



*We are  
the Church  
Together*

*Many Gifts,  
One Spirit*

*Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2015*





**This Week at BCMC: May 24 – May 31, 2014**

**Staff:** John Tyson is out of town today and Monday. Heidi Regier Kreider will be out of town May 30 and morning of May 31. For pastoral care concerns on those days, call Susan Wheeler at 620-327-2295 or 316-706-0887.

**Volunteers are needed** to drive the Kidron Bethel Village mini-bus on Sundays to transport residents to and from Bethel College, Faith, First and Shalom Mennonite churches. Must have or obtain a CDL drivers license, have a physical examination every two years, and submit to random drug and alcohol testing. Please, please consider helping in this vital ministry of your church. Contact Marvin Dirks, 620-837-4413 for more information.

**Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Church USA:** Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for Mennonite Church members in Sidi, Burkina Faso, where village leaders withhold land from Christians. Pray for resolution so that all would be able to grow food for their families.

**Western District Conference:** Pray God's blessing for Rosie Jantz, who will be ordained as a pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church today at 3 p.m.

**This congregation:** Pray for Vacation Bible School participants and leaders this week, as they gather at BCMC for learning, worship, sharing, and fun activities together.

*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 – Thur  
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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**Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider, 283-5231 **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash  
**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**May 10 and 17 at BCMC: May 10:** Attendance: 316. General Fund \$5,064; Living Stones \$1547.42; Columbarium \$2,380; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$200. **May 17:** Attendance: 511. General Fund \$8,219.29; Living Stones \$160.

**Today—May 24, 2015—Pentecost Sunday**

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall; 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—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Room 14—*Palestine: What about the land?* Marvin Thieszen
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—dvd—*Being Mortal: Medicine and what matters in the end*
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Will meet in their regular classroom
- 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—Sharing and planning
- Sojourners – Chapel—*My Carbon Footprint*, Frank Midkiff

**Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day holiday – office/building closed**

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

**Tuesday through Friday – May 26-29—Vacation Bible School—8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday, May 26**

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

**Thursday, May 28**

**4:15 p.m.** Administrative Team—Room 14

**Sunday, May 31—Vacation Bible School Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.** Worship service—Sanctuary (No Sunday school)

**11:30 a.m.** Hamburger fry in church playground hosted by Senior High Youth—by donation (contributions go to support attending Mennonite Church USA convention) If inclement weather, meet in Fellowship Hall.

**1:00-3:00 p.m.** Orientation for commission/committee chairs—Chapel

**Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch: Learn, Grow, Serve, Repeat:**

Western District Conference will host a Faith Formation Launch June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus, to provide practical ways for congregations to build on the good faith formation that is already taking place and kick off a focus on faith formation during the coming year. BCMC's Faith Formation Commission has paid the cost of registration and all members of the congregation are invited to participate in the presentations and worship sessions. Please inform the church office by May 29 if you plan to attend a portion of the conference. Further information can be located at <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>.

### **A new program year at BCMC begins in June!**

- **Orientation** for chair persons of new commissions and Board-appointed committees will be next Sunday, May 31, 1-3 p.m. in the Chapel. Chairpersons, please RSVP to the church office to indicate your plans to attend.
- **Commissioning for church officers, Board, commissions and committees** will take place in worship on June 7. All members of these groups are encouraged to be present if possible, to be recognized as a group and blessed for your work in the coming year.

**Message Received, Hearing God's Call** is the theme for Vacation Bible School at BCMC, May 26–29, 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for children ages 4 to 12 (grades preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and junior and senior high youth helpers. There will be a Sunday morning worship service May 31, at 10 a.m. followed by a hamburger fry in the church playground (weather permitting – will be moved to Fellowship Hall otherwise) sponsored by the Senior High Youth Group. (*Bring lawn chairs—in order to cut back on waste, bring your own table service.*) Registration forms for VBS are on the BCMC website, in the office or in the foyer literature racks.

