

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Moriah Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network is assuming more responsibility in the community development training program of Praxis, where she teaches in Australia. Pray that God will grant energy and wisdom to Moriah. Pray also for some of her students who are facing major mental health issues.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Western District Executive Board and Moderator Richard Gehring in their first meeting on Sat., Sept. 13. Pray for God's guidance as they lead WDC in a year of discernment.

This congregation: Pray for church members facing illness, injury or other health concerns; pray that they would experience God's sustaining strength and love in the midst of difficult times.

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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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

Bethel College Mennonite Church

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

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Pastors: Heidi Regier Kreider, Susan Wheeler, John Tyson

September 7, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *All glory be to God* Armsdorf/Bach/Walther
Verlene Garber, organist

Introit *Come, Holy Spirit, descend* [STJ 33] J. Bell
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director

Greeting John Tyson

***Hymn** *Unto thy temple, Lord, we come* **HWB 4**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider

Child dedication for Mason King, son of Ethan and Amy King
Congregational affirmation **HWB 791**

Old Testament reading: Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole
heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your
ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are
good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Epistle reading Romans 13:8-14

Gospel reading Matthew 18:15-20

HWB 837

Anthem *All hail the power of Jesus' name* Hopson
Chancel Choir

Sermon *Listening for the light* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Who has known the mind of Jesus* STJ 58

Introduction of youth ministry intern - Jerrell Williams

Prayer of God's People HWB 720

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 *Simple Gifts* Held

*Dedication hymn *Grant us, Lord, the grace* HWB 388

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Heart with loving heart united* HWB 420
(sing a cappella as directed)

*Benediction

*Choral response *Christ be near at either hand* Chancel Choir
Irish Traditional [STJ 80]

*Postlude *All hail the power* 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.

Today we welcome Bethel College student Jerrell Williams, who will do a youth ministry internship at BCMC during the Fall 2014 semester as part of the Youth Ministry certificate in his Bible and Religion major at Bethel College. Jerrell will work with John Tyson, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation.

Change in internship plans: BCMC's paid internship for a Bethel College student which was scheduled for 2014-15 (a Worship and Arts internship with student Erin Doerksen) – has been cancelled, due to a change in Erin's plans.

Pray for those received medical care this week: Betty Schmidt, Lester Ewy and Margaret Friesen at Newton Medical Center.

Staff: Susan Wheeler will be out of town this week through Sept. 15. Monica Lichti, administrative assistant, is on vacation Sept. 8-17. This week the church office will be open Monday -Thursday mornings only (9 a.m. – noon), and closed Friday, Sept. 12.

Music staff transitions: Eleanor Kaufman has resigned as of August 31 from serving as regular staff organist at BCMC, due to health concerns and other transitions in her life. She will continue to supervise organ maintenance and tuning, and occasionally play for future worship services as time and energy allow. Verlene Garber will serve as Chancel Choir accompanist, and a variety of organists and pianists will continue to play for services at BCMC. Eleanor's service as organist at BCMC will be recognized during worship and the potluck lunch on Sept. 21.

Are are welcome to join the BCMC Chancel Choir! All interested singers are invited to come to rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. *William Eash, director*

Coming up at BCMC:

- **Peace Sunday on September 21**, when BCMC will host guest speaker Michelle Armster, transitional executive director at Mennonite Central Committee Central States, sponsored by Witness Commission. During worship Armster will preach on the theme "*Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem – and Ferguson*," and she will meet with youth and young adults during Sunday school.
- **Potluck lunch at noon on September 21**, followed by the Fall congregational meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. More information on the agenda will be announced next week.
- **On September 28**, Mennonite Mission Network executive director Stanley Green will be guest preacher in worship, and speak in an adult elective during Sunday school.

The annual Newton area CROP Walk will be September 28, beginning at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church (corner of 1st and Main streets). Thanks to Amy Tyson for serving as BCMC representative for this year's CROP Walk! Watch for more information on how you can participate and contribute to the CROP Walk, an initiative to raise funds to address hunger in the world.

Thank you to members of the Catacombs Sunday school class for serving refreshments during Sunday morning fellowship time in August, and to the Sojourners Sunday school class for serving in September.

This Week at BCMC: September 7 – September 14, 2014

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. Those who have not replied with an RSVP to the church office, please do so as soon as possible!

The 8-week fall Wednesday night supper series at BCMC will be Oct. 1 – Nov. 19. Meals will be prepared by volunteer chefs Ben Lichti, Brenda Turner, and Marty Warkentine, and served at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by programs for adults at 6:45-7:15. You are invited to bring your own tableware, and make a donation to help cover supper costs. Stay tuned for more information on menus and program topics.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Visit the newly renovated Fine Arts Center art gallery**, named in honor of Bob Regier. The current exhibit is "Five Decades of Fun: The Work of John David Boyd," featuring prints by the late WSU professor. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., 2-4 p.m.; admission is free.
- **KIPCOR 2014-15 film series** begins with the 2007 documentary *Miss HIV*, Sun., Sept. 21, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Bethel College, free with donations accepted to support the work of KIPCOR. The 88-minute film exposes the heated rhetoric, conflicting agendas, high stakes and heavy toll in the battle over strategies to cope with the ongoing AIDS epidemic. Talk-back session will follow screening.

Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact: campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information or to register for events at camp:

- **Day of Volunteering** for people of all ages Sat., Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m., to work on various tasks. This is a kick-off to Work & Play Camp. A sandwich lunch and a hotdog cookout for supper is provided. (Be sure to tell the camp of any dietary needs.)
- **Work & Play Camp**, Sept. 14-17 is a service-oriented retreat for people of all ages and skills. No charge for this retreat, only a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person/meal.
- **Two Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah (Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 14-15) are for scrapbookers of all skill levels!
- **Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting** will be Sept. 20, 5 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. There is a light supper, updates from camp staff and board members, election of new board members and a fun feature "Pastors Love Camp" with pastors from Topeka, Manhattan, Newton, and Hillsboro performing. Join in planning for the future as Camp Mennoscah continues to provide a place for people of all ages to seek God, enjoy nature, renew self and fellowship with others!

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—Room 14 – Study on Malachi
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Is same-sex marriage a step beyond membership?* Marion Deckert
- Fine Arts - Rm 24 -*From Paul to Constantine*, Bart Erdman lectures dvd
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21
- Sojourners—Chapel—*The Interface of Science and Theology in Creation Care*, Duane Friesen

Monday, September 8 (office open 9 a.m. – noon)

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

Tuesday, September 9 (office open 9 a.m. – noon)

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, September 10 (office open 9 a.m. – noon)

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, September 11 (office open 9 a.m. – noon)

6:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Committee—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm B-7

Friday, September 12 (office closed)

Saturday, September 13

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon BCMC Leadership Retreat—Dyck Arboretum, 177 W Hickory St, Hesston

8:00 a.m. Young and Middle Aged Men—Mojo's, Bethel College campus

Sunday, September 14

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider, music by a vocal ensemble.

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

BCMC collects food for the Salvation Army food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Today you are invited to contribute by putting non-perishable food items on the front pew under the balcony. Thanks to Kathy Stucky who takes the items to Salvation Army.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

- **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.
- **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 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!

John Bergen has concluded summer training with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Chicago, and recently traveled to Iraqi Kurdistan to serve as a temporary reservist to the CPT team there. He writes, *"Here we deal with the increasing refugee crisis due to ISIS, as well as support activists confronting government corruption and communities dealing with the devastation wrought by oil corporations. I am excited to begin my work with CPT in this way, and hope that each of you will continue to walk with me and other peacemakers in the future. Thank you for your support, and blessings and peace to all."*

Fall Storytime at the Western District Conference Resource Library, 2517 N. Main Street, North Newton, starts Wed. Sept. 17, 10 a.m. Instill a love of books in your preschooler, age 3-5. Call 283-6300 or email crlib@mennowdc.org to sign up.

BCMC Mennonite Men will meet on the **3rd Sat., Sept. 20** at 7:30 a.m. at the Kidron Bethel Village Dining Room. Michelle Armster, transitional executive director for MCC Central States will offer her "Ferguson Reflections" after interacting with that community a week earlier in Missouri.

Everence announcements—For reservations to these events, contact darlene.buller@everence.com or (620) 327-4043 or (877) 467-7294:

- ***Women and money***—lunch presentations (noon to 1 p.m.) Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24 at Hesston Public Library. Topics: *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.
- ***Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices***—4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on four Mondays Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8. Information on Medicare, how to enroll, options if you continue to work and related questions. The seminars will be at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston.
- ***Creative tools for maximizing your charitable giving***—7 to 9 p.m. Tues., Sept. 16, at the Old Mill conference room, 301 N. Main St., Newton. Learn about charitable giving, minimizing your taxes, and wills and trusts from an Everence advisor Dennis LeFevre, and attorney, Thomas Adrian. RSVP by Sept. 10.

Hesston College Homecoming 2014 – Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration Sept. 25 to 28 will feature alumni Daniel Moya in La Republica Latino Rock Band living out his traditional Colombian musical heritage, Lisa Guedea Carreno who has served as director for public, corporate and law firm libraries, Sadi Othman, who is a senior adviser to U.S. and Iraqi government leadership, and Fjaere Harder Nussbaum, a music theatre professional. See hesston.edu/homecoming for information.

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. A specific date will be announced later.

Newton Et Cetera Shop seeks clerks for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. The Et Cetera Shop also has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. 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.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program begins Tues., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. in Newton. The free six-week program was developed by Stanford University and helps individuals improve their health one step at a time. The class will meet at the Newton Recreation Commission beginning Tues., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. to noon for six weeks. Call 283-6103 ext.312 or 283-7330 to register for the course or for more information.