

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Church USA:** Praise God for two recent events that fostered dialogue and nurtured unity among Israeli Christian Arabs and Messianic Jews. Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network personnel who have ministered long-term in the Middle East breaking down barriers that divide people.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Dwight Regier, WDC Youth Ministry Network Leader, as he leads the Discipleship Now Retreat this weekend at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

**This congregation:** Pray for Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, and for members of her Ministry Support Team.

*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.**

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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

**November 9 at BCMC:** Attendance: 278. General Fund \$5,020.32; MCC Meat Canning \$240; Transfer-General \$1,013.06; Caring Fund \$300; Living Stones \$1,460.



## Bethel College Mennonite Church November 16, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

### GATHERING

**Prelude** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Behnke  
*Concerto in D* Fasch  
Braden Unruh, trumpet; Karen Unruh, organist

**Introit** *Come with thanksgiving* Schram  
Cherub Choir  
Jill Siebert, director; Mary Ann Boschmann, accompanist

**Greeting** Dave Linscheid

**\*Prayer** **STJ 133**

**\*Hymn** *As rain from the clouds* **STJ 40**  
Braden Unruh, guitar; Heidi Regier Kreider, recorder  
(children are invited to come forward during the hymn)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with children**

**Worship music** *Blessed assurance* arr. Eithun  
Youth Bells; Vada Snider, director

**Scripture** Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon** Heidi Regier Kreider

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

**\*Hymn** *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**

**Prayer of God's People**

**Worship music** *Come, ye thankful people, come* arr. Kinyon  
Youth Bells

**Offering**

**Offertory** *All creatures of our God and King* Busarow

**Dedication hymn** *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

**Dedication prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Hymn** *Jesus came – the heavens adoring* **HWB 297**

**\*Benediction**

**Benediction response**

**\*Postlude** *Earth and all stars* Leavitt

\*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.

**We offer sympathy to** Verna Goering on the death of her sister, Evelyn Goering, Nov. 9 at Pine Village, Moundridge. The memorial service was Nov. 12 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge.

**BCMC's Pony Express**, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2015 budget, continues through Nov. 23. This year's theme is *Fruitful Branches on the Vine*, based on John 15:1-8. Packets of commitment materials are circulating to BCMC members in local neighborhoods, and materials were mailed to non-resident/ inactive members. **If for some reason you do not receive a packet, and want to participate, please contact the church office.** Join the Pony Express by prayerfully anticipating your financial commitment for 2015, filling out a commitment form when materials arrive at your home, and returning the form according to the directions in the packet. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 23, when captains return packets during worship. If you are not in a neighborhood group, please return your commitment to the church office by Nov. 24.

**BCMC budget update:** Income exceeded expenses by \$1,938 in October, however year-to-date expenses were \$8,784 more than income at the end of October. As you prayerfully anticipate your commitment for the 2015 budget through the Pony Express, please review your 2014 giving as well.  
~ Richard Friesen, Treasurer

**Check out BCMC's website** at [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) to read the latest "Pastor's Post," and see other updates from BCMC. **And be sure to 'like' BCMC's Facebook page** to receive updates and connect with friends in our community of faith!

**During the Thanksgiving season**, the Deacon Commission invites contributions to the above-budget Caring Fund to assist congregation and community members with needs such as utility and rent expenses, food or other emergencies. Contributions may be put in the regular offering, with checks made out to BCMC and designated "Caring Fund."

**On December 7, during Sunday school** at 10:50 a.m., the Witness Commission and Seekers Sunday School class will host BCMC member John Bergen who has recently returned from Iraqi Kurdistan where he served with Christian Peacemaker Teams. All are invited to hear John talk about his experiences during this Sunday school elective in Fellowship Hall.

**Homeless Shelter update:** BCMC provided volunteer help and meals Nov. 12-18. Remember the box in the back of the sanctuary for donated items to HCHS. The box contains a list of needed items. In lieu of a holiday meal fundraiser this year, HCHS asks for donations to be sent to HCHS, PO Box 978, Newton, KS 67114. Consider this ministry in your holiday giving!

