

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International participants in Indonesia, their host families and communities. May they all work together to build up the global body of Christ.

Western District Conference: Pray for members of the Resource Commission as they meet this week to consider ways to support healthy, missional congregations in WDC.

This congregation: Pray for discernment as we anticipate our financial giving for 2016 through the "Pony Express" stewardship process. Giving from the heart is our commitment.

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



Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 15, 2015

November 8 at BCMC: Attendance 251

Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 15, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude

Nancy Hilty, organist

Call to worship / prayer John Sheriff, worship leader

*Hymn *All praise to our redeeming Lord* HWB 21
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation John Tyson

Scripture Psalm 121
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Worship music Will you let me be your servant
Bethany Schrag & Eric Schrag

Scripture readings: Matthew 18:18-20

Reflections on Belonging John Tyson

Hymn *Spirit, working in creation* STJ 10

Reflections by Maggie Dungan; congregation sing verse 1

Reflections by Alex Nguyen; congregation sing verse 2

Reflections by Aaron Tschetter; congregation sing verse 3

Reflections by Heather Esau Zerger; congregation sing verse 4

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of God's people

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

*Dedication hymn *Lord, thou doest love* HWB 387
(vs. 1 only)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *Give thanks for life* STJ 108

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Christ, we do all adore thee* HWB 105

*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).

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2016 budget, continues through Nov. 22. This year's theme is *Giving from the Heart* based on Mark 12:38-44. Packets of commitment materials are circulating in local neighborhoods, and materials were mailed to non-resident/ inactive members. If for some reason you do not receive a packet, and want to participate, please contact the church office. Join the Pony Express by prayerfully anticipating your intentions to give for 2016, filling out a commitment form when materials arrive at your home, and returning the form according to the directions in the packet. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 22, when captains return packets during worship. If you are not in a neighborhood group, please return your commitment to the church office by Nov. 22 or as soon as possible.

This Week at BCMC: November 15 – November 22, 2015

WANTED: Pieced 60" x 80" quilt tops for the MCC Comforter Blitz. Use your own fabric, or select a bag of fabric from MCC. Instructions are included for a simple block quilt, but you may use any quilt pattern. Bags of fabric are in the Gathering Place. Contact Carol Peters for information, 316-283-4232.

Everence presents informational seminar, “*Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices*” at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at the Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact tanya.burns@everence.com or (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294.

The Newton Chorale, directed by Renae Schmidt Peters, will present its annual concert entitled, *Psalm Settings: Gratitude for abundant life & yearning for the Divine Mystery*, Sun., Nov. 15, 7 p.m. at BCMC. Admission is free with an offering taken to help support the concert expenses. Join us for an evening of inspirational music.

Special Advent Event: The Sunflower Trio and special guests Rosewood Winds will present a concert celebrating the life and work of Dr. J. Harold Moyer (1927-2012), long-time Professor of Music at Bethel College, 4 p.m., Sun., Nov. 29 at BCMC. The concert will feature the release of The Sunflower Trio's new recording *Reflections: The Music of J. Harold Moyer*. An offering will be taken to support the BCMC Organ Fund/Living Stones.

You are invited to join Mennonite Church USA staff in the Newton offices, 718 N. Main St, Newton, to hear from Mennonite Mission Network workers Wayne and Jeannie Larson, Nov. 17 from 9-10 a.m. There will be coffee, and a presentation from the Larsons about their work. They are long time international workers, serving the last eight years in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Wayne and some previous associates established the Creative Arts Community for teenagers in the Arabian Peninsula (CACtap). The goal of CACtap is to create constant connections with local Arab youth and build relationships for ongoing influence. ~ *Mennonite Mission Network Newton Staff*

John Tyson will be out of the office Nov. 16 - 18 in order to attend training at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. John will be responding to emails, phone calls, and texts as promptly as possible.

Today—November 15

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

10:30 a.m. Children’s snack & singing gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation – Visitors welcome!

