

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13th-century empire.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the gifts and leadership of women in WDC congregations, and for all who gather at the Women's Spring Supper this Thursday.

This congregation: Pray for all who suffer with chronic mental and behavioral conditions. Pray that resources and compassion will be abundantly provided.

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@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;
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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler

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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

March 6 at BCMC: Attendance 272. General Fund \$12,036.50; Wed. Supper \$831.90; Living Stones \$5,185; Kitchen Fund \$36.16; Flower Fund \$48; Sr Hi Fund \$150; Library Reserve Fund \$50.



Bethel College Mennonite Church

Pastoral Search Update. The Pastoral Search Committee met this week, has completed a video conference, continues reference checks and is engaged in prayerful discernment. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support. *Rosalind Andreas, Judy Friesen, Jennifer Koontz, Dale Schrag, and Jonathan Zerger.*

Thank you to LaWanda Wiens for sharing her Amaryllis flowers last Sunday.

Today is the deadline for signing up for Women's Fellowship Circles for the next two years beginning June 1. All women of the church are on a circle list whether it is active, semi-active, or inactive. If you have not done so, please do so today. Call Susan Rhoades, 316-283-6858 or send to: 1721 Casey Drive, Newton, KS 67114.

An informative Living Stones II slide presentation is available on the BCMC website using the Participant Log In. Remember to return your Living Stones II and columbarium survey to the box in the Gathering Place by March 20. In order for the congregation to make decisions about BCMC's future, your response is necessary. Thank you!

A fundraiser dinner to support scholarships for Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania members participating in IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) classes will be Tues., Mar. 22, 6 p.m. (Note change of date) at BCMC. The meal is by donation, and sponsored by the BCMC Witness Commission as part of a project supported by a WDC "Loaves and Fishes" grant used to facilitate conversational Spanish classes. The donation goal is \$3,200. Checks are payable to Mennonite Education Agency. In Memo line indicate 'Casa Betania IBA Scholarship'. If you plan to attend, RSVP by Mar. 14 to Margaret Goering at mrgoering@outlook.com or 316-283-5034. Please convey dietary needs.

Former BCMC pastor, Steve Yoder, received a heart pump which is a bridge to a projected heart transplant. He remains hospitalized. Send cards to Steve Yoder, J82-19, c/o Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195.

Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I and II, Mon., March 14, 7 p.m., *Mojo's Coffee Shop*

The ripple effect of a traumatic event impacts communities in a number of ways. Join Prairie View, Inc. for a free educational event and hear from therapists about stress responses and recovery. Discover how the ripple effect may be affecting you, your neighbors and loved ones and what you can do to help. No registration required. Two opportunities:

- Tues., Mar. 15, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. @ Salem United Methodist Church
- Tues., Mar. 22, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. @ Salem United Methodist Church, 115 Old Main St., Newton

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is sponsoring a bus tour, Sat., Apr. 30, throughout the area featuring sites of interest to Mennonites, sites of general historical significance, and many human-interest items. For more information, contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

This Week at BCMC: March 13-March 20, 2016

Today—March 13, 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!

- 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—Catechism 2016: Session 4 w/ Peter Goerzen
- Circle of Grace Teachers—Fellowship Hall—Orientation
- Agape—Fellowship Hall—Discussion with Dale Schrag
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Lent
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*A year in Bolivia*, Megan Siebert
- 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—Discussion of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*
- Sojourners—Chapel—*Follow-up on global Mennonite Church*, John Esau
- Young Adult Fellowship—Meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Agape Center

Monday, March 14

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

7:00 p.m. Facilities Comm.—Fellowship Hall; Worship Comm.—Rm 14

Tuesday, March 15—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 Village
Circle 5—Nancy Hilty's home, 3009 Ivy Drive, North Newton

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

7:00 p.m. Circle 3—Karen Penner's home, 928 Spruce St., Newton

Circle 4—Bonnie Epp's home, 2925 NE 48th, Newton; Meet at MCC parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to carpool and bring an item you created.

Wednesday, March 16

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

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

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

Thursday, March 17

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

March 20—Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel

Friesen; music by Chancel Bells; Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time; **10:50 a.m.** Christian Education

Holy Week Events — Palm Sunday—March 20—music by Chancel Bells
~ **Maundy Thursday** service —March 24, 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Informal, intergenerational "Lord's supper" with music, readings and ending with Tenebrae ("shadows") service. Offering for Deacons' Caring Fund
~ **Good Friday** service — March 25, 7 p.m.—sponsored by Newton Ministerial Alliance, First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton
~ **Easter Sunday**—March 27, 7: 15 a.m. — Sunrise breakfast at Prouty's farm, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton — bring breakfast items to share; **Worship at BCMC**— 10 a.m. with Chancel Choir and Brass ensemble; no Sunday School

We sincerely thank you for such a fun and generous baby shower last Sunday afternoon! It is truly humbling to receive so much awesome support from our church family during this time. Special thanks to the Hospitality Commission for all their extra hard work in organizing this occasion! ~ *John and Amy Tyson*

We offer sympathy to Emmy Midkiff and family on the death of Frank, March 6, North Newton. The memorial service for Frank was Fri., Mar. 11 at BCMC. The flowers this morning were left by the Midkiff family.

We offer sympathy to Di Rempel Suderman and Lee Suderman on the death of Di's sister, Sylvia Jane Froese, Feb. 29, Catoosa, OK. The memorial service for Sylvia was Mar. 11 at Eden Mennonite Church, Inola, OK.

We offer sympathy to Deane Frey on the death of her brother, Vernon Dreier, Mar. 8, Hesston. Memorial service for Vernon was Mar. 12 at the Highland Trinity United Church of Christ, rural Newton.

We offer sympathy to Mary Ann Jost and family on the death of Walter, March 10, Kidron Bethel. (Plans for the memorial service are pending.)

Thank you for your prayers and support. Our sister-in-law, Linda Kaufman, has been granted a compassionate release from her prison sentence (in Texas) because of her pancreatic cancer diagnosis. She will live her final time with her daughter (and extended family) in Goshen, IN. ~ *Donna and Harry Neufeld*

Please accept our overdue thanks for your support and deeds of kindness regarding our recent health concerns. We appreciate the caring and love shown by the BCMC community. ~ *Valetta and Miner Seymour*

We've been blessed and are very grateful for the many expressions of love from our church family since Nadine's knee surgery. Thank you and God's blessings to all of you, *Nadine & Al Peters*

Thank you for the contribution BCMC made to Mennonite Central Committee in Robert's (Kreider) memory. We appreciate your continued thoughts, prayers and kindness. ~ *Lois Kreider and family*

Interim pastor, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, will conclude her service May 31. The Church Board has appointed an interim pastor search committee (Ron Preheim, chair, Lois Brubacher, Sandy Zerger) which will work with Western District Conference liaison, Clarence Rempel.



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sun., Mar. 27. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies from one source. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$12.00 per lily, and place in offering plate or church office by Mar. 20. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

Or In honor of: _____



2016 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale – April 8-9

Comforter Blitz! – A record number of 287 comforters were completed for MCC Relief! A special thank you to BCMC members who pieced tops or attended during our 3-day blitz.

Sign up to volunteer for most shifts are only two hours long at the sale, or help make verenike Tues., Apr. 5 in Hillsboro.

Pies, zweibach, bread, peppernuts, noodles, poppyseed rolls and cookies are needed, for Mar. 31 (MCC meeting) and Apr. 5 (verenike making day).

MCC Bucks: Let the liaisons know if you would like some bucks. These \$10 packets work as cash at the sale, and make great gifts.

What is the total of My Coins Count? Check out our g-r-o-w-i-n-g numbers in the Gathering Place! We need more quarters to fill our tower!

Time to plant seeds or divide and transplant! Start early so that plants are well rooted for Plants and Things. Package bulbs ready to sell with plant name, size, color, variety, and # in bag marked. Pictures are helpful. Garden décor and planter boxes are also accepted in this area.

Walk, Jog, or Run for Relief will be 8 a.m. Sat., Apr. 9. Line up some sponsors and raise \$\$\$ for MCC! Sign up forms are on window ledge by the church mailboxes. Return them by March 26!

Questions? Call your MCC Liaisons Ron and Carol Peters (283-4232), Tom and Gayle Jackson (284-2379), and John and Judy Kliewer (284-9985).

An Adult Sunday school option especially for those not currently in a BCMC class will be a four-session discussion of *The Naked Anabaptist* by Stuart Murray facilitated by Dorothy Nickel Friesen. Sessions are April 3, 10, 17, 24 and meet in the front of the sanctuary near the piano. Books are available at Faith and Life Bookstore at a discounted rate of \$13.01—tell cashier you are part of BCMC class.

Old hymnals and song books, including blue *The Mennonite Hymnary*, the brown *The Mennonite Hymnal*, *The Youth Hymnary*, and *Songbook 77* are available for you to take from a pew in the back of the sanctuary. Take as many copies as you like. Any that remain will be recycled to clear room in a storage area. Old metal folding chairs are also available. Go to the *Participant Log In* on the BCMC website to see several available old electric typewriters.