



Bethel College Mennonite Church July 26, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they engage in teaching and pastoral ministries in Japan.

This congregation: Pray for Allie Shoup as she concludes her Ministry Inquiry Program internship at BCMC and prepares for her senior year at Bethel College.

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.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Avenue, Box 364

North Newton, KS 67117

Phone: 316-283-3667

Fax: 316-283-2079

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

Home phone 284-0448, day off is Friday

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler susanmwheeler@gmail.com

Home phone 620-327-2295, cell phone 316-706-0887; day off is Monday

Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson, john.bcmc@sbcglobal.net

Cell phone 215-896-1047; day off is Monday]

Ministry Inquiry Program Intern: Allie Shoup, 316-260-0593

Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840

Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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).

July 19 at BCMC: Attendance 253. General Fund \$11,519.47; WDC \$40; Plant Fund \$75; Rejoice \$444; Living Stones \$720; Vera Prouty Memorial \$120.

GATHERING

Prelude

The Little Shepherd
Girl with the Flaxen Hair
Rainsong
Prelude

Debussy
Debussy
Bright
Chopin

Valetta Seymour, piano
John Tyson

Greeting

*Prayer of praise from Psalm 145:1-10, 21

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great are you, Lord, and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**You are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

You are good to all,
and your compassion is over all that you have made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

My mouth will speak the praise, O Lord,
and all flesh will bless your holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**
 Sing a cappella William Eash, leader
Children and youth come forward during hymn

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with children and youth

Heidi Regier Kreider

This Week at BCMC: July 26 – August 2, 2015

Worship music *Praise each new day* Schimming
 Dave Schimming, guitar/vocal

Scripture reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Susan Wheeler

Sermon *Amen, and amen* Heidi Regier Kreider

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *You are salt for the earth* **HWB 226**
 Suzy Burch, guitar

Farewell for Allie Shoup, Ministry Inquiry program intern
 Heidi Regier Kreider

Litany of blessing and release for pastor Heidi Regier Kreider
 Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC representative
 Jim Robb, BCMC moderator

Prayer of God’s people

Offering

Offertory *Come thou fount of every blessing* arr. Ham
 During the offertory, people with July birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (bring *Sing the Journey*)

***Dedication hymn** *Lord, you give ... (verse 1)* **STJ 63**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *Lord, you give the great commission (verses 2-5)* **STJ 63**

***Benediction** **STJ 158**

***Benediction response** *The Lord bless you and keep you* **STJ 76**
 (Sing a cappella)

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STJ = <i>Sing the Journey</i>
--	--------------------------------------

Welcome to Western District Conference representative Kathy Neufeld Dunn, participating in today’s ritual of release for pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. Kathy is chair of the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission, and pastor of First Mennonite Church in McPherson. **The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from David and Heidi Regier Kreider, in thanksgiving for their years at BCMC.

TODAY at noon, all are invited to a congregational potluck meal and farewell program for pastor Heidi Regier Kreider in Fellowship Hall.

Today—July 26—Farewell to Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider

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

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:** Faith and Technology – “Beginning a Conversation”, with John Tyson – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Worship service at Bethesda Home, Goessel, with Pastor Susan Wheeler and Ruth Unruh

Adult classes:

- Agape, Bible Study, Catacombs, Fine Arts, Seekers and Sojourners classes will not meet—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

Monday, July 27

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

4:15 p.m. Governance Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, July 28

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

1:00 p.m. Summer children’s story hour for children ages 3-8—BCMC Children’s Library

Thursday, July 30

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa

4:15 p.m. Administrative Team—Rm 14

Friday, July 31

3:00 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

Sunday, August 2

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen and her installation as Interim Pastor; music by Chris Kliever

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education; Faith Forum in sanctuary continues a series on faith and technology

Staff: Heidi Regier Kreider concludes her service as pastor at BCMC on July 31. Dorothy Nickel Friesen begins as Interim Pastor on August 1. Allie Shoup concludes her Ministry Inquiry Program internship on July 31.

Welcome to musician Dave Schimming. Dave has been a Newton resident since 1974 and is a CPA with Steely & Schimming LLC. He currently performs solo as *The One Mule Band*, (acoustic Americana, 60’s, blues and bluegrass). Dave is a songwriter and regular musician at the Emma Chase Friday Night jam sessions held at Cottonwood Falls.

LITANY OF BLESSING AND RELEASE
PASTOR HEIDI REGIER KREIDER
Bethel College Mennonite Church - July 26, 2015

Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly is over and thousands of Anabaptists from around the world are visiting churches in Pennsylvania this morning. Some will be continuing on to Assembly Scattered events around North America. Pray for MWC staff as they finish cleaning up and for participants as they travel home. Check mwc-cmm.org for highlight videos, photos, and stories.

Mennonite Mission Network seeks a Church Relations Associate to serve in the Newton office. Read the full position descriptions on the website at www.MennoniteMission.net. Applicants must be committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and résumé to Linda Krueger, Human Resource Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515 or staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net.

Conversational Spanish: BCMC Witness Commission 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 WDC church, are invited to sign up for Spanish learning sessions. Sessions are tentatively scheduled for 2nd and 4th Saturdays of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., and March, 2–3:30 p.m. in Pastor Jaime Cazares' office at 510 SE 2nd St. next to First Mennonite Church, Newton. [Register by Aug. 23](#) with Margaret Goering at 316-283-5034 or mrgoering@outlook.com. Fees are \$25 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.

