

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia request prayer for a smooth government transition as the main opposition party, Mongolian People's Party, won the parliamentary elections on June 30.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Robert Yutzy, whose ordination service is this afternoon at First Mennonite Church (Halstead, KS) where he is interim pastor.

This congregation: Give thanks for the work of the Faith Formation Commission and John Tyson, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, as we begin another program year this week. Give thanks for the Sunday School teachers who are helping to form the faith of our children and youth.

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

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

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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Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen

Chancel Bell Choir Director: Vada Snider

Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Junior Choir Director: Monica Schmidt



**Bethel College Mennonite
Church**

August 14, 2016

Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 14, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

TIME FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Sunflower Trio
Let not your hearts be troubled (“Valediction: A Biblical Poem”)

Callahan
Unclouded Day Alwood
Panis Angelicus Franck

Introit *O Savior, Hear Me!* Gluck

Call to worship, prayer Susan Wheeler

***Hymn** *Here I am, Lord* **HWB 395**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s conversation John Tyson
(Backpack blessings and gift of Bible to 3rd grade)

Commissioning of Sunday School teachers, helpers, club leaders and sponsors

Commissioning prayer:

God, we come today in the midst of a new year of learning. Thank you for teachers, sponsors and club leaders who model faithfulness and joy in teaching. Bless the students and teachers among us with open minds to learn, in school and church, and grant them patience and wisdom. We are mindful of you and the care with which you formed us with minds to think and mouths to speak. We pray that you ready our minds and hearts to learn; strengthen us with your words. May we encourage all we encounter to grow in love for you and for one another. For each person here we give you thanks. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Worship Music *Der Glaube ist das Pfand der Liebe*
From *Cantata No. 37* Bach

Der Glaube ist das Pfand der Liebe, from Cantata No. 37—J.S. Bach
Translation:

Faith is the seal of love, which Jesus harbors for His own
Therefore simply out of the promptings of love,
When He inscribed me in the book of Life,
He bestowed this jewel on me.

Scripture readings Philippians 2:12-18; Matthew 5:14-16

Sermon *Shine like Stars* John Tyson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Hymn** *Christ is the world’s true light* **HWB 334**

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 *I love to tell the story* Ore

***Dedication hymn** *We give thee but thine own* **HWB 384**
verse 1

***Dedication prayer**

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Benediction response** *May the word of Christ dwell in you richly* Schultz

***Postlude** *Toccata* Ducommun

*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).

Taize Evening Song and Healing Prayers is the 3rd Sunday of the month (Aug. 21) 6-7 p.m. in the nave of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Drive, Newton. All welcome! ~ *Loretta Baumgartner*

Faith & Life Bookstore, 606 North Main, will have a Church Librarian's Day, Aug. 27 - Get a peek at upcoming releases. All orders placed by attendees will receive a 25% discount. Library Committees welcome. Lunch provided free of charge. Please RSVP by Aug. 24 to info@faithandlifebookstore.com or 316-283-2210.

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

- **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** Sept. 4-5
- **Work & Play Camp** and Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting: Sept. 16-21; Sept. 18 is the annual meeting. Register online.

Laughter is Sacred Space presented by Ted & Co. is on tour and coming to Buhler during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Sun., Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at Buhler High School, 611 N Main St, Buhler; \$2 admission, open to the public. Sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and NAMI-Reno County. Call 620.543.2733 or email bmcpastor@gmail.com for more information. ~ *Willmar T. Harder, pastor of Buhler Mennonite Church*

Western District Conference will host evangelical Christian Palestinian leader Rev. Alex Awad for presentations Sept. 2-6, 2016, in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution on Palestine/Israel. Rev. Awad will lead a session on *Christian Zionism and Theology of the Land* Sat., Sept. 3, 9-11:30 a.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church. On Sun., Sept 4, he will speak in 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and 10:45 a.m. worship at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, and at 7 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite, Wichita. Rev. Awad will also visit Bethel, Hesston and Tabor colleges for presentations. All events free and open to the public. For more information go to: <http://mennowdc.org/rev-alex-awad-palestinian-speaker-september-2-6-2016/>.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be Sat., Sept. 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Brochures are on the bulletin board and available on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Register online at the site. Contributions for this project from non-bikers should be made payable to: MCC, "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line; send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

If interested in a position that combines professional skills and faith values, Everence Financial has an immediate opening for a Client Services Representative in Hesston. For more information or to apply, visit everence.com/kansas.

