

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Praise God for the language-learning progress that Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey team in Southeast Asia has made. Pray that they will use their increased fluency to share God's love in words as well as deeds.

Western District Conference: Pray for fruitful new outreach for Hanston Mennonite Church and their new pastor, Eugene Thieszen, who is being installed today.

This congregation: Please pray for the Senior High youth group as we near the end of the school year and prepare for Mennonite Convention 2015.

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.

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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash

Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

March 8 at BCMC: Attendance 224. General Fund \$5,822; Living Stones \$1,195; Kitchen Committee \$50; Roland Ensz Memorial \$100; Thelma Bartel Memorial \$20.

Sermons are posted on the church website. Visit

<http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/media/> to listen to previous sermons.

Bethel College Mennonite Church

March 15, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

Upside Down & Inside Out: Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Christ lag in todesbanden</i>	Bach
	<i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen</i>	Bach
	<i>Wonderous love</i>	Johnson
		Verlene Garber, organist
Introit	<i>I never touched a rainbow</i>	Artman
		Cherub Choir
		Jill Siebert, director; Mary Ann Boschmann, accompanist
Greeting		John Esau
*Hymn	<i>For God so loved us</i>	HWB 167
	(Children come forward during hymn)	
Time with children		John Tyson

FIRST LOOK

Listening to scripture Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:1-21

Prayer of confession

Leader: Where are you, Lord? Sometimes we feel abandoned. You don't seem to listen to our cries for help.

People: When life is hard, we want you to make it better

Leader: Like the people of Israel, we grow tired of our burdens, our distress, and our difficulty.

People: Do something, and quickly!

Leader: In the darkness, shine your light on us,

People: Help us trust that you are present even in hardship.

Anthem *Denn alles fleisch* (see insert) Brahms
Chancel Choir; Ron Garber, director

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Words of assurance – from Psalm 107

Leader: Though even God's redeemed people encounter trouble, sin and sickness, God's healing word saves them from distress, and delivers them from destruction.

People: Give thanks for God's steadfast love. Tell of God's deeds with songs of joy!

Meditation *The night time visit* John Tyson

SECOND LOOK

Listening again to scripture John 3:1-21

Call to commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by sending light into the world.

People: **God, help us do what is true, to come to your light and walk in it.**

Anthem *O God, how we have wandered [STS58]* Hassler/Bach
Chancel Choir

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 *Healer of our every ill* Honore'

***Dedication hymn** *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**
Sing a cappella as directed by Ron Garber

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *What wondrous love is this* **HWB 530**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *The Lord bless you and keep you* Lutkin
Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STS** = *Sing the Story*

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent, a season of spiritual renewal leading to Easter. Services during Lent draw on resources from Mennonite Church USA: *Upside Down & Inside Out*. God meets us where we are and loves us as we are – yet does not stop there, but turns our understanding upside down and inside-out. Each Sunday, we move beyond a “First Look” at scripture to consider a “Second Look.” Suggestions are given to extend our encounter with scripture beyond Sunday worship. *This week*, What would it mean for you to live deeper in tune to the divine reality?

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 in pew racks and place them in the offering plates for response by pastoral staff.

Are you curious about being a Senior High youth sponsor? Please contact John Tyson for further conversation.

Denn alles fleisch from The Requiem by Brahms

Denn alles Fleisch ist wie Gras
Und alle Herrlichkeit des Menschen
wie des Grases Blumen.
Das Gras ist verdorret
und die Blume abgefallen.

For all flesh is as grass
and all the glory of man
As the flower of grass.
The grass withereth,
and the flower thereof
falleth away. *1 Peter 1:24*

So seid nun geduldig, lieber Brüder,
Bis auf die Zukunft des Herrn.
Siehe, ein Ackermann wart
Auf die köstliche Frucht der Erde
Und ist geduldig darüber.
Bis er empfahe den Morgenregen
und Abendregen.

Be patient, therefore, brethren,
Unto the coming of the Lord.
Behold, the husbandman waiteth
for the precious fruit of the earth,
And hath long patience for it,
Until he receives
the early and latter rain.

