

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR Dwell participants will arrive in the cities they will call home for the coming year. Pray for them as they reflect on the challenges they will encounter and as they celebrate life in community.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Casa Betania, our sister congregation in Newton, and all cross-cultural relationships in the body of Christ.

**This congregation:** Pray for Janet Stucky in Benin; Ben Kreider in Honduras, Emily Harder in Washington D.C., Sarah Turner in Spain, Nathan Toews in Colombia. May their witness be strong and fruitful.

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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**Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider, 283-5231

**Menno Ringers Director:** Suzy Burch

**Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

**Cherub Choir director:** Jill Siebert **Junior Choir director:** Elizabeth Schrag

**August 23 at BCMC:** Attendance 308. General Fund \$4,630; Kitchen Fund \$505.20; Living Stones \$340; Howard Snider Memorial \$145.

*My God, in you only  
do I find the answer  
to the questions that  
perplex and confuse me.  
Yet I know that in  
your good time the  
answer will be made  
to me.*

*Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job  
A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**August 30, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship**

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**GATHERING**

**Prelude** *Christ is our cornerstone* Callahan  
Karen Unruh, organist

**Greeting and Opening Prayer**

Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader

**\*Hymn** *Brethren, we have met to worship* **HWB 8**  
(Children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Conversation with children** Carol Flickinger

**Scripture reading** Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,**  
**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;  
God will help it when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;**  
**God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
who has brought wonders to the earth;  
**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,**  
**breaks the bow, shatters the spear,**  
**and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*(Psalms for Praise and Worship; John Holbert, S T Kimbrough, Jr., Carlton R. Young; Abingdon Press)*

**Worship music** *No. 1 of Three Pieces pour Bassoon et Piano, op. 34*  
Koechlin

Elizabeth Schrag, bassoon; Karen Unruh, piano

**Scripture reading** Luke 24:13-24 Thang (Alex) Nguyen

**Hymn** *My hope is built on nothing less* **HWB 343**  
a cappella (Bill Eash, leader)

**Sermon** *The grace of uncertainty* Dale Schrag

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**Hymn** *Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* **HWB 340**  
a cappella -- verse 1 only

**Prayer of God's people** Dorothy Nickel Friesen

**Offering**

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register  
in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

**Offertory** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hobby

During the offering, people with August birthdays are invited  
to come forward to receive a blessing (bring hymnal)

**\*Dedication hymn** *Here, O Lord, your servants gather* **HWB 7**  
verses 1 and 4

**\*Dedication prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn** *Help us to help each other* **HWB 362**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *How Firm a Foundation* Lau

\*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).

**Committees and Commissions don't forget the 2016 budget building process.** Worksheets have been distributed to commissions and board-appointed committees with a September 27 deadline. The Pony Express starts in November when members and friends can express their intentions to give in 2016. The 2016 budget will be voted on at the Jan. 24, 2016 congregational meeting.

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

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** is Sept. 6-7
- **Women and Girls Retreat** will be Sept. 11-13 (Fri. evening – Sun. lunch) Registration brochures on church bulletin board.
- **Work & Play Camp/Annual Meeting**, Sept. 20-23 combo event with check in at 3 p.m.; 3:30 p.m., pre-annual meeting activities start. There will be disc golf (brand new course & baskets), new bath house tours (not quite completed), and a scavenger hunt followed by a brief business meeting and a meal. Work & Play continues through Sept. 23 with projects, cleanup, and fun times. Call Camp Mennoscah for more information. No camp fees! (Meal donation of \$4/meal suggested.)

**Alumni and friends of Bethel College** are invited to play in the Thresher Golf Classic, Sat., Sept. 19, in Newton. For details, search for "Alumni Sporting Events" at [www.bethelks.edu](http://www.bethelks.edu), call 316-284-5251 or email [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu). Discount deadline Sept. 4, final deadline Sept. 10.

**The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be Sat., Sept. 19, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., North Newton. Brochures are on the bulletin board or available on the MCC website, [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride).

**Offender Victim Ministries** is seeking additional Community Justice Mentors to help clients address their need for change. Mentors work one-on-one with clients in two life-skills programs—one focused on anger management, conflict resolution and mindfulness, the other focused on decision-making, values, impact and accountability. Mentor training and shadowing opportunities are provided and can be flexible. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, be willing to commit 1 1/2 to 2 hours per week for at least 6 months, be able to listen deeply and facilitate reflective discussion.. Request more information and a mentor application by e-mailing [leia@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:leia@offendervictimministries.org).

**Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Sat., Sept. 5, 7:15 a.m. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

**KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with *Slavery by Another Name*,** Sun., Sept. 13, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

**Spend Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4-7) at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp,** starting Fri., 7:30, work on camp projects on Sat., have fun Sun., depart Mon. Projects include work on the new building project, camp cleaning, and other maintenance tasks around camp (suitable for all ages!). Register online or call 719-687-9506.