**A big thank you to BCMC for raising \$4,480** for the Mennonite Central Committee meat canning project. A total of 80,000 pounds of chicken meat was canned over the entire week the canner was in North Newton. Any additional donations to "Newton Area Meat Canning" are always welcome.  
~ Hugo Boschmann, BCMC representative for MCC Meat Canning

**All are invited to join the Harvest of Love**, the annual campaign during November-December sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance and Salvation Army to gather non-perishable food and donations to assist households in need in Harvey County. Make checks payable to "Harvest of Love" and send to Salvation Army at 208 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Newton, KS 67114. Or bring food items to BCMC and place them on the first pew under the balcony, near the south entrance of the sanctuary.

**Coming up:** The season of Advent begins on Nov. 30. Worship at BCMC that morning will include observance of Communion.

**The BCMC building has been having** various electrical issues. The BCMC Facilities Committee and BCMC staff are working with these issues and hope to have some solutions soon. In the meantime, please bear with us!



**You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office by Dec. 7. Contact Mildred Voran for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm or 11 pm program.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

## This Week at BCMC: November 16– November 23, 2014

**The Newton Community Chorale** has its annual concert Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Directed by Ron Garber, the concert's theme is an American Repertoire with sacred, folk music, and spirituals. Admission is free with an offering received to support the chorale concert.

**The annual Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education (HPLE)** program benefit dinner will be Fri., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton, fellowship hall. Enjoy a smothered pork burrito dinner, hear testimonies of students and learn more about the program. A freewill offering will be received. For more information contact 316-281-4342 or [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org).

**Do the Howard Hustle Two-Mile Walk/Jog/Run** during Hesston College's Thanksgiving Weekend at 11 a.m., Fri., Nov. 28. Register before Nov. 20 for \$20 or after Nov. 20 for \$25. Go to [hesston.edu/thanksgiving](http://hesston.edu/thanksgiving) for more information and registration.

**First Mennonite Church in McPherson** will have a German dinner Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be venenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, borscht, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, and cherry moos. All are invited; dinner will be a free will donation.

**Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, Menno Hall Chapel, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Artisan arts and crafts creations and food gifts, peppernuts, zwieback, wheat marquetry, woodturning, quilting, holiday décor and more!

**Conflict, communication, and conciliation:** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Kansas Center will partner with Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution to host a course entitled *Conflict, communication, and conciliation* Jan. 6-9, 2015. This course led by Kirsten Zerger and Gary Flory will prepare students to navigate interpersonal conflict more fruitfully through a focus on conflict analysis, personal style in conflict, communication skills, conciliation and conflict transformation, and developing spiritual foundations for working with conflict. For more information, please see [www.ambs.edu/kansascenter](http://www.ambs.edu/kansascenter).

**Consider giving a Scripture Doodle** book to friends and family for Christmas. This collection of 20 black and white patterns created for coloring, meditation, memorization was created by Joanna Pinkerton, for *Year of the Bible*. A wonderful companion for retreats, trips, devotions. Pair it with a brand new set of colored pencils! They are \$10 each or \$12 to ship and may be ordered from [mbogard@mennowdc.org](mailto:mbogard@mennowdc.org). See samples at [yearofthebiblenetwork.org](http://yearofthebiblenetwork.org).

### 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 —1<sup>st</sup> grade in B-4; 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade stay in B-8)
- Grades 5-8 —Rm 26
- Senior High Youth—Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Agape —KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study— Room 14 – *Bible Study in the Congregation*, 2 essays by Jewel Gingerich Longenecker from AMBS
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Pam Tieszen, Vice President of Advancement, Bethel College
- Fine Arts —Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine* - Bart Erdman d.v.d.s
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding of the New Testament*
- Mosaic—Rm 20 – Sermon/worship reflection and responses
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— “The Science of Inequality”-Looking at the scientific approach to understanding poverty
- Sojourners—Chapel—Learning about Dalene White’s Role at Bethel College

**12:00 noon** Membership orientation class lunch—Fellowship Hall

**1:00 p.m.** Membership orientation class—Rm 14

### Monday, November 17

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

**4:15 p.m.** Governance Committee

**6:30 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 14

**7:30 p.m.** Newton Chorale rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, November 18—Women’s Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

