Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: As Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter of Mennonite Mission Network near the end of their assignment in the United Kingdom, they request prayer for Clapton Park United Reformed Church in London where they have ministered since January 2013. Pray especially for a dynamic youth ministry.

Western District Conference: Pray for Nadine Friesen who will be ordained today at 4 pm at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Nadine is currently serving as Chaplain of Independent Living at Schowalter Villa, Hesston.

This congregation: Pray for encouragement and wisdom for farmers in the community, as they work at harvesting and tending crops, caring for livestock, and coping with the uncertainties of weather.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by 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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Email: office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net Web site: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org 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.

Pastor: Heidi Regier Kreider, heidi.bcmc@sbcglobal.net

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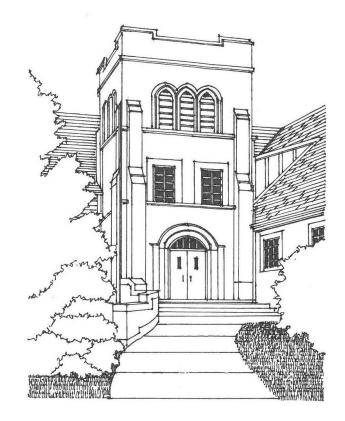
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Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840

Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

June14 at BCMC: Attendance 212. General Fund: \$12,252; Living

Stones \$2,112; Media Supplies \$50; Transfer-General \$1,000.



Bethel College Mennonite Church June 21, 2015

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TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Three Romances, Op. 94 Schumann

Vada Snider, flute; Karen Unruh, piano

Greeting Dave Linscheid

*Hymn I sing the mighty power of God HWB 46

(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children John Tyson

Scripture readings Mark 4:35-41 and 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Worship music Siciliano from Sonata in E^b Bach

Vada Snider, flute; Karen Unruh, piano

Sermon Who is this? John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn When the storms of life are raging HWB 558

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory Great God, Our Creator Burkhardt

Karen Unruh, organ

***Dedication hymn** God, whose farm is all creation

HWB 391

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Hymn How firm a foundation HWB 567

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude How firm a foundation Cherwien

Karen Unruh, organ

*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. <u>Personal hearing devices</u> are at the north sanctuary entrance. <u>The nursery</u> 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).

Happy first-day-of-summer and Father's Day! Worship panels in the front of the sanctuary, depicting the land in different seasons of the year, were designed by BCMC Bob Regier.

Purple Sing the Story songbooks are used in worship at BCMC during the seasons of Advent until Pentecost, featuring songs about the birth, life, death, resurrection and reign of Christ. Following worship today, please pass all copies of the Sing the Story songbooks to the center aisle, and stack them at the end of the pew. Later today, members of the Worship Commission will replace them with Sing the Journey songbooks, focusing on the life and mission of the church in the world, for use during the season after Pentecost Sunday.

Check out the new look in the BCMC library children's section! Ministry Inquiry Program intern Allie Shoup, Sarah Turner from the Library Committee, and Maggie Dungan spruced it up in preparation for a summer children's story hour to take place on **Tuesdays at 1 p.m. for children ages 3-8.** All children and their families are invited to check out books from the BCMC library for summer reading!

Today, during the Sunday school hour, guest storyteller and playwright, Laurel Dee Gugler presents her one-person play *The Lopsided Crane* in the Chapel. Gugler's play depicts the struggle of a young girl who is forced to examine her beliefs about war and conscientious objection. All adults are invited to attend, and especially children ages 9+. Children under age 9 will meet in the newly-decorated children's library during the Sunday school hour.

Staff: Susan Wheeler is out of town today, and will be back this week.

In the most recent issue of the *Kaleidoscope*, there was an omission. In the list of Et Cetera volunteers, Mary Ann Gertsen's name was inadvertently omitted. By some fluke her name wasn't on the BC Church database at Et Cetera, so didn't come up on the list. Apologies to Mary Ann who is not only a volunteer but is also a board member.

~ Lois Goertzen

Thank You to the Congregation. Recently I received a thank you note from the WDC Office thanking BCMC for the generous contributions from the church and the members of the church. A total of \$37,102 was contributed. I wish to share this thank you with you the contributors. Thank you for your continued generosity. ~ *Jim Robb, Moderator*

Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA, will be a time for fellowship and growth! Join Anabaptist brothers and sisters from around the world for workshops on personal healing, conflict resolution, gender issues, interfaith conversations, art, worship, prophetic engagement, and so much more! For more info or to register, head to mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Everence Financial will present a seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*, with explanation on how to enroll and options if you continue to work, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., July 13 and Aug.10, at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. For reservations contact Darlene Buller darlene.buller@everence.com or (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043.

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.

Iglesia Casa Betania invites everyone to join them as they celebrate their 7th anniversary July 12, 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Mennonite Church, Newton. Pastor Jaime Cazares states: "This could not be possible without your prayers and other ways you have contributed. We want to celebrate God's faithfulness." Fellowship to follow. *Shalom, Jaime Cazares Jr., Iglesia Casa Betania*

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert Sun., June 28, 7 p.m. Performers are Kenna Frey Graber, flute; RoJean Loucks, Celtic harp; Laurie Voth Regehr, piano and Donna Stucky, organ and piano. Fellowship and refreshments follow.

