

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners with the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students from many denominations as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.

Western District Conference: Pray for new WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based) Byron Pellecer as he and his wife Hilda move this week to Dallas, where he will begin his work May 15.

This congregation: Pray for college students, faculty and staff who are concluding this academic year with projects, papers, reports and plans. Thank God for our Mennonite-related schools of higher education.

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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Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: John Tyson,

john@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; Cell phone 215-896-1047; day off is Monday

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

May 1 at BCMC: Attendance 107 at Camp Mennoscah. General Fund \$4,865; Living Stones \$735; Kitchen Committee \$291.56; Sr Hi Youth \$10; Camp Mennoscah \$100; Transfer-Funeral \$1,010; Church Retreat \$1,511.25; Naomi Krehbiel Memorial \$755; Bob Unruh Memorial \$325.



May 8, 2016

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7TH Sunday of Easter

GATHERING – BELONGING

Prelude Karen Loucks, pianist
Introit *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* arr. Sandra Eithun
 Chancel Bells, Vada Snider, Director
Worship music *Awake Arise (HWB 56)* Leasure
 Cherub Choir; director Jill Siebert and
 Junior Choir; director Elizabeth Schrag
Call to worship, prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen, worship leader
***Hymn** *Sing with all the saints in glory* **STS 92**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD - BELIEVING

Children’s conversation Jeanette Stucky
Worship music *Will the circle be unbroken* arr. Anna Laura Page
 Chancel Bells

Scripture reading Psalm 96:1-6
 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
**Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; proclaim God’s
 salvation from day to day.**
 Declare the Lord’s glory among the nations, the Lord’s
 marvelous works among all the peoples!
**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, to be feared
 above all gods.**
 For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the Lord made the
 heavens.
**Honor and majesty are before the Lord in whose sanctuary
 are strength and beauty.**

Worship music *Call all the children home* McCutcheon
 Junior Choir; Elizabeth Schrag, director

Music recognition
Scripture I Samuel 25 Patricia Shelly
Sermon *The wisdom of foolishness* Peter Goerzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH - BECOMING

***Hymn** *We are people of God’s peace* **HWB 407**
Kingdom Report Education and Service Scholarship Committee
 Rosalind Andreas, chair

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** *Praise God, the Source of life* **HWB 95**

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING AND BLESSING

***Hymn** *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *(Please pass STS to center aisle)*

***Postlude**

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	STS = <i>Sing the Story</i>
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<p>Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God’s presence at BCMC. <u>Personal hearing devices</u> are at the north sanctuary entrance. <u>The nursery</u> 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).</p>

BCMC is requesting applications for Cherub Choir Director, Junior Choir Director, and Cherub Choir accompanist. Positions begin August 17. Job descriptions are available in the church office or online at the BCMC website, under “Get Connected; Application for Employment at BCMC”. Deadline is May 15. For information, contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen (dorothy@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org; 316-283-3667). Interviews are required.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 31 - June 3. Registration forms will be distributed in mailboxes this week. The 2016 theme is "Surprise: Stories of Discovering Jesus".

The BCMC Church Board has appointed Rev. June Thomsen as the Interim Supply Pastor to begin June 1. June was a pastor in Ohio and Chicago and an interim pastor in Western District Conference at Salina Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, and Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. She and her husband, Ib, live in Newton and attend First Mennonite Church. She will be installed on June 12 by Clarence Rempel, WDC liaison.

This Week at BCMC: May 8-May 15, 2016

Upcoming Bethel College Events:

- **Masterworks Concert**, May 8, 3 p.m., featuring *Te Deum* by Bruckner and *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award, Bethel College, Memorial Hall. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door.
- **Jazz on the Green at Bethel College**, May 11, 8 p.m., featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II (rain/storm location: Krehbiel Auditorium)
- **Kauffman Museum's May bird walk** will be on the 2nd Saturday, this month, May 14, 6:30 a.m. Join Gregg Friesen in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Woven concert**, May 14, 7 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall
- **Open Road concert**, Sun., May 15, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org

- **Summer youth camps are a perfect summer activity** to share with friends, with the theme *Fearless Faith: Courage in Community*. Bring a friend for a free tee shirt! Scholarships for summer youth camps are available. Use contact info above to register.
- Camp Mennoscah has available weekends and weekdays for you to visit. Contact Camp to check dates and for further information.
- Thanks to all who attended the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation Fundraiser at Camp Mennoscah. Generous gifts bring the camp \$9331 closer to reaching the estimated \$200,000 needed. A painting of the camp drive by Virgil Penner is yours for a donation of \$25,000 or more!