**2:00 p.m.** Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel

Circle 2—Margaret Goering’s, 7122 N. Anderson Rd., Newton

Circle 5—Joyce Holck’s, 249 Lake Vista Circle, Hesston

**5:15 p.m.** Hospitality Commission – Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Circle 3—Jeanette Stucky’s, 2511 Ivy Dr., North Newton

Circle 4—Carol Bullers, 1620 N. Plum, Newton

### Wednesday, November 19

**8:00 a.m.** Staff meeting— Rm 14

**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24), Junior Choir (Rm 28), Sr Hi Youth (Rm 22)

**6:45 p.m.** Adult Program—Fellowship Hall

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**Wednesday, November 19 continued**

**7:15 p.m.** Venture Club (Rm B8) and Junior High Club (Rm 26)

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary  
Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

**8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

**Thursday, November 20**

**4:15 p.m.** Administrative Team – Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Commission—Rm 14

**Friday, November 21**

**7:00 p.m.** Newton Chorale concert--Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 23—Thanksgiving Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with music by Chancel Bells and sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; reception of new members; Pony Express captains return financial commitment packets during offering.

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

**10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

Printed copies of Walter Sawatsky's sermon, *The Nevertheless of Love*, preached October 26 at BCMC, are available in the church library.

**Happy Birthday!**



**It's Supper Time! It's the last one and it's a birthday party!** In honor of Janet Stucky's work in Benin and her birthday, which is November 19, the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night supper this week will be a West African meal of Calalu stew with pork, frozen mixed fruit and birthday cake.

**During the program at 6:45 p.m.** Janet's Ministry Support Team will share a short video and photos from Janet and an update on her service. A special offering for her financial support is planned; make checks out to "BCMC" designated "MMN/Janet Stucky" and put in baskets on your table at supper. If you would like to **send birthday greetings** to Janet, you may contact her at [jhstucky@gmail.com](mailto:jhstucky@gmail.com).

Regular sign-up and payment for the meal are requested as usual. To make supper reservations, complete this form and place in offering, or email [office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net), sign-up on bulletin board near church office, or call office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 17. **Your reservation helps the cooking crew know how much food to prepare!** Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4.50/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.



**Meal reservation(s) for November 19**

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bethel College announcements:**

• **Wed., Nov. 19 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium

**9:30 a.m.** *Pollinator Habitat: What You Can Do to Help the Bees*, Debbie McSweeney, Kansas Honey Producers Association

**10:35 a.m.** *Transformed by Mission: The Menno-Clinic, India Story*, John C. Murray, pastor, Hesston Mennonite Church

**11:30 a.m.** *1,095 Days to Teach Moral Values to Your Medical Doctors*, Bruce Woods, retired professor, University of Kansas Medical School

• **Today, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum auditorium – Selections from PBS documentary *The Abolitionists* as part of the Created Equal Film Series followed by discussion with Kip Wedel, assistant professor of history.

• **Today, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.** – Concert Choir joins the Wichita Symphony Orchestra concert to perform Mozart's *Requiem* at Century II Concert Hall, Wichita.

• **Mon., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.** in Memorial Hall – Double concert: Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra with guest conductor Daniel Hege, featuring pieces by Schubert, Gluck and Grieg, and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble (high school honors group), under the direction of Joel Linscheid.

• **Thurs., Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.** Artist reception at the Regier Art Gallery in Bethel College's Luyken Fine Arts Center with artist-in-residence Christopher Gulick. In the gallery Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. will be several of his completed pieces on display. During his residency, he is working on new pieces, based on conversations he has with people who stop by the gallery to visit him and look at his sketchbooks.

• **Mon., Nov. 24** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble "American Masterpieces" concert, with guest conductor Frank L. Battisti; 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center

**We are on the countdown for the Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale** in back of Prairie Harvest, Newton. Dates are:

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 21 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Friday, Nov. 28 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 29 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 4 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 5 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 7 - 1 to 4 p.m.

**Check items in the kitchen** on the counter by the big silver refrigerator. If some of these belong to you, take them home, otherwise items left will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop.