

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Last week, Muslims around the world finished celebrating Ramadan, their holiest month of the year. Pray for Mennonite Mission Network workers in Muslim contexts as they relate to their neighbors in life-giving ways that embody the presence of Christ.

Western District Conference: Pray for youth pastors, sponsors, and mentors as they begin a new year in encouraging our youth to follow Jesus in all of life.

This congregation: Pray for Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, as she practices French-speaking skills, works to improve nutrition for women and children, supports students seeking scholarships for education, and relates to the local church as it shares the Gospel.

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 3, 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 *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 *O Savior Hear Me* von Gluck
Sunflower Trio

Greeting and invocation Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader

***Hymn** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* **HWB 110**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Carol Flickinger

Scripture Selections from Genesis 32-33

Worship music *A Living Prayer* Block
Sunflower Trio

Sermon *The grace of sojourn* Peter Goerzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *This is a day of new beginnings* **HWB 640**

Prayer of God's people
Sung prayer *Jesus, help us live in peace* **STJ 52**

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, thou dost love* (stanza 1) **HWB 387**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see* **HWB 571**

***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.

Welcome to guest preacher Peter Goerzen, the new Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations at Bethel College; and to the **Sunflower Trio** (Matthew Schloneger, tenor and guitar; Rebecca Schloneger, violin; and Ken Rodgers, piano/organ) providing worship music today.

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. Volunteer training Aug. 12 and 28, 6:30 p.m. at HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, Bldg. 7.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Wes Schmidt-Tieszen at Newton Medical Center (released).

We extend sympathy to the family of Ruth Rediger Reimer, who died July 30 at Bethesda Home in Goessel. Following cremation, burial will be in Ruth's home community at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Wayland, IA, with a local memorial service at a later date.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider is on vacation today. Susan Wheeler will be out of town through Aug. 8. If pastoral care concerns arise today, please contact Deacon chair Marion Deckert.

Thank you to all who have offered support for my upcoming year of Mennonite Voluntary Service through Mennonite Mission Network. Generous donations for the taco salad meal held last week were more than expected/needed and the surplus is going towards the BCMC Mission/Service Endowment fund. In addition to the financial support, it was absolutely fantastic to hear the many kind, encouraging words people had for me about the adventure I'm about to begin. Knowing I have such a great support system back home is the best thing I can take with me to Tucson. ~ *Megan Leary*

The family of Stanley Voth invites you to a come and go 90th birthday celebration for Stan on Sun., Aug. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at the Bethel Kidron Community Room. No gifts, please. ~ *Tim and Carolyn Rich Voth*

This Week at BCMC: August 3 – August 10, 2014

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

Day on the Farm, an opportunity for all to experience rural life, with cattle, goats, rabbits, poultry and more, is Sat., Aug. 16, 10 a.m., and includes lunch. Admission is free; donations go for the ministry of Agri-Urban to support Bethel College, Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference. Held at the Duerksen/Knepp farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro. More details: WDC website mennowdc.org under the Events tab.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- **Annual Camp Sing** - Aug. 10, 6 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, with Michael Unruh and Greg Shelly leading the singing.
- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** for those affected by mental illness, and their family and friends, is Aug 31-Sept. 1 on the theme *Finding Your True Self*. Activities include hayrack ride, worship/music, swimming, crafts, input sessions. 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. More information to come.
- **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 for more information.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Kansas Center offers *Anabaptist History and Theology* taught by Professor Lois Barrett this fall semester, exploring the settings, ideas, and personalities that shaped Anabaptism in early 16th-century church and society, and its relevance for contemporary church and personal life. Meets 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 the Western District Conference offices. For more information, see www.ambs.edu/academics/fall-courses.cfm or contact the registrar at registrar@ambs.edu. Credit or audit.

Volunteers needed at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Following the groundbreaking ceremony July 20 for the camp's new Pleiades Project, volunteers are needed beginning August 4 to take down old buildings and remove several large trees from the building site. To volunteer, contact Camp at 719-687-9506.

Today

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education – Visitors welcome! There will be no children's Sunday school Aug. 3 and 10.