- Age 2 through K in B4; 1 – 3rd grade in B3; 4 – 5th grade in B8
- Junior High students (6 – 8th grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students – Room 22—*Can I ask that?* John Tyson
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—*College campus cultures*, Rosalind Andreas
- Bible Study—Rm 14-- *More than 40 days with the Holy Spirit*
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*It’s not just what a pastor does....*, John Esau
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Understanding the Old Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—
- Sojourners—Chapel—*My work at Bethel College*, Rob Schunn
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17—Women’

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel
Circle 5—Margaret Hiebert’s, 3037 Ivy Court, North Newton

3:00 p.m. Circle 2 –Sun Room at Kidron Bethel

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Susan Rhoades’, 1721 Casey Drive, Newton
Circle 4—BCMC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Worship Planning Meeting—Rm 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday night suppers—Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

7:15 p.m. Junior High Club—Rm 26; Venture Club—Rm B-8

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22 **7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group—Agape Center

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

Thursday, November 19

2:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
Witness Commission—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Sunday, November 22

Worship with sermon by Fr Michael Driscoll, Professor of Liturgical Studies, Notre Dame; music by Chancel Choir; Pony Express Packets returned

Staff: Monica Lichti is on vacation from Nov. 6-16. John Tyson is out of the office from Nov. 16-18.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 8 - 22 Pony Express for BCMC 2016 budget
Nov. 21 Worship and Arts event at Bethel College
Nov. 22 Fr. Michael Driscoll, Notre Dame, preacher
Nov. 29 Advent 1; prelude 9:15 a.m.
Sunflower Trio Concert at 3 p.m.

Come to the library to pick up a list of the new books added this fall and to check out a book.

Photos – For those of you from this congregation who did not order any extra photos from Life Touch, Your 8 x 10 photo will be available in the back of the sanctuary following the service. A table is set up with two lines A-L and M-Z for easy pick-up. Someone will be there to assist you.

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus. Joe Peters has assumed the responsibility of BCMC Church Contact Man replacing Omar Voran.

From the Education and Service Scholarship Committee: Since this is the season when high school juniors and seniors seek information as they make their college plans, we wanted to remind students and families about the BCMC Education Scholarships. Brochures describing both education and service scholarships are available in the rack near the front entrance to the church. Copies can also be found in the Senior High Youth Room, and on the BCMC website <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/sunday-school/senior-high-youth/>

It’s Supper Time! Wednesday night supper Nov. 18, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 16 Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

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Meal reservation(s) for November 18

Number of people attending meal ____ Name: _____

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Bethel College Announcements:

◆**Readers theater presentation, *I Have Not Forsaken the Word of God,*** Sun., Nov. 15, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Carrie and Gerald Mast of Bluffton University wrote the piece on commission from the Mirror of the Martyrs Trust, based on the confession of Jacques d’Auchy and celebrating the recent purchase of the Jan Luyken etching plate that depicted d’Auchy’s confession in the *Martyrs Mirror*.

◆**Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I concert,** Mon., Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. MKJE is an auditioned honors group based at Bethel.

◆**“Worship & Community: Cultivating the Practices that Sustain Us,”** Sat., Nov. 21, the 3rd biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College with Christine Pohl, Asbury Theological Seminary and Michael Driscoll, University of Notre Dame. Registration information at bethelks.edu/worshiparts, or call Denise Krase at 316-284-5239. Registration is \$20 per person—mention that you are registering with the BCMC group. Symposium concludes with a hymn festival worship service open to all; 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. Non-perishable food items and monetary gifts accepted for Harvest of Love.

The Decoration Committee invites you to provide flowers for a Sunday morning of your choice. You may pick a Sunday that is meaningful for you and provide flowers. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your participation. ~ *Carol Buller, chair*

You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to church later in December. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach a payment of \$15.00 to BCMC (designated “Flower Fund”) and place in offering plate or bring to church office by December 6. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia on Christmas Eve after either the 7 pm. or 11 pm program.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____

