

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church USA: Rejoice with Mennonite Mission Network's Brian and Kelly McPhail on the birth of their first child, Elsie! Pray for the McPhails as they adjust to a new rhythm of life and as they continue to serve as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China.

This congregation: Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for Patty Shelly, as she begins her term as moderator of Mennonite Church USA.

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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Building is locked daily at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled.

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July 5 at BCMC: Attendance 179. General Fund \$13,009.41; Living Stones \$3,670; Kitchen Funeral \$700; Sr Hi Youth \$500; Caring Fund \$100; Organ Fund \$300; Visual Arts Fund \$20.

Bethel College Mennonite Church
July 12, 2015

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GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, piano
Greeting and prayer Allie Shoup
***Hymn** *Jesus, stand among us* **HWB 25**
(Children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children Heidi Regier Kreider
Service of child dedication for Eleanor Ruth Porta
Congregational response John Tyson, leader

You have offered your child to the strong and tender providence of God. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child. We promise to support you with our love and prayers, as you provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. May the life and witness of the community of faith make your task both joyful and fruitful!

Hymn *Like a mother who has borne us* **STJ 91**
Scripture Luke 24:13-43
Worship music *By the mark* Welch
Maggie Dungan and Brent Dungan

Reflections from Mennonite Church USA convention

Meditation: *Still on the way* Heidi Regier Kreider
Kingdom Report Senior High Youth

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Longing for light* **STJ 54**
Blessing for Patty Shelly, Mennonite Church USA Moderator
Prayer of God's people
Offering
Offertory *I'll fly away* Brumley
Maggie Dungan and Brent Dungan
***Dedication hymn** *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *We will walk with God* **STJ 78**
***Benediction and 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).

Today we celebrate with Fabian and Kateisha Esau Porta in a service of child dedication for their daughter, Eleanor Ruth Porta. Welcome to family members here for the occasion!

Reception into membership at BCMC will take place during worship next Sunday, July 19, for Kent and Michelle Sheriff, Barbara and John Thiesen, Andrew Thiesen, and Jon and Heather Zerger. We welcome these new and returning members.

Everyone is invited to share in refreshments July 19, during fellowship time (10:30 a.m.) in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. Find out where Sarah Turner will be spending the next year as an exchange student and come say farewell to Sarah and write her a note.

You are invited to special events with BCMC members preparing for service assignments this coming year. Both events will offer opportunity to support expenses beyond funds provided by the BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fund:

- **Ben Kreider** plans to serve in Honduras with Mennonite Central Committee SALT (Serving and Learning Together). On Wednesday, July 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m. a Honduran supper will be served in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, with sharing by Ben at 6:30 p.m.
- **Emily Harder** plans to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Washington, DC. On Wednesday, August 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m., a dessert reception will be served in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, to learn more about Emily's upcoming MVS term.

This Week at BCMC: July 12 – July 19, 2015

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.

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

- Power Up with the Spirit! Camp Mennoscah still has room for campers during these remaining weeks of camp. Limited space at Senior High Camp. Register online or call.
- 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*.

Hopi Mission School is undergoing some structural changes, new governance and staffing arrangements. Not all the details have been worked out; in the meantime, it is recommended that any financial contributions be sent either to Mennonite Church USA or to the Hopi Mission School Foundation. Boxtops for Education and Campbells product labels are still being collected, but until further notice, they can be sent to the HMS Foundation at the following address: 500 Main Place, Suite 150, Newton, KS 67114. For those in the Newton area, they can be dropped off at the Western District Conference office in North Newton.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter is experiencing a budget shortfall and asks for your prayerful consideration of making a one-time or monthly donation to their ongoing financial needs. They shelter 25-30 residents, feed them, and help them find a path out of their difficult situations. Donations can be sent to: HCHS, P.O. Box 978, Newton, Kansas 67114.

Today—July 12

10:30 a.m. Fellowship with ice water 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 Room B-8 for activities
- **Faith Forum:** Report from BCMC delegates to Mennonite Church USA Assembly—Sanctuary

Adult classes:

- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study, Catacombs, Fine Arts, and Sojourners classes will not meet during summer—members may attend the Faith Forum sessions
- 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—

Monday, July 13

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

4:00 p.m. Art Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, July 14

1:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living.
Summer children's story hour for children ages 3-8—BCMC Children's Library

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, July 15

5:30-7:00 p.m. Ben Kreider MCC SALT fundraising event—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 16

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Sunday, July 19

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Allie Shoup and reception of new members.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall with refreshments served to bid farewell to Sarah Turner.

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Faith Forum in sanctuary will feature a report from Megan Leary on her Mennonite Voluntary Service experience

Summer Faith Forums at BCMC during Sunday school at 10:50-11:45 a.m.:
July 19: Megan Leary reports on Mennonite Voluntary Service experience
July 26, August 2 and 9: Series on faith and technology

Iglesia Casa Betania invites everyone to join them as they celebrate their 7th Anniversary this afternoon, 3 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church, Newton, sanctuary. Fellowship and food to follow.

We offer sympathy to Jenny (Harms) and Weldon Martens and family on the death of Jenny's mother, Gladys Harms, Kidron Bethel Village, June 30. The memorial service was July 4 at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Newton.

We offer sympathy to Brad, Suzy, Lucy and Faith Burch on the death of Brad's grandfather, Edwin Janzen, Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service is Mon., July 13, 10:30 a.m. at Koerner Heights Mennonite Brethren Church, Newton.

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 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 BCMC 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 BCMC treasurer Richard Friesen or send an email to richard.friesen@cox.net.

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!

A recap on the June 27 BCMC auction: The bake sale brought in \$714.00. The auction netted \$4,288, half of which will go to the Art Fund and half to the Plant Fund. Thanks again to all who helped with the sale and to auctioneer Wade Brubacher!

~ Darlene Dick, Art Committee, Jerry Buller, Facilities Commission



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 13**. 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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YES! I want to receive a subscription to *Rejoice!* My payment of \$27.75 is attached.

Name _____

Make checks payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church; on check memo line write "Rejoice subscription."

Conversational Spanish: BCMC Witness Commission has received a Western District Conference "Loaves and Fishes" grant for learning conversational Spanish. Seventh graders through adults of supportive congregations to Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, a Western District Conference church, are invited to sign up for Spanish learning sessions. Sessions are tentatively scheduled for 2nd and 4th Saturdays of September, October, November, January, February, and March, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in Pastor Jaime Cazares' office at 510 SE 2nd Street next to First Mennonite Church in Newton. Register by August 23 with Margaret Goering at 316-283-5034 or mrgoering@outlook.com. Fees are \$25.00 for materials and supplies not covered by the grant. Bring payment to first session, with checks written to BCMC with 'Spanish' in the memo line.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, Sun., July 19, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Aaron Barnhart from the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau will present "From Resisters to Reformers: How Kansas Mennonites Changed Mental Health Care." Learn how Civilian Public Service workers during and after World War II helped expose intolerable conditions at mental hospitals around the United States, leading to postwar reforms and a transformation of psychiatric care.

Are you planning to attend Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA? If so, please contact the church office so that BCMC can support you in prayer, and invite you to share about your experience in future. For more information or to register, go to mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.