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117, marked with participant's name (if applicable) and Bike/Hike. Contact Elizabeth Janssen at 605-925-4859 or elizabethjanssen@mcc.org with questions.

Let Your Light Shine

1. Well a ci - ty on a hill can - not be hid.
 2. Now what kind of light will you give out?

You are light of the world. It
 You are light of the world. A

shines real bright like Je - sus did. You are light of the
 good deed's gon - na get talked a - bout. You are light of the

world. You don't put a bas - ket o - ver your light. You are light of the
 world. Do - ing good is shar - ing love. You are light of the

world. You put it up where it shines real bright. You are light of the
 world. Bringing praise to God a - bove. You are light of the

world. So let your light shine, so let your light shine. So let your
 world.

light shine, all a - round the world. So let your light shine, so let your

light shine. So let your light shine to give glory to God.

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Today's worship is shaped by the new Sunday school curriculum, *Shine: Living in God's Light*, published by Mennonite Church USA, including hymns featured in the *Shine* songbook. This dynamic school curriculum engages Christian communities and families in their life together, as it:

- calls children to experience the transforming power of God's love and shine God's light in the world;
- nurtures trust in God and invites children to follow Jesus;
- encourages imaginative, interactive biblical storytelling;
- explores the meaning of the Bible within the gathered community;
- cultivates the inner life of the Spirit through spiritual practices;
- expresses faith through lives of compassionate peacemaking and service.

At BCMC, one way faith formation is nurtured is with the gift of a Bible presented to children beginning 3rd grade. Those receiving Bibles today are Maddox Crabtree, Abigail Koontz, Markus Lepard, Thomas Tran, Ian Voth and Justin Zerger.

Today in worship we commission teachers and leaders for children's/youth activities in 2014-2015:

Nursery during worship for infants and toddlers – Junior & senior high youth with mentors – Suzy Burch, coordinator

Sunday school classes:

- **2-3 year olds:** Rachel Pannabecker, coordinator; Gwen Neufeld, 1st Sunday; Gayle and Tom Jackson, 2nd Sunday; Barbara Soth, 3rd Sunday; Shirley Harms, 4th Sunday
- **Pre-K/Kindergarten - Grade 1 -** Bonnie Krehbiel, Mary Kondziola, Annette Lamp, Stahl Claassen, Barb Koontz, Margo Schrag
- **Grades 2 - 4:** Matt Koontz, Nancy Mueller, Jeanette Leary, Beaty Robb
- **Sunday school opening music:** Suzy Burch and Erin Brubacher
- **Grades 5-8:** Alice Suderman, David Kreider, Alan Lepard
- **Senior high youth (grades 9-12):** John Tyson, coordinator; Ben Lichti, David LeVan and Karen Sheriff LeVan, sponsors.
- **College student Sunday gathering – (leader to be determined)**

Wednesday evening activities (October 1 – November 19)

- **Venture club (grades 3-5):** _____ (Fall); Lois Preheim (Spring)
- **Junior High club (grades 6-8):** LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens

We welcome John and Amy Tyson, as John is installed today as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC. Everyone is invited to a potluck lunch at noon, followed by a program to welcome John and Amy to BCMC! They will be living at 417 North Walnut Street in Newton.

**Litany of Installation for John Tyson
as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation
Bethel College Mennonite Church, August 17, 2014**

Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister: Today we celebrate a new beginning for John Tyson and for Bethel College Mennonite Church. We believe that the Holy Spirit of God poured out on the early church is living and working in the life of John and in the life of this congregation.

Jim Robb, Congregational Chair: We are the Body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship; we care for each other; we serve others in Jesus' name; and we proclaim the good news of life in Jesus. We call our pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus who become the hands and feet of Christ to the world.

Alan Lepard, Faith Formation Commission Chair: Today we celebrate that God has led us to call John Tyson to pastoral ministry with a focus in faith formation of children, youth, college students and young adults, and nurturing discipleship in all members. John, we pray that in the giving of your gifts to us, and the giving of our gifts to you, our work and service will fulfill God's purposes in our congregation, our community and the world.

Congregation: *We have prayed and waited for new pastoral leadership. Thank you, God, that you have led us by your Spirit.*

John Tyson: I, too, have prayed and waited for this day. Thank you, God, that you have led me by your Spirit.

Clarence: John, seeing that the grace of God has called you into pastoral leadership in this church, I now ask you: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to carry out the responsibilities of Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, overseeing the education and nurture programs of this congregation?

John: With God's help, I will.

Clarence: Will you exercise the authority that has been entrusted to you in the loving spirit of Christ; and will you build up and equip members and seekers for a deeper walk with Jesus, a stronger relationship with God, a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit, a deeper love for all people, and a kingdom mission in life?

John: With God's help I will.

Clarence: Pastor Heidi and Pastor Susan, the congregation has called John to join you in pastoral ministry. Will you willingly receive each other's gifts, insight and counsel in shared pastoral ministry?

Heidi Regier Kreider and Susan Wheeler, pastors: We promise to do so with God's help. We commit ourselves to prayerful support and joyful service together with John.

Clarence: (to congregation) Christian friends, you have heard the commitment John has made in accepting the call to pastoral leadership in this church. Do you receive him as one sent by God to be your pastor and to help guide you in the life and work of Christ?

Congregation: *(Please stand) As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions, we accept John Tyson as our Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. John, we pledge our support to you, as you in turn support our ministries. We join with you in seeking first the reign of God. May you be given a deep love for the church, for each of us, and for each life you touch on our behalf. May Christ be known in you and through you. We offer you our support and prayers.*

Clarence: Based on this covenant between the congregation and you, John, I now solemnly install you as pastor of Bethel College Mennonite Church. May God empower you and the congregation with the wisdom, insight, strength, and tender love that can only come from on high, as you carry out God's mission in this community and beyond. "May the God of peace make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is faithful, and will do it" (*I Thessalonians 5:23-24*). Amen.

Presentation of Certificate and Circle of Prayer