**We offer sympathy** to Howard Lohrentz, Janelle (Lohrentz) and Denis Levitt, and Greg and Jane Lohrentz and families on the death of Evelyn Lohrentz, May 15, in Hesston. The memorial service was May 22 at BCMC.

**We offer sympathy to** LaVerne and Marilyn Stucky and family on the death of LaVerne's mother, Wilma Stucky, May 17, Heartland Haven, Inman. The memorial service was May 21 at First Mennonite Church in Moundridge. Wilma was also the aunt of Frank Stucky.

**BCMC welcomes those who are new or returning to this community!** We invite you to join this congregation in a common journey of faith and discipleship. If you are interested in membership at BCMC, or just want to learn more about the church, please contact the church office or pastor Heidi Regier Kreider, to learn more about an orientation/membership class tentatively scheduled for June (on Sunday afternoons or during Sunday school depending on participants' schedules).

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

**Facility update:** Repairs and improvements have recently been made on the stained-glass windows in the chapel, funded by the Elda Yoder Memorial Fund, other memorial funds, and Facilities Committee annual budget. Windows were repaired, cleaned, and covered with a protective ¼ inch plate. Similar work was done on the trinity windows in the sanctuary in 2014.

**The church office and building will be closed on Monday, May 25** for the Memorial Day holiday. For pastoral care concerns on those days, call Heidi Regier Kreider at 284-0448 or 727-4344.

**Financial update:** Bethel College Mennonite Church received \$33,570 in a charitable bequest from the Esther J. Bartel Estate Donor Advised Fund administered by The Mennonite Foundation. The Church Board will start exploring possible use of the bequest at its June 7 meeting. Bequests often provide the opportunity to fund projects that cannot be funded through the annual budget. At their May 7 meeting the Church Board asked the Finance Committee "to determine short-term management of the funds". The Finance Committee has decided to create the Esther Bartel Bequest Fund to account for the bequest. Short-term use of the funds will be as an interest-free internal loan to pay down the interest-bearing bank loan for Living Stones. The Bartel Bequest Fund will be fully repaid as BCMC members continue to contribute to Living Stones.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** will have a Local Sites Tour Sat., Aug. 29 in Marion, Harvey and McPherson counties. Cost of \$50 includes lunch, refreshments and transportation. To reserve bus seat call LaVern Stucky at 620-983-2348 or email [lavern@powwwer.net](mailto:lavern@powwwer.net).

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States** is hiring a Recycling and Warehouse Coordinator, 32 hours per week starting July 1 at the MCC Center, N. Newton. Job description: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/recycling-warehouse-coordinator-central-states>. Contact [denisevoth@mcc.org](mailto:denisevoth@mcc.org) for more info.

### **Bethel College announcements:**

- **Sun., May 24, 3 p.m. – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, Kauffman Museum. Annette LeZotte, museum director, and Rachel Pannabecker, curatorial consultant, will share community reactions to and interactions with the special exhibit "Sorting Out Race".
- **Bethel College Alumni Weekend** June 5-7, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Schedule: 284-5251 or [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/)
- **Sat., June 6, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. – "Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,"** hosted by the Sand Creek Trail Committee as part of National Trails Day. Water provided at Memorial Grove trailhead for walkers and dogs Special recognition event at 3 p.m. at the trailhead to honor Jacob D. Goering, who had the vision to develop the trail and has continued to encourage others to enhance and enjoy it. Directions: [www.bethelks.edu/community/affiliate-organizations/sand-creek-trail/](http://www.bethelks.edu/community/affiliate-organizations/sand-creek-trail/)

**Kidron Bethel Village needs baked good donations** for the 4th of July Extravaganza Cake Walk & Bake Sale. The sales for these events go towards our Healthcare Benevolent Fund supporting our residents care. If you are interested in donating a cake or a baked item contact Michelle Rider at 620-327-3497 or [micheller@bluestemks.org](mailto:micheller@bluestemks.org)