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
- 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—*Elmer Ediger: It's a matter of perspective*, Carol Peters

Monday, August 4

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

7:00 p.m. Bethel College Relations Team—Rm B-7

7:30 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets with Nat Dick and Mark Kreider—Rm 22

7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

Thursday, August 7

7:00 p.m. Church Board—Rm 14

Creation Care Committee—Rm B-7

Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Worship - Sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Josue Coy Dick, violin; Kingdom Report by Eric Litwiller, Everence representative; commissioning for Megan Leary (MVS, Tucson, AZ)

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education (no children's Sunday school).

Information and discussion session on Western District Conference (WDC) Discernment Task Force Survey—Fellowship Hall

12:00-1:00 p.m. Repeated information/discussion session on WDC Discernment Task Force Survey—Fellowship Hall (bring a sack lunch if you want to eat during the discussion)

All Fall children's Sunday school teachers are requested to attend a meeting Wed., Aug. 13, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for orientation to the new *Shine* curriculum, to review Sunday school procedures and safety guidelines for children and youth - and to enjoy some refreshments!

The new Sunday school year for children and youth begins August 17.

That day during worship we will celebrate with a blessing of children's backpacks, commissioning for Sunday school teachers, and presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders. Also during worship **John Tyson will be installed as the new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation.** A congregational potluck lunch will take place at noon, as an opportunity for fellowship and to welcome John and Amy Tyson to the BCMC community.

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 or overnight. 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. Contact Dave Linscheid for more info.

BCMC member John Bergen is participating in a month-long training with Christian Peacemaker Teams this summer in Chicago. To pay for this training in human rights documentation and conflict transformation, John needs to raise \$750. If you are interested in contributing please send checks to Christian Peacemaker Teams, PO Box 6508; Chicago IL 60680-6508, and put "for John Bergen" on the memo line. – *Witness Commission*

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 closer to the date.

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, Sept. 18-20, hosted by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, will engage in a theology that cares for God's creation, for the land and all that lives on it. For more information see <http://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Rooted-and-Grounded.cfm>.

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.

Western District Conference survey: BCMC members received a survey request via e-mail, forwarded by the church office from the WDC Discernment Task Force. The Task Force will guide our conference-wide conversation in response to the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church introduced at WDC Assembly 2014 asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction. Your participation in the survey is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. Read all of the instructions carefully. To fill out the survey you need to go to the link which says: <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. **On Sunday, Aug. 10**, pastor Heidi Regier Kreider will host information and discussion sessions related to the survey. The sessions will be in Fellowship Hall, one session during Sunday school at 10:50 – 11:45 a.m., and another session at 12:00 noon – 1 p.m. (bring a sack lunch if you'd like to eat lunch during that time). This will be opportunity to review background materials, and share questions and conversation together.

The biennial convention of Mennonite Church USA will be June 30-July 5, 2015, in Kansas City. Western District and South Central Conferences will serve as host area conferences, with multiple opportunities for volunteering - full-time (40 hours of work during the convention week) or part-time. There are different types of "perks" depending on hours worked. For more information see: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/volunteer/>.

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

- **Harvest Giving** - An opportunity to share the fruits of your labor with others around the world through Mennonite Central Committee. For Harvest Giving envelopes contact Maynard Knepp, 283-2720, or maynardknepp@mcc.org.
- **MCC responds to needs around the world:** MCC is providing vital items for life to Iraqis affected by conflict, food for displaced families in Gaza, responding to flooding in the Balkans and advocating for a compassionate response to migrant children along the U.S./Mexico border. Check mcc.org for detailed information about these responses and to join MCC to address human needs in the name of Christ around the world.

You are invited to a fundraiser dinner to support Garrett Smith, (a former student at Bethel College) who will be doing a nine month voluntary service term with Radical Journey, Mennonite Mission Network, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. The event is Aug. 9, 3-7 p.m., come and go, in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. Suggested donations are \$10 per person or can be mailed directly to First Mennonite Church of Christian-Garrett Smith, PO Box 66, Moundridge, KS, 67107. See the poster on bulletin board.