

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with Ghana Mennonite Church, which experienced reconciliation between a group of congregations in the northern part of the country that had withdrawn several years ago. Pray for the newly reunited church that now consists of 28 congregations and a membership of about 5,000 baptized members.

Western District Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Clarence Rempel, Executive Conference Minister, who will retire on June 30. Pray for Heidi Regier Kreider, Executive Conference Minister elect, who will begin her work on August 17.

This congregation: Pray for moderator-elect Patty Shelly and Dale Schrag who will be speaking, and for delegates, youth and sponsors, and other BCMC members leading and participating at Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City this week.

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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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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Bethel College Mennonite Church
June 28, 2015

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GATHERING

Prelude Valetta Seymour, piano
Kathryn Lamp, piano; Jason Wong, violin;
Rebecca Schloneger, piano
Jonah Schloneger, percussion; Nick Lepard, trumpet

Greeting and prayer Heidi Regier Kreider
***Hymn** *Oh, that I had a thousand voices* **HWB 84**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Jeanette Stucky and Janet Stucky
Scripture reading 1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a and Philippians 4:4-6
Hymn *Jesus, help us live in peace* **STJ 52**
Sermon Allie Shoup, Ministry Inquiry Program intern

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *How clear is our vocation, Lord* **HWB 541**
Kingdom Report Janet Stucky-Mission Partner, Benin
Prayer of God's people
Offering
Offertory
During the offering, people with June birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (bring hymnal)
***Dedication hymn** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* **HWB 76**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Here I am, Lord* **HWB 395**
Verses - soloist; Refrain - Congregation
***Benediction**
***Benediction response**
***Postlude**
*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. 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).

Welcome to Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin! Janet is at BCMC this Sunday, while on a visit to the U.S. to attend the Mennonite Church USA convention, and participate in Mission Network presentations there. You are invited to greet Janet in the Gathering Place after the worship service today, and enjoy refreshments served by Janet's Ministry Support Team.

Pray for those receiving medical care this past week: Howard Lohrentz, Via Christi-St. Francis in Wichita; Wanda Claassen, Newton Medical Center; Brent Koehn, Elkhart (IN) General Hospital.

We offer sympathy to the family of Marie Ratzlaff who died June 22 at Kidron Bethel Village. There will not be services at BCMC. The family will have graveside services in Henderson, NE, and Marie will be buried with husband Dietrich.

On July 26 at noon, all are invited to a congregational potluck meal and farewell program for pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. Dessert will be provided at the meal so please bring a generous main or side dish as we expect guests. The worship service that morning will include a ritual of release, prior to the conclusion of Heidi's pastoral work at BCMC at the end of July. **Please bring the cards and notes of appreciation** that you wish to share with pastor Heidi to the potluck. If you are unable to attend the potluck, bring these items to the church office before July 26.

BCMC pastoral transition update: The Church Board has appointed Dorothy Nickel Friesen as Interim Supply Pastor, following recommendation by a committee of the Board and the Staff Congregation Relations Committee. Dorothy will begin her duties at the beginning of August, working 3/4 time. Her job description is being adjusted by the SCRC to reflect this time commitment. She has the experience, abilities and knowledge of the congregation that will help her as she leads the congregation through a time of transition. The Board is cognizant of a conflict of interest resulting from Dorothy's appointment, since her spouse is congregational treasurer. The Board will create buffers to insure propriety at all times. We are pleased that one of our own will be leading us in this time of transition. – *Jim Robb, Church Board chair*

This Week at BCMC: June 28 – July 5, 2015

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.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert today, June 28, 7 p.m. Performers are Kenna Frey Graber, flute; RoJean Loucks, Celtic harp; Laurie Voth Regehr, piano & 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

You 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.

It will be the Fourth of July and also the first Saturday of the month, and there *will* be a bird walk at Kauffman Museum. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 6:45 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

June 21 at BCMC: Attendance 222. General Fund \$3,616.05; \$3,580; Kitchen Fund \$1,000; Media Supplies \$5; Evelyn Lohrentz Memorial \$15.

Today—June 28

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 – Visitors welcome!

- 2-3 year olds through 8th grade—meet in Fellowship Hall for snack, then Room B-8 for activities
- Senior High Youth—Rm 22

Adult classes:

- Membership orientation class—Room 14
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study class will not meet during summer
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*My role at Bethel College*, Dalene White
- 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*, Dwight Platt
- Sojourners – Chapel—Will not be meeting in June or July

Monday, June 29

11:00 a.m. Memorial service for Esther Bohn Groves—Sanctuary

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

Tuesday, June 30

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

Friday, July 3—Office closed, church locked for the July 4th Holiday

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Worship led by associate pastor Susan Wheeler with reflections by John Waltner, Sheri Lepard, and Hugo Boschmann on the theme *Faith and 4th of July*; and music by Eleanor Kaufman, organ, and Margaret Toews, flute.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in Gathering Place; ice water is available

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; fellowship and snacks in Fellowship Hall.

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider, John Tyson and Allie Shoup will be out of the office June 30 – July 5 to attend Mennonite Church USA convention. For pastoral care concerns during that time, please contact Susan Wheeler at 316-706-0887.

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 & fasha, 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

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.

Thirty-seven individuals or family giving units contribute to Bethel College Mennonite Church each month through electronic fund transfers (EFT) from their bank account to the church checking account. While not for everyone, EFT's provide a convenient method for regular giving to the general fund or Living Stones, provides a regular cash flow to the church, and makes it easier for the assistant treasurers to record contributions. EFT's can be scheduled on a weekly basis (Monday) or the 1st or 15th of the month. If you would like to learn more, talk with Richard Friesen or send an email to richard.friesen@cox.net.

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.

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!

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

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission invites everyone to a gathering today, 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.

A farewell tribute will be held for Anthony Brown and his contribution to the Hesston area community the past 15 years with a program featuring songs from Tony, along with homemade ice cream and refreshments. Contributions will be accepted for the Peacing It Together Foundation, and Tony's efforts to share the message of peace and social justice around the world. Water's Edge Restaurant, Hesston, 7 p.m., Wed., July 8.

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

- Camp Mennoscah has room for more summer 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 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.
- Women and Girls Retreat will be Sept. 11-13 (Friday evening – Sunday lunch) with a variety of seminars, and Nadine Friesen speaking on *Joy is More Than a Detergent*.

You are invited to contribute non-perishable food for the local Salvation Army food pantry. On the first Sunday of each week, bring items to BCMC and place them on the pew in the south entrance. Thanks to Kathy Stucky for taking the food to the Salvation Army!

Iglesia Casa Betainia invites everyone to join them as they celebrate their 7th Anniversary July 12, 3 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church, Newton, sanctuary. 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 - Pastor Jaime Cazares Jr., Iglesia Casa Betania



BCMC does a bulk order for *Rejoice!* for those who pay the **\$27.75** annual subscription fee. The copies will be delivered to the church each quarter and put directly in church mailboxes. The subscription year is September 2015 through August 2016. If you wish to place an order for *Rejoice!*, complete the form below and return it with your payment to the church office **by July 12**. This offer is for renewing and new subscribers. Your copy of *Rejoice!* for September, October, November will be in your church mailbox in mid-August. – *BCMC office*

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