

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Lauren Francisco of Mennonite Mission Network works as an expressive arts counselor at Eastwood Primary School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Pray for her as she listens to stories of victims of neglect and trauma, and empowers them to be creators.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC pastors traveling to a Hispanic ministers' educational gathering next weekend in Goshen, IN, sponsored by Mennonite Education Agency.

**This congregation:** Give thanks to God for children who study the Bible, learn about Christian living, sing new songs and share their talents with others!

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:** June Thomsen, june@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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**May 29 at BCMC:** Attendance General Fund \$10,098; Rejoice \$509.40; Caring Fund \$150; Organ Fund \$550; VBS Fund \$100; Living Stones \$7,105; Flower Fund \$50; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$1,250.

## SCHEDULE NEWS:

- June 12 - Interim Pastor June Thomsen installation
- June 19 - Lead pastor candidating weekend (Sunday school for children; joint Sunday School for adults in sanctuary)
- June 26 - Congregation meeting following worship to vote on a call to new Lead Pastor

## Bethel College Mennonite Church

### Vacation Bible School Sunday

### June 5, 2016 Bulletin Announcements

#### This Week at BCMC: June 5-June 12, 2016

#### June 5, 2016—Vacation Bible School Sunday—No Sunday school today

**10:00 a.m.** VBS Display in Fellowship Hall

**10:30 a.m.** Worship in sanctuary with VBS Participants

**11:30 a.m.** Hamburger Fry Fundraiser in the Church Picnic Area—bring lawn chairs!

**12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.** Orientation for BCMC Leaders—Chapel

#### Monday, June 6

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

#### Tuesday, June 7

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

**3:00 p.m.** Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

#### Wednesday, June 8

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

**4:00 p.m.** Art Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group

**8:00 p.m.** Young Adult Fellowship Group

#### Thursday, June 9

**10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline

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

#### Saturday, June 11

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Group—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College

**8:00 a.m.** Mennonite Men's Breakfast—Kidron Bethel Harvest Table (\$4.00 per person)

**8:30 a.m.** **Jim Juhnke and Miriam Nofsinger** will lead a discussion (in Menno Hall) on "Christian-Muslim Dialogue and Paths to Mutual Understanding." This will serve as a follow-up to last year's report at Kidron-Bethel on their travels to Turkey hosted by Fetullach Guelen, founder of Hizmet Service. Everyone is welcome.

#### Sunday, June 12

Worship with sermon by Pastor June Thomsen; music by Vada Snider, flute; installation of interim pastor June Thomsen; Children's Summer Sunday school begins

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**Mentors: Mark your calendars for Wed., July 6**, all mentors of senior high youth are invited to an evening of food and games on the BCMC lawn. The gathering will be from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. This takes place during a week-long series of service projects, learning experiences, and fun activities focused on engaging our local community.

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Wendell Rempel, Newton Medical Center and Anne Rupp, Newton Medical Center, then to Wesley and now at Schowalter Villa Progressive Rehabilitation Academy.

**Multi-age Sunday School activities for children and youth** will take place in June. June 12: games and snacks in Fellowship Hall; June 19: exploration of Bethel Trail with Katie Schmidt; June 26: activity to be led by Creation Care Committee. There is no Sunday school for children and Junior High youth in July or Aug. 7. New Sunday School program year begins Aug. 14.

**Thank you to the BCMC congregation** for the gifts of flowers and framed Bob Regier print "Pentecost". There is no more apt gift than its reminder of the Holy Spirit's power, wisdom and movement during the past 10 months. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the congregation. After a summer's break, I will return as a "pew person" in September. Grace and peace to you all. ~ *Dorothy Nickel Friesen*

**We offer sympathy** to Rubie Reimer and Richard and Lois Reimer on the death of Rubie's daughter-in-law, LaVeta Reimer, May 25, in Pueblo, CO. Funeral services were held on June 1.

**We offer sympathy** to the family of Steve Yoder of Bluffton, OH. Steve died June 1 at the Cleveland Clinic. Steve and wife Janet, and sons Neil, Aaron and Jeffrey attended BCMC from 1994-2003 when Steve served as BCMC Associate Pastor. The memorial service for Steve is June 6 at First Mennonite Church, Bluffton.

**We offer sympathy** to Nancy Mueller and Jacob Schrag, Jim and Melanie and Rebecca Mueller and Ruth Boese on the death of Maddox Crabtree, June 1. The memorial service for Maddox is today at 3:30 p.m. at BCMC.

**The congregation voted to begin work on Living Stones II** after internal debt from Living Stones I is paid off. That balance is now \$16,800. 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 made out to BCMC with Living Stones in the memo line.

**BCMC does a bulk order for *Rejoice!*** the MennoMedia daily devotional magazine for those who pay the **\$28.30** annual subscription fee. Copies are delivered to the church each quarter and put in church mailboxes. Subscription year is Sept. 2016-Aug. 2017. To place an order for *Rejoice!*, complete the form below and return it with your payment to the church office **by June 12**. *If you have already subscribed, ignore this announcement.*

I want to receive a subscription to *Rejoice!* Payment is attached.

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Make checks payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church; on check memo line write "Rejoice subscription."

**Centering Prayer continues to meet** every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center-Richert House, Bethel College. All are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

**Fun on the Farm** for children of all ages, **June 11, 1-5 p.m.** Admission is free. In case of rain, call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates. Location: WillowSpring Downs: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy K-15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon.

**The mini-music festival, *Song on the Lawn***, is at WillowSpring Downs, **June 12, 5-8 p.m.** Admission is free, donations accepted for Mennonite Central Committee. In case of rain, event will be at Goessel Elementary School. Call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates.

**Discover how Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM)** is currently partnering with African churches. Come for dessert and mission reporting, **June 12, 6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (basement) of First Mennonite Church, 429 E. First St, Newton. **PLEASE RSVP to [lola@aimmintl.org](mailto:lola@aimmintl.org)**; or 574-535-0077.

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be July 29-30, Fri. evening-Sat., on the Bethel College campus. Information posted at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016annualAssembly>

**Palestine/Israel tour report** is **June 7, 7 p.m.**, First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st Street, Newton. Participants from an April *Come and See Learning Tour* to Palestine and Israel (sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee at the invitation of Palestinian Christians) will present a program of reflections and pictures from their experience. All are welcome.

**The West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Concert Series** continues with a concert June 5, 7 pm. Featured performers: Christopher Shaw, organ; Bill Froese, baritone vocalist; Dan White, musical saw; Galen Fast, saxophone; Laurie Regehr, piano; Donna Stucky, piano. Free-will offering will be received; refreshments after.

**The movie, *No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story*** will be shown June 12, 4 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. A brief discussion of issues related to refugee resettlement will follow. Free will offering received with all money given to the Refugee Resettlement Fund established at Hesston Mennonite Church to support receiving refugees in the Hesston community with Episcopal Migration Ministry—Wichita.

**Habitat for Humanity** has an information meeting, June 8, 7:30 p.m. and June 12, 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Law, 725 N. Main, Newton for those who qualify and are interested in owning a home. See the announcement on the church bulletin board for more details.