

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: This month, Palmer Becker begins a short-term assignment in Latin America, jointly sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church Canada. Pray for him as he helps Latin American Anabaptists understand their theological identity in order to minister more faithfully in their modern contexts.

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on our Texas pastors who met yesterday in Austin, Texas, around the theme, "Cultural Bridges and Borders," led by Associate Conference Minister, Gilberto Flores.

This congregation: Give thanks for volunteers who serve in our community, giving their time and energy to offer hope, compassion and care to others.

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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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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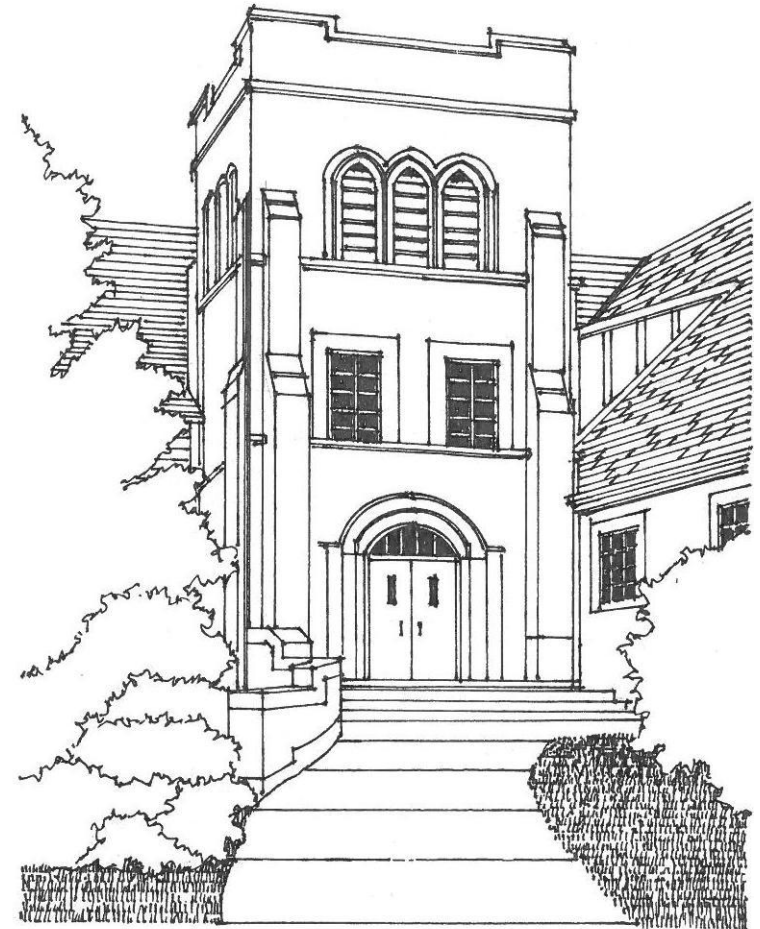
Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag



Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 11, 2015

January 4 at BCMC: Attendance: 186. General Fund \$11,153.55;
Living Stones \$2100.

Massive book sale, now underway at the Western District Conference offices, 2517 N. Main Street, N. Newton. Most items are 50 cents! Choose from theology, ministry, children's books!

It's time for men to register for a new season of singing with the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus; an opportunity to combine the love of singing with making a contribution to the mission of the church. All offerings received at KMMC concerts go to Mennonite Central Committee. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, or call Omar Voran. *"We sing that others might live."*

Scrapbook Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is Jan. 16-18. Come for a fun time to fellowship with other "scrappers." For details about any of the winter retreats go to www.rmmc.org or call us: 719-687-9506.

Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly will be June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City. Registration opens January 5. For info see www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention. The BCMC Gifts Discernment Committee is in the process of appointing delegates to represent our congregation at the delegate assembly.

Register now for PA 2015: Plan to attend Pennsylvania (PA) 2015, the 16th Assembly of Mennonite World Conference which will be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA. Where else can you worship and fellowship with thousands of Anabaptist Christians in an international gathering? Come get inspired by the music of Zimbabwean and Kenyan choirs. Learn about the global Church by visiting the Global Church Village. Play or watch the Anabaptist World Cup soccer tournament. Get to know others through Friendship Groups. Take part in a service opportunity. See all that PA 2015 has to offer at <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015>. **Questions overheard about PA 2015:** Why should I take a week off and come to PA 2015? Will there be enough internationals for this to be a truly global event? Why is the registration cost so high? MWC General Secretary César Garcia's responses to these and other questions can be found at www.mwc-cmm.org/NAquestions

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Annual State Meeting is Sun., Jan. 18, 2 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. Activities from the last year will be reviewed and projects in the region highlighted. Refreshments follow. Contact Jordan Miller, 316-212-3246 or jordan@millerconstruction.org with questions.

