

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Janet Stucky will be completing her Mennonite Mission Network term in Benin, West Africa, in late February and will return to BCMC. Pray for her continued health and safety as she completes her tasks and says goodbye to her colleagues in Benin.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and energy for interim pastors who serve WDC congregations in the midst of transition.

This congregation: Pray that racism will be thwarted by acts of mercy, tolerance and respect for all people. May we speak out against racial bias and work to change systems of discrimination.

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.

Pastor: Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dorothy.bcmc@gmail.com; day off is Friday

Home phone 281-9364, office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

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

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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

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Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Rebecca Schloneger, 316-772-6084

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

January 10 at BCMC: Attendance 251. General Fund \$10,109.97; Living Stones \$765; Transfer-General \$40; Jr Hi Fund \$560; Organ Fund \$1,971.35 (from the Sunflower Trio concert)



Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 17, 2016

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist
Introit *Take it to the Lord* arr. Eithun
Chancel Bells, Vada Snider, director
Call to worship / prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader
***Hymn** *How brightly beams the morning* **HWB 222**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger and Roger Juhnke

Scripture reading: Psalm 36:5-10
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your
judgments are like the great deep; O Lord, you save
humans and animals!**

O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people may take
refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them
drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your
salvation to the upright of heart!**

Worship music *Kum Ba Yah* arr. Behnke
Chancel Bells

Scripture Amos 5:1-17; Isaiah 40:1-11 Janet Voth
Sermon *Bethel, Selma and Beyond* John Sharp

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Lift every voice and sing* **HWB 579**

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** *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30**
(vs. 1 and 4 only)

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Hymn** *For the healing of the nations* **HWB 367**
***Benediction**
***Benediction response**
***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* **STS** = *Sing the Story*

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).

We welcome John Sharp to BCMC. John is on the History and Bible and Ministry faculty at Hesston College. John was director of the Mennonite Church USA Historical Committee and Archives in Goshen, IN. He is a graduate of Hesston and holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Goshen College, and a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. His primary assignment at Hesston College has been to teach and to write the centennial history of the college--now published. He recently authored the biography of Orie O. Miller and previously edited historical story collections and the Mennonite Historical Bulletin. John is married to Michele Miller Sharp, a graduate of Hesston College, now a physician assistant in family practice. They have three adult children: Erin, Denver, CO., M.J. (Michael), Democratic Republic of Congo with Mennonite Central Committee, and Laura, Newton.

Sunday school elective today: Dave Osborne from Hesston College will present an historical and religious context of the spread of ISIS. Dave spent ten years with MCC in the Middle East, including Egypt and Jordan, and has kept in touch with the changes in the Middle East over the decades. Dave is the International Student adviser at Hesston College and every year travels extensively for the college. The power point presentation will be in the sanctuary.

Creation Care Committee is inviting interested members to sign two petitions **today**. The first petition asks our state legislators to support the Clean Power Plan for Kansas. The second petition asks our US legislators to support several bi-partisan environmental stewardship bills already introduced in the House and Senate. Additional information and links to websites for these efforts are included in the January issue of *Kaleidoscope*. Tables for signing both letters will be set up in the back of the church on January 17. ~ *Creation Care Committee*

This Week at BCMC: January 17-24, 2016

In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: **today, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.** – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, a 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton
Mon., Jan. 18, 7 p.m. – “The New Jane Crow,” a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in Krehbiel Auditorium and free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

To go along with the special exhibit “Root For the Home Team,” Kauffman Museum’s annual Celebrate Kansas Day! will have a sports theme. **Sat., Jan. 30, 11 a.m., *The Common and Quirky Mascots of Kansas*, Krehbiel Auditorium;** events on the museum grounds will be 1 to 4 p.m., including wagon rides and corn popped over an open fire (weather permitting), along with make-it-take-it crafts, silent auction, flea market, bake sale and more. Lecture and museum events are free; charge for the special Kansas Day meal in the Bethel cafeteria at noon.

Sister-Care Seminar, *Equipping Women for Caring Ministry*, will be in the BCMC Fellowship Hall, Fri., Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 30, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Presenters will be Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen.
Reservation of \$45 due Jan. 17 made payable to WDWM, Nancy Krehbiel, 1563 Cimarron Rd, McPherson, KS 67640 (620-245-2471). Hosted by Western District Mennonite Women. Forms are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Questions: Marlene Faul, 216-283-3342

Contact Joe Peters if you wish more information or registration forms on the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus. Phone: 316-283-8529.

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.

Save the date! Church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be April 30 - May 1.

Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by volunteering at Newton Et Cetera Shop! Currently needed: volunteer clerks (especially 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday); volunteers to check electronics, tag clothing, shoes, housewares, other. Times are flexible. For more information call 316-283-9461.

