

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network are using Alpha courses in Bolivia to strengthen existing Mennonite congregations and to lay the groundwork for new ones. Pray that God will water the seeds they are planting and that people will receive Jesus' healing and hope in their lives.

Western District Conference: Pray for wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference Minister for Western District Conference.

This congregation: Pray for members facing transitions related to health concerns and reduced mobility, that God would grant them strength, wisdom and support in times of change.

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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Cherub Choir director: Jill Siebert

Junior Choir director: Elizabeth Schrag

March 1 at BCMC: Attendance 230. General Fund \$11,354; Living Stones \$1,245; Media Supplies \$10; Kitchen Fund \$260.40; Transfer-General \$109; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$500; Thelma Bartel Memorial \$100.

Sermons are posted on the church website. Visit

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

March 8, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

Upside Down & Inside Out: Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude *Intermezzo* Brahms
Prayer J.S. Bach
Valetta Seymour, pianist

Greeting Susan Wheeler

***Hymn** *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**
(Children come forward during hymn)

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider

FIRST LOOK

Anthem *Ena Lima Hana (The working hands)* David Haas
Refrain in Hawaiian, with translation:
E Na Lima Hana, With our working hands,
E Malama Aina; we care for and nurture the land,
Meke Kino, the body,
Meke Puu'wai and the heart.
Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director
LaVera Schrag, accompanist; Matthew Graber, percussion

Listening to scripture

Selections from Exodus 20 **HWB 807**
Hymn *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 1-3) **HWB 315**
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Hymn *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 4-5) **HWB 315**

Prayer of confession

We have some doubts about your wisdom, God.
Sometimes the way you do things seems like nonsense.
**You make laws that are hard to follow –
even if we keep them perfectly we may still miss the boat.**
Like the people of Israel, we wonder:
How are we to get this right?
We want smoothness, not stumbling blocks.
Train us in your weakness that is stronger than our strength.
**Help us trust your foolishness that is wiser than our
wisdom.**

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Words of assurance - Psalm 19:7-8, 14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandments of the Lord are clear, enlightening the eyes.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Sermon *The foolish wisdom of God* Heidi Regier Kreider

SECOND LOOK

Listening again to scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Call to commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out, growing us to maturity through the message of the cross.

Congregation: **In the midst of life's struggles and conflicts, the strength and wisdom of Christ is present with us.**

*Hymn *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 6-7) **HWB 315**

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 *Breathe on me, breath of God* arr. Ham

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

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Thuma mina* **HWB 434**
Sing a cappella as directed

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *Prayer* Beethoven
*All who are able are invited to stand

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

Today is the third 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, look for God's presence in unexpected places and people. Where is God's wisdom and strength evident in what society considers foolish or weak, illogical or inefficient, impractical or hopeless?*

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.

We offer sympathy to Elaine Loganbill and family and Lanoy and Mary Esther Loganbill on the death of Fernan Loganbill, Pratt, KS, March 2. The memorial service will be Mon., March 16, 2 p.m. at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to the family of Irvin E. Peters who died March 2, Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, Buhler. The memorial service was Fri., Mar. 6 at Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church.

The memorial service for Inez Koehn will be Sat., March 21, 2 p.m. at BCMC.

Dear BCMC friends, I appreciate the prayers, visits, cards and well wishes from my BCMC family while I was recuperating at Schowalter Villa. Thank You for your friendship and love. ~ *Maxine Fast*

Are you curious about being a Senior High youth sponsor? The Faith Formation Commission is currently seeking persons interested in serving as Senior High youth sponsors beginning in September 2015. The Faith Formation Commission appoints Senior High youth sponsors for two-year terms. Please contact John Tyson for further conversation.

Venture Club for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys and girls has only two sessions left; March 11 and 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. Wednesdays in March in Room B-8. Contact Alan Lepard at alan.lepard@scouting.org with ideas or questions.

On Sun., Mar. 22, BCMC will host organist Shirley Sprunger King to play for morning worship and to present a program of Lenten and Easter music at 4 p.m. At the program a freewill offering will be received for BCMC's Living Stones Organ Fund, and a reception will follow.

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.

Over 50 people have “liked” the BCMC Facebook page. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/bethelcmc> and “like” the page for congregational updates and information.

This Week at BCMC: March 9 – March 15, 2015

The 2015 Western District Conference basketball tournament is scheduled for the evenings of March 16-17 and 19-21 at Bethel College. BCMC will once again participate in the tournament. Please contact John Tyson at john.bcmc@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to play!

Hesston College Performing Arts Department annual concert is Thurs., March 19, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St. featuring the Bel Canto Singers, Chorale, and Chamber Orchestra. A reception will follow. Free and open to the public.

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 or Darlene Dick.