James 5:7

In the first movement of his requiem, Brahms drew on the image of a farmer planting in tears and then, reaping in joy. He returns to the image of the land in the second movement, drawing the listener's intellect to the frailty of creation, its transient nature, its withering and fading. He contrasts this seasonal change with the patience of the farmer, waiting for the coming of the rain and for the precious fruit that will spring from the earth. Brahms surrounds this patience with the austere sound of unison voices lamenting the flower and grass fading away.

During a time of unexpected problems, I have been supported by all of you. Thank you for your prayers, your visits, good food, and plants. I'm home and doing well. ~ *Lois Deckert*

On Sun., Mar. 22, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary **organist Shirley Sprunger King** will present “Looking Toward Easter,” a program of Lenten and Easter music. A freewill offering will be received for BCMC's Living Stones Organ Fund, and a reception will follow.


Harvey County Homeless Shelter will celebrate 10 years of operation with a birthday party Mar. 28 at HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, from 5 to 8 p.m. This family event will have games, prizes, and food. All are invited to attend. There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for items to be donated to HCHS, and it has a list of things needed by the shelter. ~ *Valetta Seymour*

Mark your calendar for upcoming Holy Week service schedules:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** – 7:00 p.m. Communion service at BCMC
- **Good Friday, April 3** – 7:00 p.m. Community service at Shalom Mennonite Church, sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5** – Sunrise service led by BCMC youth (time and location to be announced); 10:00 a.m. worship at BCMC (no Sunday school).

Hesston College Performing Arts Department annual concert is Thurs., March 19, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, featuring Bel Canto Singers, Chorale, and Chamber Orchestra. Free and open to the public. **Hesston College Theatre** will present the musical Little Women Mar. 27 & 28 at 7 p.m.; Mar. 29 at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors, \$8 for students. Purchase online at books.hesston.edu or 620-327-8105.

The annual Spring Supper for women of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests is Thurs., Mar. 26, Hesston Mennonite Church. Reservations are required by March 16. See bulletin board for details or contact Amanda Rempel, secretary of WDWM, 316-284-0470 or carempel@sbcglobal.net.



Kansas MCC Relief Sale is April 17-18 at Hutchinson Fairgrounds www.kansas.mccsale.org

*** Quilt Display today!** See the handiwork of BCMC members.

***We have requests for zwieback, pies and bread for the sale.** Visit the MCC table to see what the BCMC responsibilities are; sign up to donate baked goods. Poppysed rolls, noodles, and peppernuts are also needed.

***Volunteers** are needed for many areas of the sale including Feeding the Multitude, Quilt Auction, Ten Thousand Villages and more! Information and sign-up sheets are available at the MCC table.

***Run for Relief** early registration includes T-shirt and is due March 31. After the 31st, T-shirt is not guaranteed. If not a runner, walk or support someone who is participating.


***Craft display** is Sunday, April 12.

***Cookbooks and Quilters Corner Items** can be left for donation by church mailboxes.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important event!

Questions? BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell 283-5151, Ron & Carol Peters 283-4232, and Tom & Gayle Jackson 284-2379.

◆ **The 2015 Comforter Blitz was a huge success** with 204 comforters tied for MCC Mar.9 and 10. We had 357 volunteers to frame, tie, or hem the fabric. A special thank you to the 13 BCMC church members who worked, plus those who pieced tops for the Blitz. ~ Carol Peters, Comforter Blitz Chairman



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5. The Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and return to offering plate or church office by Mar. 29. Make checks out to BCMC, designated "Flower Fund." Contact Mildred Voran at 284-2071 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or In honor of: _____

This Week at BCMC: March 15 – March 22, 2015

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:

- Young Adults —Rm 28
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*Revelation*, John Esau (Open class)
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Lamentations*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Transitions: Necessary Conversations*, Dianne Epp
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Personal Encounters with Scripture
- Mosaic—Rm 22—Sermon reflection/response and other topics
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the New Testament*
- Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—*Jane & Jake Friesen: MCC's 1966 Head Start Program*
- Sojourners – Chapel—*MCC Trainees over the years*, Ron & Lois Preheim

Monday, March 16

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Fernan Loganbill—Sanctuary

2:30 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

Tuesday, March 17

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 18—No Bell Choirs tonight

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening supper—Fellowship Hall

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—(Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Visitation Team meets with Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Friday, March 20

3:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

Saturday, March 21

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Inez Koehn—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells and organist Shirley Sprunger King