## This Week at BCMC: August 30 – September 6, 2015

### Today—August 30

- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship in the Gathering Place; ice water available  
Children's snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!
- Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
  - Junior High students (6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
  - Senior High students – Room 22
  - Agape—Fellowship Hall
  - Bible Study—Not meeting in August
  - Catacombs—Rm B-5—Not meeting in August
  - College Students—Agape Center, 2611 College Ave. (Dale Schrag, leader)
  - Fellowship—Under the balcony
  - Fine Arts—Rm 24
  - Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
  - Mosaic—Rm 20—Semon reflection and other current topics
  - Open Circle—Rm B-7—Sermon reflection and response
  - Seekers—Rm 21—MC USA Resolutions review
  - Sojourners—Chapel—Eric Massanari, Chaplain at Kidron Bethel
  - Young Adult Fellowship Group—Rm 28

### Monday, August 31

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

### Tuesday, September 1

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

### Wednesday, September 2

- 8:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting—Rm 14
- 6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)
- 7:00 p.m.** Senior High youth—Rm 22
- 7:15 p.m.** Menno Ringers—Rm B-7
- 7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary    **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

### Thursday, September 3

- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 4:00 p.m.** Pictorial Directory Committee—Rm 14
- 7:00 p.m.** Church Board—Rm 14  
Pastor Search Committee—Rm B-7

### Sunday, September 6

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Genesis 8:6-12, Luke 8:1-8
- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time
- 10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

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**Receiving medical care this week:** Lanoy Loganbill, Via Christi-St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

**Pastor Search Committee:** The BCMC Lead Pastor Search Committee (Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jon Zerger) continues to welcome your recommendations for lead pastor candidates. Thanks to those who have submitted names to date. We invite all to continue to contact any member of the committee as you discern names for someone who you believe would be a fine lead pastor for our church. We ask for your prayers as we meet later this week to continue our work.

#### Upcoming Events at BCMC:

- **Worship focus in Sept.**—"We are people of God's peace"
- **A mentor and student pizza luncheon** will take place Sept. 13 following the Sunday school hour!
- **Peace Sunday**—Sept. 20
- **Potluck and congregational meeting**—Sept. 27
- **CROP Walk**—Sept. 27
- **Pictorial directory** photos will be taken in October
- **Worldwide Communion**—Oct. 4
- **Bethel College Fall Fest**—Oct. 10-11

**In order to prepare for the Congregational Meeting Sept. 27**, the Church Board asks that you inform Jim Robb, church moderator, before the September 3 Board meeting, of any motions, topics or questions that you (as an individual or commission or committee) wish to bring to the congregation. This will insure that the wording is correct and proper time is allotted. ~ *Jim Robb, moderator* (jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com)

**BCMC is responsible for the Sat. evening supper, Sept. 12 at Women and Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. If you can help with serving, contact Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342.

**The annual Newton area CROP Walk for Hunger Relief** will be Sun., Sept. 27. Watch for details in the coming weeks for opportunities to sign up to walk or to donate. BCMC's children will be collecting a loose change offering during the worship service on Sun., Sept. 6 for CROP efforts, so start saving your pennies! Contact Amy Tyson, jatyson121@gmail.com with questions.

**A few more volunteers** for occasional calls for service from the Funeral Committee would be helpful such as additional dishwashers, and more volunteers for the preparation and serving lists. ~ *Virginia Benninghoff, Aldine Sprunger and Ilene Schmidt, Funeral Committee co-chairs*

**Information about the upcoming Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be sent to churches and posted online soon at ([www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/](http://www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/)).



**It's time for choirs for adults and children** to meet beginning Wednesdays, **September 2**.  
Come make a joyful noise!

- **Cherub Choir** (Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) – 6:30-7:15 p.m., Rm 24 – Jill Siebert, director
- **Junior Choir** (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m., Rm 28 – Elizabeth Schrag, director
- **Chancel Choir** (adults) - 7:30– 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary chancel – William Eash, director
- **Everyone interested in choral singing is invited to attend the Chancel Choir!** Come and join a choir of musicians dedicated to the worship experience at BCMC. ~ *William Eash, Chancel Choir director*
- **Menno Ringers** (handbell choir for children grades 5-8) - 7:15-7:45 p.m. in Rm B-7. Suzy Burch, director.
- **Chancel Bells** (handbell choir for adults) – 8:30–9:30 p.m. in Rm B-7 Vada Snider, director. **If you are interested in playing bells** or have any questions, please call Vada at 316-283-5231.

**The Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists** announces a hymn festival as their 2015-16 season opening event, Sun., Sept. 13, 3 p.m. with organist Christopher Shaw presenting a program titled, "In Our Music," at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita. See bulletin board for more details or visit [agowichita.org](http://agowichita.org) or Facebook [facebook.com/agowichita](https://www.facebook.com/agowichita). An ice cream social will follow the event.

**High School students can win \$1,000** by writing an essay for the Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office annual public policy essay contest. Topics include the militarization of police, climate change, and prisoner re-entry. All students who attend Mennonite high school or are members of Anabaptist congregations are eligible to participate. Learn more at: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington/contest>.

**Everyone is invited to a free dinner and bluegrass music** at Tabor Mennonite Church's annual *Mennograss* concert, Aug. 30, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and table service. Music will be by The Bethesda Band, Jammin' Biscuits, and Everyday Lights, at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park (891 N Chisholm Trail, Newton).

**Hesston College will welcome alumni and friends of the college** to campus Sept. 24 to 27 for *Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation*. Celebrate the completion of the Northlawn renovation project and construction of a new campus entrance. Sept. 4 is early bird registration deadline. See a full weekend schedule online at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).