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), is offering two classes in managing conflict this June. Churches have found these classes provide congregational leaders and members with training helpful in successfully dealing with the conflicts that can arise when people have important, deeply held beliefs that vary, sometimes even in minor ways, from others. While KIPCOR is happy to offer mediation services for churches, training people within the congregation can be helpful in terms of minimizing costs and also in dealing with minor issues before they become major. To receive training in mediation ideas and techniques; note that the Practical Skills for Managing Interpersonal Conflict (June 14-17) is a prerequisite for Domestic Mediation Training (June 27-29). ***If more than one person from the congregation attends a class, KIPCOR gives a small discount.*** Fliers for the classes, and online registration forms, are available at <http://kipcor.org/Registration/SSC460-2016/> (Managing Interpersonal Conflict) and <http://kipcor.org/Registration/Domestic-Mediation-2016/> (Domestic mediation Training)

Today, May 8, 2016—Happy Mother's Day!

- 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; 4th grade in B8; 5th grade in B6: Circle of Grace
 - Junior High students (6 – 8th grade) – Room 26: Circle of Grace
 - Senior High students – Room 22
 - Agape—Fellowship Hall—*From whence we have come?* Dale Schrag
 - Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Easter Season
 - Catacombs—Rm B-5—*My meandering path in art*, Bob Regier
 - Fellowship—Rm B7
 - Fine Arts—Rm 24—Bart Ehrman cd—*After Jesus' Death*
 - 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: MWR: Just-War Theory Appraised*, Omer Galle
 - Sojourners—Chapel—Mother's Day, Class Participation

Monday, May 9

- 2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 10

- 1:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission—Rm 14

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:00 a.m.** Staff Worship Planning—Rm 14
- 6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)
- 7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group—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 B7

Thursday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline
- 2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa
- 4:00 p.m.** Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

Saturday, May 14

- 8:00 a.m.** Mennonite Men's Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Harvest Table (\$4) followed at **8:30 a.m.** by Stanley Bohn, *Indentured Servitude to Circles of Hope*, relating what it was like for his parents and the siblings' labor to be sold to a family of means when they arrived on the shores of North America. Everyone is welcome!
- 8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Group—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel campus
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Sunday, May 15—Pentecost-- Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir; communion will be served; Sunday school teacher appreciation; recognition of high school graduates; recognition of Chancel Choir participants

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

Staff: John Tyson is on family leave and out of the office until May 10.

New books are ready for check-out in our library. A list of the new books is available to pick-up. Look for the new book list on the BCMC website.

~ *Library Committee*

Women's Fellowship will meet Tues. May 17, in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. with Rachel Epp Buller from Bethel College, *Spark! Our Creativity continues and flourishes*. Election of officers. Reorganization of circles. All women invited.

Email addresses for pastoral and office staff have changed to:

bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Please use the new emails listed on the back page of the bulletin. (Old email addresses will be phased out.)

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting, May 19, 6:30 p.m., Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. The meal is \$15 a plate paid at the door. RSVP to Carol Peters 283-4232 by May 16 or contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com

Thank you for your generous response to Mennonite Central Committee's recent request for kits supplies. There are still a number of school and infant kits to complete. Your time to come and assemble the kits along with donated items to complete them is welcome. There is need for gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) size 3-9 months for the Infant Care Kits and colored pencils (pack of 12) for the School Kits. Toothpaste is not needed for any of the relief kits. If you plan to attend, call 316-283-2720.

Pastoral Assignment: Harold Thieszen is serving as the sabbatical supply pastor for First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge for May, June and July. This part-time position means his absence from BCMC on Sundays. We pray for God's blessing on Harold as he answers this call.

There are a number of dishes/pans, etc. left in the kitchen from previous meals or funerals that were held in our fellowship hall. Please check to see if any of them belong to you! Anything not pickup up after May 19, will be given to The EtCetera Shop. ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

The congregation voted to begin work on Living Stones II after internal debt from Living Stones I is paid off. That balance is now \$35,317. Contractors could be available to begin as early as July and August to tuck point, clean, and seal the exterior and to make the front entrance handicap accessible. Contributions should be ear-marked for Living Stones.

Congratulations to graduates! Please inform the church office of high school, college, seminary or graduate school graduates.

Newton High School Baccalaureate, sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance, is Wed., May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the NHS auditorium. No tickets required.

Taize Evening Song and Healing Prayers will resume the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning Sun., May 15 from 6-7 p.m. in the nave of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Drive, Newton. All are welcome! ~ Loretta Baumgartner

Communications Manager needed for Mennonite Women USA. Skills: experience in editing, writing, design; proficient in social media; commitment to vision and mission of Mennonite Women USA. .4 FTE, send resume and two references to marleneb@mwusa.org Deadline May 30.

You are invited to participate in the next Bethel College tour of the Holy Land, Jan. 3-24, 2017, a joint endeavor with Tabor College. Tour includes: a study of the history and geography of the region with connections to Biblical texts; the present Palestinian-Israeli conflict; the religions and cultures of the region; and time for worship and reflection. Locations will include Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Mt. Nebo, Petra, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee. Contact Peter Goerzen at pgoerzen@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5356 if interested.