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

4:00 p.m. Shirley Sprunger King Organ Program—Sanctuary

◆ **Note:** Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will not meet next week (March 25) due to Bethel College Spring Break. Directors Jill Siebert and Elizabeth Schrag will be on tour with the Bethel College Concert Choir.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Today., Mar. 15, 4 p.m.**—Braden Unruh, trumpet and Elizabeth Schrag, bassoon, Junior Recital, Bethel College Admin Chapel. Reception follows.
- **Wed., Mar. 18 - Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 a.m. *Music—Dunns plus one*, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Ann Dunn, Faith Wenger, Michael Dunn
10:35 a.m. *Laos*, Jim Goering
11:30 a.m. *Forensics Showcase: BC Students*
- **Thurs., Mar. 19, 7 p.m.** – Rev. James Atwood speaks on *America's Fascination with Violence*, Krehbiel Auditorium, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). The retired Presbyterian pastor is a deer hunter and NRA member who became involved in gun violence prevention after a member of his congregation was shot and killed. He received the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship National Committee's 2014 Peaceseeker Award.
- **Thurs., March 19, 6-8 p.m.** – Artist reception for “Made in Ceramica,” work by the Clay Cartel, outside the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. “Made in Ceramica” is on display in the gallery through March 20.
- **Sun., March 22, 3 p.m.** – Dr. Beverly Rogers, dean of arts and sciences and professor of anthropology at Ottawa University speaks at Kauffman Museum, as the second program connected to the special exhibit “Sorting Out Race.” Rogers will speak on “Stereotypes and Realities of the 21st-Century Indian in the United States.”
- **Sun., March 29, 7 p.m.** – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, Memorial Hall.

Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, invites Western District Conference delegates to Kansas City 2015 to a meeting at First Mennonite Church, Newton (*not Faith Mennonite Church, as was originally announced*), March 27, 7 p.m. The purpose of the 90-minute meeting will include:

- briefly sharing the vision for the future of Mennonite Church USA, focusing on Jesus as the center of our faith, community as the center of our lives, and reconciliation as the center of our work
- providing a guide that outlines the delegates' overall responsibilities at the assembly
- explaining how the results from the online delegate survey shaped the Executive Board's decisions about the agenda
- distributing an agenda for the delegate sessions, and explaining the specific decisions which delegates will be invited to make
- providing handouts which delegates can use in congregational study groups
- engaging in a time of feedback and discussion

Interested pastors and members who are not serving as delegates, but would appreciate a first-hand briefing, are welcome as well. If you would like to connect via the internet for this meeting, notify Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.


The Faith Formation Commission is hosting a Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch following worship on March 29! All children and their families as well as youth, college students, and young adults are invited for food and fellowship. The event will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Venture Club for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys and girls has only one session left; March 25. They will not meet March 18 due to Spring Break. Our theme is *Missions in our World*, with guests sharing about their mission experiences. We meet 7:15-8:00 p.m. in Room B-8. Contact Alan Leopard at alan.leopard@scouting.org with ideas or questions.

BCMC's Spring congregational meeting will be April 26, at 12:45 p.m. following a potluck lunch. If you or your commission or committee has agenda for consideration at the meeting, contact moderator Jim Robb before April 9, when the Church Board will confirm congregational meeting agenda.

BCMC will hold an auction Saturday morning, June 27, sponsored jointly by the Facilities Committee and Art Committee to raise funds for the Visual Art Fund and Facilities Plant Fund. Donations wanted: Quality items such as antique furniture, tools and art. Questions? Contact Jerry Buller, 283-6157 or Darlene Dick, 283-7416.

The Western District Reference Council will meet Sat., Apr. 11, at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. This gathering will be an opportunity to hear the latest developments from Mennonite Church USA and continue our ongoing discernment regarding the RESOLUTION from Rainbow Mennonite Church that will come before our Western District delegate assembly in October. The resolution deals with pastors performing same-sex unions. This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Those who will be serving as delegates to either the Mennonite Church USA Convention in July or the WDC Assembly in October are encouraged to attend.



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Mar. 18, with serving line open from 6:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Mar. 16. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Mar. 18 menu: Quiche (bacon and spinach), strawberries and bananas, morning glory muffins.

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Meal reservation(s) for March 18
Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____