

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Today, Mennonite Mission Network begins a two-week orientation in Los Angeles for two new Radical Journey teams. Pray for openness to learn and for grace in this time of transition, as participants prepare to leave for their assignment locations in Indonesia and South Africa.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Discernment Task Force of Western District Conference as they compile hundreds of survey returns in response to the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church and prepare to lead the November Reference Council.

This congregation: Pray for students, faculty and staff beginning a new semester of college and other school settings.

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.

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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag



August 24, 2014
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2600 College Avenue, Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117 316-283-3667

Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, John Tyson

August 24, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *I to the hills will lift my eyes [HWB 169]* arr. Gabrielsen
(Theme and six variations)
Teach me the measure of my days [HWB 485] arr. Willan
(Theme and five variations)

Eleanor Kaufman, organist

Introit *Come Sunday* Duke Ellington
Jazz trio

Greeting Sondra Bandy Koontz, worship leader

Prayer: Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to
your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above
everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my
strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of
the Lord.

**For though you, O Lord, are high, you regard the lowly;
but the haughty you perceive from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against
the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your
right hand delivers me.

**You will fulfill your purpose for me; your steadfast love, O
Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your
hands.**

***Hymn** *We sing to you, O God* **STJ 1**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children

Kingdom report

Nathan Toews

Old Testament reading Isaiah 51:1-3

Worship music *I wish I knew how it would feel to be free*

by Billy Taylor – Jazz trio

New Testament readings Matthew 16:13-20, Romans 12:1-8
Sondra Bandy Koontz and Philip Koontz

Sermon *Hewn from the rock, transformed by grace*

Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Worship music *All God's children got rhythm*

by Jurmann, Kahn, Kaper – Jazz trio

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 *Come down, O love divine [HWB501]*

Vaughan Williams; arr. Held

***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Lord, you give the great commission* **STJ 63**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response**

***Postlude** *Let the whole creation cry* Held

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book

STJ = Sing the Journey

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.

Thank you to the jazz trio offering worship music today: Joel Linscheid, saxophone; Ian Gingrich-Gaylord, piano; and Landon Bartel, bass.

Today's Kingdom Report is by Nathan Toews, serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Colombia. He will give a brief update on an MCC initiative to relocate immigrant Colombian families in Brazil, and will also speak in the Seekers Sunday school class today.

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. There will be good fellowship and time spent sprucing up the camp grounds.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Kansas Center offers

Anabaptist History and Theology taught by Professor Lois Barrett on four weekends (Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, Dec. 5-6, with Fridays 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) in the classroom at Western District Conference offices. For info, see www.ambs.edu/academics/fall-courses.cfm or contact the registrar at registrar@ambs.edu. Credit or audit.

Everence Announcements:

- **Women and money is a series of lunch presentations** (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, four Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Hesston Public Library. Topics are *Taking the lead – women in the modern-day workplace*, *Living generously – within your means*, *Leaving something – for those you leave behind* and *Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues*. Light lunch will be served. For reservations, contact 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. 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. For reservations, contact Darlene Buller at the contact numbers above.

The Bluestem Communities of Kidron Bethel Village and Schowalter Villa will host *The Artful Elder: Inspiring the creative spirit in each of us*, Thurs., Sept 4, at 9:30 a.m. at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall Bluestem. Residents will share stories and artistic demonstrations, followed by lunch at Water's Edge in Hesston at 11:40 a.m. *Unleash your personal creativity* will feature a variety of make-and-take creative sessions at 1:30-3:00 p.m. Registration is \$7 plus workshop fees. For info call Kristie at 620-327-3790.

Next year's Western District Conference Assembly will take place in fall of 2015. Previously, it had been planned for June 29-30, 2015, just prior to Mennonite Church USA Convention, but this has changed. A specific date will be announced later.

This Week at BCMC: August 24 – August 31, 2014

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time in the Gathering Place; coffee/water available.

10:50 a.m. Christian Education – Visitors welcome!

- 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

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 the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*MCC in Colombia*, Nathan Toews
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Challenges of Church Journalism*, Paul Schrag

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

Monday, August 25

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

4:30 p.m. Governance Committee – Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Staff Congregational Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 28

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; worship music by Vada Snider, flute; Ellen Neufeld, oboe, and Heidi Regier Kreider, organ.

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education



BCMC's annual dessert reception for Bethel College students is today at 7 p.m. on the BCMC front lawn. BCMC members, please bring a dessert or ice cream topping! Ice cream, dishes, and beverages are provided.

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.



Choirs for adults and children will meet Wednesdays, beginning on September 3. Come make a joyful noise!

- **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
- **Menno Ringers** (handbell choir for children grades 5-8) - 7:15-7:45 p.m. in Room B-7. Vada Snider, director.
- **Chancel Bells** (handbell choir for adults) – 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. in Room B-7 – Vada Snider, director

Another great adult Chancel Choir season is about to begin! Consider joining this committed group of singers dynamically contributing to the BCMC worship experience on a bi-weekly basis. 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*

We offer sympathy to Mary Sue and Mel Voth on the death of Mary Sue's brother, Charles (Charlie) Sadowsky, Aug. 19, Newton. Memorial services are pending.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Lester Ewy at Newton Medical Center.

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 today Aug. 24.

Did you notice the “Trinity Windows” in front of our sanctuary have been completely repaired, cleaned and protected from the outside by special plate glass? The work was done by Bearden's Stained Glass of Wichita over the last six months. The sixty-year old stained glass windows were in much need of repairing the multiple broken pieces, bb-gun holes, thorough cleaning and protecting. The cost was \$6,700 and was paid for by the facilities maintenance budget. The stained glass windows in our small chapel will be done next year. ~ *Hugo Boschmann for the Facilities Committee*

Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop: Clerks needed at Et Cetera Shop, 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.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

- MCC 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, 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 MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** is Sat., Sept. 20, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a 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 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 meet in the Black Hills for a 175 mile bike ride or 40 mile hike to raise money for MCC's Indigenous Vision Center. Support a rider or hiker by pledging per mile or per participant. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117, marked with participant's name and Bike/Hike. Contact Elizabeth Janssen at 605-925-4859 or elizabethjanssen@mcc.org for info.
- **MCC announces** a Learning Tour to Kenya, Feb. 7-17, 2015. Discover sand dams at work and other MCC-supported programs in health, education and peace. Estimated cost **\$1110** per person for food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare extra; space limited. For more info contact Anna Yoder by Sept. 22 at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.
- **The 2015 Kansas MCC Relief Sale** will be April 17-18. It's not too early to think about ways to support the sale! BCMC Relief Sale committee reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell, Ron & Carol Peters and Tom & Gayle Jackson. Together we can make a difference!

Circles of Hope invites the community to view the documentary film *American Winter*, Tuesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main St., Newton. The film follows several families struggling to meet basic needs while facing overwhelming challenges and dwindling resources, a powerful firsthand view of Americans caught in today's financial undertow. If you'd like to join in the 5:30 p.m. meal before the film, please RSVP to 284-0000.