This summer the Library Committee added 30 new books. Included are the nine Caldecott Medal winners from 2007 - 2015. Pick up the latest book list in the library. Also new is the DVD *Being Mortal*, a documentary based on the book by Atul Gawande. ~ *BCMC Library Committee*

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., 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.

Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk will be on the *second Saturday of August* (rather than the first). Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen Sat., Aug. 8. 7 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Congregational chair: Today we give thanks for the pastoral ministry of Heidi Regier Kreider. Heidi, we mark this day as the ending of your pastoral relationship with Bethel College Mennonite Church. We bless the journey ahead - for you and your family and for this congregation.

Congregation: Praise be to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. There is one body, one Spirit, and one hope in God's call to us.

Congregational chair: This is a time of many feelings: sadness, joy, anticipation, loss, satisfaction. Farewells are difficult, but we have accomplished much during these years together, and we give God thanks for you and your ministry.

Pastor: It has been a great privilege to serve Bethel College Mennonite Church. By God's grace, I trust I have built on the foundation already laid, which is Jesus Christ. As I leave I exhort you to continue as a loving community of mission, joyfully sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. May those touched by your ministry be drawn to fuller life in Christ and deeper relationships in community. I pray that you will continue to grow in love for each other and in love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength. We will love our neighbors as ourselves. We will bear with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Western District Conference representative: God has provided for you through Heidi's ministry. As this pastoral relationship concludes, do you as Bethel College Mennonite Church release Heidi from her pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With God's help, we do. We give thanks for faithful and fruitful ministry. We have shared in joys and sorrows, mistakes and successes, challenges and victories. God has been good.

Western District Conference representative: Heidi, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as a pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Pastor: With God's help, I do. When we meet in the future I will be your sister in Christ, not your pastor. I pray that the work of your future pastor will flourish to equip you for ministry so that the body of Christ may be built up until you attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

continued on next page

Congregational chair: We bless you, Heidi, and pray that God will give you fruitful ministry as Conference Minister of Western District Conference.

Congregation: Now may the God of peace make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scriptures used with adaptation: I Corinthians 3:11; Deuteronomy 6: 5; Leviticus 19:18; Ephesians 4:2-3, 12-13; Hebrews 13:20-21.

Greetings from Janet Stucky, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin:

I arrived home in Cotonou on Thurs., July 16 after a long 24 hour journey. My friends here were happy to have me back, especially when I told them the good news of receiving some start-up funds to begin our flour project.

The three weeks were full seeing old friends and catching up with others. The Convention was a highlight especially as I was able to connect with two friends I had met in Benin. One of them now resides in Kansas City. I was able to spend part of the weekend with her and attend a neighborhood Fourth of July celebration.

After the Convention, I was able to visit my former workplace at Via Christi in Wichita to see all my friends and then on to Minnesota where all my family gathered for a week to be together.

I want to express my sincere thanks for making my visit so welcoming and memorable for me. Thank you for hosting me on Sunday both with the refreshments after the worship service and thank you all for your encouragement and good conversation. As I now finish my term, I will begin the flour project immediately and also continue the garden project in September. The time will go by quickly. Please remember the people in Benin as they continue to be hopeful and grateful for the outcomes of the work we are doing together. With much gratitude to all of you, *Janet*

Summer Faith Forums at BCMC during Sunday school at 10:50-11:45 a.m.
August 2: Exploring technology and social media as tools for story-telling
August 9: Panel discussion: "Practicing faith in a technological culture"
Doug Siemens, Liz Friesen, Peter Goerzen, Austin Prouty, Norma Johnson

There will be no Sunday school for children on August 2 and August 9.
The new Sunday school year will begin August 16.

Helpers needed! Two helpers are needed to assist teachers for the Middler (4th & 5th grade) Sunday school class for this upcoming year.

Save the Date: Volunteer Sunday school teachers and helpers are invited to attend an orientation for the new year on **Wed., Aug. 12 @ 7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. There will be an open ice cream sundae bar during the orientation.

You are invited to a special event with BCMC member, Emily Harder, preparing for a service assignment this coming year. Emily plans to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Washington, DC. On Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m., a dessert reception will be served in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, to learn more about Emily's upcoming MVS term. The event will offer opportunity to support expenses beyond funds provided by the BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fund.

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. Arrive Fri. 6:30 p.m. or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight, too. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear, breakfast food to share Sat. Questions? Contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967, dave.linscheid@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah announcements (For info call 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@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. Pre-order a Camp Sing Tee Shirt designed by Greg Shelly, Michael Unruh, and Katrina Heinrichs. Order online by "registering" for the Camp Sing through online registration (listed as one of the Retreats) or call the camp. Colors are aquatic blue, red, clover green, and charcoal grey.
- **Women and Girls Retreat** will be Sept. 11-13 (Fri. evening – Sun. lunch) Registration brochures on church bulletin board.
- **Work & Play Camp**, Sept. 20-23, famous for amazing coffee breaks, incredible volunteer projects, and astounding fellowship. Tasks are available for all levels of skill and activity. Register online or call.

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