This Week at BCMC: August 14-August 21, 2016

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Fall Children's Sunday School begins. There will be a potluck for children and their families and Children's Sunday school teachers in Fellowship Hall at noon.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place; 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—Room 22—Entering *The Story*

• Agape— Fellowship Hall

• Bible Study—Does not meet during the summer months

• Catacombs—Rm B-5

• Fellowship—Rm B7

• Fine Arts—Rm 24—A study of the book, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by John Shelby Spong

• 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—Open sharing and planning session

• Sojourners—Chapel—Ben Kreider and his SALT Honduras experiences

Monday, August 15—Carpet will be removed from library and Rm 14

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

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Circle 3 meets at The Breadbasket

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

2:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

Wednesday, August 17—**Choir rehearsals start (except for Chancel Bells which will not start until August 24)**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth—Play-Mor Lanes

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

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

4:00 p.m. Witness Commission—Rm B7

Visitation Team—Rm 23

Sunday, August 21

Worship with sermon by June Thomsen; music by Billie Selichnow

The annual ice cream and dessert social with Bethel College students is August 28 at 7 p.m. BCMC friends are invited to bring a dessert to share.

Thank you to Matt Schloneger, Rebecca Schloneger and Ken Rodgers, the Sunflower Trio, for providing music this morning.

Today in worship we commission teachers and leaders for children and youth activities in 2016-2017: Nursery during worship for infants and toddlers – Mentor pair volunteers

Sunday school classes:

- **Nursery** (*Nursery*) Rachel Pannabecker, Gwen Neufeld, Tom Jackson, Gayle Jackson, Carol Buller, Jerry Buller
- **Early childhood:** (*Room B-4*) Amy Tyson, Erin Brubacher, Crystal Gaeddert, teachers; Marlene Ewert, Julia Robb, Patrick Robb, helpers
- **Primary** (*Room B-3*) Barb Koontz, Jeanette Leary, Barb Voran, teachers; Sandee Zerger, Bonnie Krehbiel, Beaty Robb, helpers
- **Middler** (*Room B-8*) Matt Koontz, Liz Friesen, teachers; Cliff Dick, Suzy Burch, Jeanette Stucky, helpers
- **Junior High** (*Room 26*) Adam Robb, Brad Kohlman, Elaine Prouty, Hank Prouty, teachers
- **Senior high youth** (*Room 22*): John Tyson, coordinator; Ben Lichti, Nancy Mueller, Tim and Bethany Schrag, sponsors
- **Sunday school opening music**, Erin Brubacher, Suzy Burch, Nancy Mueller

Wednesday evening activities (October 5 – November 16)

- Venture club (grades 3-5): Matt Schloneger

Upcoming Activities

August 17, 6:30 pm: Play-Mor Lanes!

August 24, 6:30 pm: Gathering at the Leary's!

Gaeddert Corn Maze: TBD!

Air Conditioning in the sanctuary. Thank you to those who let us know when you are too warm or too cold on Sunday morning. We will continue working with the very complicated heating/air conditioning system to suit as many as possible, while understanding that we will never please everyone. In the meantime, be sure to not sit near one of the floor vents along the side aisles, or under one of the ceiling vents in the area under the balcony. There you will be cold, for sure!

The Church Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Thiesen as Music Coordinator for 2016-2017.

Construction update: Work on the entrance ramp is continuing and work on improved lighting in the foyer began this week.

Thanks to the seven Senior High Youth and the Library Committee members who put all the library books in boxes and moved them upstairs to Room 23. Your hard work is appreciated. ~ *Norma Johnson, Library Committee chair*

Work in the library is scheduled to begin on Mon., Aug. 15. Carpet installation in the library and the offices is expected to take approximately four weeks.

While the library is closed, the Sunday morning CD and DVD recordings are available on a pew in the back of the sanctuary. Check them out and then return them to the same place.

Thank you to Darlene Dick, and Margo Schrag for painting the library and Room 14, and thanks to Hugo Boschmann for painting the reception area and offices.

The annual Womens/Girls Retreat planned by Western District Conference and South Central Conference will be at Camp Mennoscah September 9-11. Katherine Goerzen, pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, will be the featured speaker on *Blessed, Beautiful, and Beloved*. Activities are available for girls age 3rd grade through high school. Registration forms and a retreat flyer are on the church bulletin board. Deadline for registration is Aug. 22. Carpooling: If interested, contact Marlene Faul, 283-3342, marlene.violet@gmail.com for either needing a ride or if you can take others.

Alumni and friends of Hesston College are invited to participate in an event with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra and Hesston College choirs at Alcove Spring Historic Park in Marshall County, KS, near Marysville, Sept. 4. Orchestra on the Oregon Trail is an afternoon experience with music and activities for all ages, with the concert following at 7 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served for an additional charge. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under and should be purchased as soon as possible. Go to www.OOOT.org to buy tickets and get information.

BCMC youthful men, their sons and friends are invited to the 14th annual campout at Walnut Grove Campground at Harvey County Park West, Fri. eve. to Sat. mid-morning, Aug. 26-27. Arrive Fri. 6:30 p.m. or after. Stay only for the evening, if you wish, or overnight. Bring your own meat plus a side dish and drink to share for supper around 7:30 p.m. Fri., items for recreation, camping gear. If staying overnight, bring breakfast food to share. Contact Dave Linscheid, 316-727-6967; dave.linscheid@gmail.com

August 7 at BCMC: Attendance 206. General Fund \$10,166.50; Living Stones \$1,340; Caring Fund \$2,370.