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 —Rm 26 • Senior High Youth- Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Agape — KIPCOR at 2515 College Ave.
- Bible Study — Room 14—*Women's Encounters with Jesus: Matthew 15:21-28*
- Catacombs —Rm B-5—*What's Happening in Harvey County?* by John Waltner
- Fine Arts — Rm 24—*From Paul to Constantine* - Bart Ehrman d.v.d.s
- Mosaic — Rm 22
- Issues & Christianity — Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*
- Open Circle —Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Audio interview of Janine Wedel with Harvard's Lawrence Lessing on *Unaccountable*, Wedel's latest book
- Sojourners – Chapel — *Forty Years of Christian Service* with Ernst and Ruth Harder, by Ruth Harder

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Room 14

6:00-8:00 p.m. Senior High Youth meet at EtCetera Shop for a work night

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary; Menno Ringers—Rm B-7

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 17

6:00 p.m. through 10 a.m. on Saturday—Senior High Youth Lock-in at BCMC

8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, Mentors join the Senior High Youth for breakfast

Sunday, January 18 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship - music by Chancel Choir; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

The BCMC winter congregational meeting will be Sun., Jan. 25, 12:45 p.m. following a soup luncheon served by Senior High youth as a fundraiser for their attendance at Mennonite Church USA convention in summer 2015. A report booklet will be placed in church mailboxes Jan. 18 listing meeting agenda, 2014 financial reports, and the proposed 2015 budget. Agenda will include presentation of the 2015 budget, action on a tabled motion from the September congregational meeting, announcements from the Facilities Committee and Art Committee, and from delegates to Western District Conference concerning the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church, a proposal from the Witness commission, and a recognition of one of our members for outstanding service. All are encouraged to attend the lunch and meeting! Also, thanks to all in the congregation for another excellent financial year. Contributions to the 2014 annual fund were \$468,378. This was only \$461 short of the \$468,839 in expenses. In addition, contributions to Living Stones allowed us to reduce the balance of our external loan from \$188,619 to \$107,137. We also have borrowed \$115,276 internally from our own special funds, resulting in a total of \$222,413 that still needs to be raised over the next year. – *Jim Robb, moderator / Richard Friesen, treasurer*

Bethel College announcements:

- **Today (Sun., Jan. 11)**, 3:30 p.m. at Kauffman Museum all are invited to a celebration of Rachel Pannabecker's 30 years of service to Kauffman Museum, including tributes, live music and refreshments.
- **Thurs., Jan. 15 – Greer Lecture with printmaker Johanna Mueller**, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; reception with refreshments to follow. A "pop-up exhibition" of Mueller's work will be in the Regier Gallery Jan. 12-15.
- **Jan. 18-19 – Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.** Sun., Jan. 18, 3 p.m.: excerpts from the documentary *Freedom Riders*, Krehbiel Auditorium; discussion follows with Dr. Gretchen Eick of Friends University and Dr. Galyn Vesey. Mon., Jan. 19, 7 p.m.: Program with members of Bethel's Multicultural Student Union and keynote speaker Sarah Thompson, executive director of Christian Peacemaker Teams in Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Sat., Jan. 31 – Annual Kansas Day celebration at Kauffman Museum**, on the theme of Transportation with expanded programming: 11 a.m. - Presentation by Amelia Earhart historical interpreter Ann Birney, *Krehbiel Auditorium* (free). **Noon** - Special Kansas Day luncheon in *Schultz Student Center cafeteria* (ticket purchase required for all but children 4 and under); **1-4 p.m.** - Craft and educational activities, vehicle display in and around the museum (free). To reserve luncheon, e-mail Andi Schmidt Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or call Tues.-Fri. at 316-283-1612.

BCMC will celebrate World Fellowship Sunday on January 18. Each year Anabaptist-related churches around the world are encouraged to worship around a common theme on a Sunday close to January 21. On that date in 1525 the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Switzerland. World Fellowship Sunday provides an opportunity to remember our common roots and celebrate our worldwide faith community.

BCMC Witness Commission calls attention to the issue of repealing the death penalty which will come before the Kansas state legislature in the session beginning Jan. 12. Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty (KCADP) calls for letters to the editor. Witness Commission will sponsor a letter-writing session to legislators today in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to write a letter and need helpful facts, contact Valetta Seymour of Witness Commission.

Thank you! for your contributions to the Harvest of Love, an annual campaign during November-December to raise food and funds for the Salvation Army food pantry. The goal of \$30,000 has been met. During the coming year, BCMC will continue to collect food for Salvation Army on the first Sunday of each month. Place food items on the pew in the south entrance under the coat racks.

For years Offender/Victim Ministries has received substantial support from Dillons Grocery Store when those who support the OVM ministry buy groceries, fuel, and pharmaceuticals using reloadable Dillons gift cards. This has become a significant piece of the OVM budget. There are big changes coming to the Dillons community rewards program. As of Feb. 1, Dillons will shift its giving from the use of gift cards to registered Plus Cards. Any gift cards still being used for OVM can continue to be loaded, with 5% of the value loaded given to OVM, until Jan. 31. After that, in order for OVM to receive 5% of your purchases at Dillons, you will need to register your plus card number. To register your plus card, go to Dillons.com. You will need to be a registered user on Dillons.com, which you can do by going to Register in the upper right-hand corner, and following instructions from there. Once you are registered, under the Community tab, select Community Rewards. At that time you can search for OVM by using our number, **21900**, or by entering **Offender Victim Ministries**. *We understand this can be a confusing process. We are happy to walk you through every step to get your plus card registered!* In the coming weeks, OVM staff will be available at various locations with laptops to help you register – more details to come. In the meantime, feel free to contact the OVM office at 283-2038 with any questions. We value your support and the effort you make to keep this ministry going! Please help us keep this income from Dillons strong to benefit the work of Offender Victim Ministries!