Kidron Bethel Village announcements:

Kidron Bethel Village requests baked good donations for the 4th of July Extravaganza Cake Walk & Bake Sale. The sales for these events go towards the Healthcare Benevolent Fund supporting residents' care. To donate a cake or a baked item contact Michelle Rider at 620-327-3497 or micheller@bluestemks.org

Your are invited to celebrate July 4 at the Fireworks Extravaganza 7:30 p.m. Sat., July 4, Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive. The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. Hotdogs, beverages and snacks will be available. The evening includes kids' games, a cake walk, bake sale and ice cream sundae sales. Bring your lawn chairs. Flashlights are recommended for navigating to and from parking areas. Information: 316-836-4863.

This Week at BCMC: June 21 – June 28, 2015

Today—June 21—Happy Father's Day!

10:30 a.m. Ice water is available in the Gathering Place **10:50 a.m.** Christian Education – Visitors welcome!

- 2-3 year olds through 8th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for snack, then children ages 9+ gather in chapel for *The Lopsided Crane*, presented by Laurel Dee Gugler; children under age 9 meet in children's library for story time with Allie Shoup following snack
- Senior High Youth—Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Membership orientation class —Room 14
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study class does not meet during summer
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Public Education Topics, Dick Koontz
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- 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—Sustainable Happiness discussion, Dwight Platt
- Sojourners—Chapel—Do not meet in June or July

Monday, June 22

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

4:15 p.m. Governance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 25

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm 14

Saturday, June 27

9:04 a.m. Arts Committee and Facilities Committee Auction—Church front lawn

Sunday, June 28

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Alexandra Shoup; music by children and youth; Kingdom report by Janet Stucky, Mennonite Mission Network worker in Benin, West Africa

10:30 a.m. Fellowship with Janet Stucky with coffee and refreshments in Gathering Place, sponsored by Janet's Ministry Support Team

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

6:30 p.m. Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission gathering—Fellowship Hall

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 13th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground, Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 21-22. Watch for details later or, if questions now, contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

All are invited to summer Faith Forums at BCMC during Sunday school at 10:50-11:45 a.m. (in sanctuary unless otherwise indicated).

July 5: Fellowship & faspa, games and light snacks – Fellowship Hall

July 12: Report from BCMC delegates to Mennonite Church USA Assembly

July 19: Report from Megan Leary on her Mennonite Voluntary Service experience

July 26, August 2 and 9: Series on faith and technology

Pastoral transition update:

On July 26 at noon, all are invited to a congregational potluck meal and farewell for pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. The worship service that morning will also include a ritual of release, prior to the conclusion of her pastoral work at BCMC at the end of July.

The Church Board has appointed a joint committee of the Staff Congregation Relations Committee and Church Board (Lois Brubacher, chair; Annette Lamp, Loretta Baumgartner, Dale Schrag and Sandy Zerger) to bring to the Church Board a recommendation for an interim supply pastor to begin in early August. The Church Board is also preparing to form a Search Committee for a Settled Pastor.

Janet Stucky, Mennonite Mission Network partner serving in Benin, will be at BCMC on June 28, as part of a short visit to the U.S. for Janet to represent Mennonite Mission Network at Mennonite Church USA convention. On June 28, Janet will participate in the Time with Children and a Kingdom Report, and greet people during fellowship time hosted by her Ministry Support Team with refreshments in the Gathering Place. Janet's latest newsletter is in church boxes today.

The BCMC Prayer Network is a ministry sponsored by the Deacon Commission, with prayer requests distributed by pastors to members of the prayer network through e-mail, at the request and permission of the persons involved. Participants make a one-year commitment to this prayer ministry. **If you would like to participate** in the prayer network for the coming year (June 2015 - July 2016), please contact the church office.

Update from John Bergen: We have heard some unfortunate news from John, who had been serving with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Israel/Palestine. Recently when returning from a time out of the country, he was denied re-entry by Israeli authorities at the airport. John is now in Philadelphia with friends, doing some communications work at a CPT office there while looking for more permanent housing and work. Please pray for John as he seeks direction and support for next steps in his life. ~ *Diana Graber, John's BCMC liaison*



BCMC will hold an auction Sat. morning, June 27, at 9:04 a.m. 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. **Food**

items are also needed for a Bake Sale Table! The Mosaic Sunday School class is coordinating a food sales table to supplement the general auction. They will sell individual pieces along with coffee and tea, as well as whole pies, bags of zwieback, loaves of bread, etc. Garden produce, jam, salsa, etc. are welcome. Deliver items to church kitchen Fri., June 26 or by 8 a.m. Sat., June 27. See flier in your church mailbox for more information.

The BCMC Senior High youth group will take a total of 12 students and 5 sponsors to the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City. Following the Sunday school hour **today**, **June 21**, students, parents, and sponsors are encouraged to visit the youth room for a conversation about convention plans.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission invites everyone to a gathering on Sun., June 28, 6:30 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. Pastor Adolphe Komuesa, president of Mennonite Church of Congo, will tell about his church community and country, and BCMC member Janet Stucky will also speak about her work through Mennonite Mission Network in Benin, West Africa. Dessert and coffee will be served. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling 574-535-0077.

All are invited to a come and go farewell for retiring Conference Minister Clarence Rempel on Sun., June 28, from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Western District Conference office, 2517 N. Main, North Newton.

Camp Mennoscah announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

- Camp Mennoscah has room for more campers. Summer theme is *Power Up*, looking at the example of Jesus to learn how to live in the Spirit. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org.
- Family Camp is July 25-26—Alan Stucky and Katie Best, leaders
- Mental Health Spiritual Retreat is Sept. 6-7. All who are affected by mental illness, including family members and friends, are welcome. Scholarships available. Register online or request a brochure.
- Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church.