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 and 7 p.m., March 9 and April 13 with Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. Contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, or darlene.buller@everence.com to reserve a spot.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

- Camp Mennoscah online registration will soon be up and running and will be posted on Facebook. Brochures are in the literature racks in the foyer. For information contact 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org.
- **Scrapbooking Retreat** on March 13-15. Contact: 620-297-3290 or find the registration form online at www.campmennoscah.org in Retreats.
- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat** Apr. 27-29. The "Ukraine Revisited" retreat will have sessions from the past to the present.
- **Camp is looking for volunteer** kitchen staff for summer youth camps. Kitchen volunteers receive a free camp tee shirt and the option of a camper discount of up to full camp fees.

The annual Spring Supper for women of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests is Thurs., Mar. 26, Hesston Mennonite Church, with speaker Carolene Jackson and music by the McKinney Sisters from Moundridge. Supper is 6 p.m. and is \$6/ person. An offering for Mennonite Women USA will be received. 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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop needs your donations! Bring your clean, gently used clothing, household items, bikes, and furniture to the back door between 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and between 9:30 and 5:00 p.m. Sat.. Thank you for supporting Mennonite Central Committee and our local community with your donations.

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
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Lamentations*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Life story*, Marlene Faul and LaVera Schrag
- 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—Meet at Kauffman Museum: Exhibit on racism.
- Sojourners – Chapel—*The Holy Land Trip*, Lee and Susan Wheeler

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

7:00 p.m. Library Committee—Rm 14; Finance Committee—Rm B-7

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—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)

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club (Rm 26); Venture Club (Rm B-8)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—(Sanctuary); Youth Bells—(Rm B-7)

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—(Rm B-7)

Thursday, March 12

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

Friday, March 13

10:00 a.m. Coffee for BCMC members at Schowalter Villa – SWV Chapel

Saturday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Mennonite Men—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table

Young and Middle Aged Men—Mojo's Coffee Shop

Sunday, March 15—Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

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).

Artist Virgil Penner, member of Grace Hill Mennonite Church and North Newton resident will speak to BCMC's Mennonite Men Sat., Mar. 14 on benefits of artistic expression as a hobby. See Virgil's work at virgilapennerart.com. Breakfast is at Kidron Bethel Village Harvest Table at 8 a.m. (\$4.00) followed by the program in Menno Hall.

BCMC members at Schowalter Villa are invited to join pastors Heidi Regier Kreider and John Tyson, and Carol Buller from Visitation Team on Fri., Mar. 13, 10 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship in the Schowalter Villa chapel.

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.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Today, March 8, 3 p.m.** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, *William Byrd Suite* and *Kleine Dreigroschenmusik*, Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Wed., Mar. 11- Life Enrichment** (for community members age 60 and over), Bethel College, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 a.m. *Herbs: zest for life and food*, Kay Neff
10:35 a.m. *Robots, mowers and landscaping*. Leon Guhr
11:30 a.m. *A 40-year history of Kansas-Paraguay Partnership*, Merrill and Boots Raber
- **Fri.-Sat., March 13-14, 7 p.m.** – Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra with vocalists, "Scenes from the Mozart Operas," Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Sun., Mar. 15, 4 p.m.**—Braden Unruh and Elizabeth Schrag Junior Recital, Bethel College Admin Chapel. Reception follows.
- **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 Peacemaker Award.

Registration is open for Mennonite World Conference, July 21-26, 2015, in Harrisburg, PA. See <https://www.mwc-cmm.org>. If you plan to attend this global gathering of worship and fellowship, please inform the BCMC office to allow opportunity to coordinate information, receive prayer support from the congregation, and share reflections afterwards.



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

◆ **2015 MCC Comforter Blitz** is Mar. 9, 12 noon to 9 p.m. and Mar. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Journey Mennonite Church at Yoder Campus, 3605 E. Longview Rd., Haven (1 mile north of Yoder) See bulletin board for details. Contact Carol Peters, 283-4232 or rcpeters2@cox.net with questions.

***Sign-up opportunities** are now available at the MCC table located at the back of the sanctuary.

***Curious about how your coins have been adding up?** Check out the front bulletin board!

***Run for Relief** entry forms are available at the MCC table or can be found online at the KMRS website.

***Quilters!** Quilts and quilt related items need to be received by March 16 to be included in the quilt sale booklet. The BCMC quilt display is March 15. Forms can be found on the website or contact a committee member.

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

Questions? BCMC Relief Sale reps are Dennis & Kathy Campbell, Ron & Carol Peters, and Tom & Gayle Jackson.

Mennonite Central Committee announcements:

- **MCC Central States** is hiring a regional Human Resources Coordinator starting Apr.1. Location can be flexible; some travel expected. Job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org.
- **MCC wants to stay in touch with MCC Alumni.** They wish to have current email and mailing addresses. Go to mcc.org/alumni to update addresses.



It's Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Mar. 11, 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. 9. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Mar. 11 menu: Bierocks, chips, carrots, celery, fruited jello and Rice Krispie treats

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Meal reservation(s) for March 11

Number of people attending meal _____ Name: _____