Will this get your taste buds tingling?! Stone soup, Pink Ink Drink, Hoppin’ John, Thunder cake, Oobleck, Spoon bread, Roast Beast, Blueberry Buckle and Spicy Salsa. **Come to Wednesday night suppers** and see if you really know what these foods are...! Starting February 3

Today—January 17, 2016

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

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

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

- Sunday school elective in sanctuary with Dave Osborne—Sanctuary
- 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
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Fellowship—Under the balcony
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23— *Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21— Members attend elective in sanctuary
- Sojourners—Chapel—Conversation with John Tyson & Young Adult Fellowship
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—office is closed; building is locked

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

Tuesday, Jan. 19—Women’s Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 p.m. Circle 1—Community Room at Kidron Bethel
Circle 5—Ruth Unruh’s, 3001 Ivy Dr., Apt. 207, North Newton

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

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Helen Pauls’, 3022 Ivy Drive, North Newton
Circle 4—Lenore Waltner’, 20 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

Wednesday, Jan. 20

8:00 a.m. Staff Breakfast—Rm 14

12-1 p.m. Office Staff Lunch—Rm 14

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)
Pastor Search Committee—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Senior High youth—Rm 22

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

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

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

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Thursday, Jan. 21

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

2:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm 14

4:00 p.m. Visitation Team—Rm 14
Administrative Team—Rm 23

7:00 p.m. Deacon Commission—Rm 14

Friday, Jan. 22—Senior High Youth Lock In at the church from 6:30 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23

Sunday, Jan. 24

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:50 a.m. Christian Education

11:45 a.m. Fundraiser Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Senior High Youth Group

12:45 p.m. Congregational meeting in the sanctuary

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Eleanor Kaufman, Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita; Elaine Prouty, Via Christi-St. Joseph, Wichita (released); Diana Graber, Newton Medical Center.

The Congregational Meeting will be Jan. 24, 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary, following the luncheon prepared by Senior High Youth. We will be reviewing the 2015 finances and voting on the proposed budget for 2016. The agenda will also include other items including an update from the Search Committee, information on the proposed front entrance improvements and columbarium expansion. Financial Report booklets are in church mailboxes.
~ *Jim Robb, Moderator and Church Board Chair*

The Senior High Youth Group warmly invites the congregation and all visitors to a soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m., next Sunday, January 24. The Senior High Youth Group has always been blessed with generous congregational support, enabling us to experience many exciting ventures. We look forward to future activities! Please bring full table service, including bowls, and your appetite!

Spotlight on Senior High:

January 22 – Lock-in (6:30 PM to 9:00 AM)

January 24 – Luncheon Fundraiser

February 3 – Serving at HC Homeless Shelter (5:00 PM in kitchen)

Spotlight on Children & Emerging Youth:

January 22-24 – RMMC Junior High Snow Camp

February 3 – Junior High Club, Venture Club

The IRA charitable rollover for persons 70 1/2 or older has been made retroactive to January 1, 2015 and extended indefinitely. Talk with your tax adviser to determine if this is a useful tool for your charitable contributions. I am preparing acknowledgement letters for those I believe made qualifying contributions in 2015. If you have not received a letter within a couple of weeks and believe you should, please contact me.

~ *Richard Friesen, Treasurer*



Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Sale – April 8-9, 2016

Fellowship Meals will be Feb. 28 and Mar. 6.

Forms are on church bulletin board, and **due in by Feb 8.**

Thinking of donating something to the General Auction or the Silent Auction? Notify the auction chairs **by Feb. 4.**

Forms are on the bulletin board, or contact one of the church liaisons (Ron and Carol Peters, Tom and Gayle Jackson, John and Judy Kliever) **Sunday school classes**, decide how much your class is willing to donate towards the food and overhead expenses at the 2016 sale. Return your form to one of the church liaisons by March.

Quilts for the Quilt Auction are to be turned into the MCC Center by Mar. 7.

Pastoral Search Committee Information Update. The Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting Jan. 20. Thank you for your continuing prayers as we consider potential candidates for our lead pastor. ~ *Rosalind Andreas, chair; Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, Jon Zerger*

BCMC will share summary notes from Church Board and commission meetings for the next few months: Church Board (Jan 7, 2016)

Devotions by Lou Gomez using John 1:3-6. Report from Lead Pastor Search Committee. The Treasurer's report included positive results of the 2015 fiscal year, a breakdown of donations by age and pledge, the creation of a Church Retreat Fund. The 2016 proposed budget was presented, discussed and approved for congregational action. The Jan. 24 congregational meeting agenda was approved. A "Crisis Plan" dealing with "threats" to the congregation was passed. Two Items brought from the Deacon Commission for extensive discussion: review of the wedding guidelines in light of the recent Western District Conference resolution and "Care for People" policy concerning inclusion of convicted sexual offenders worshipping with us. Report by the Interim Pastor. Gifts Discernment Committee will conduct survey in late January. A task force has been created to help us discern the steps necessary for congregational action regarding the front entrance and walkway, raise money for on-going maintenance issues, pay down the remainder of Living Stones I debt, and make decisions concerning the placement and size of a new columbarium addition. A regular executive session was held. Adjournment at 9:21 p.m. – Jim Robb, moderator.