

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Mark and Mary Hurst's years of service with Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that the couple will be filled with God's wisdom as they respond to seekers' questions about prayer, faith, forgiveness and healing.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team as they prepare for our annual gathering August 4-6 in Dallas, TX.

**This congregation:** Pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that they would feel the presence of Christ whose suffering, death and resurrection we remember this Holy Week.

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.–12:30 p.m. on Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur  
Church office is closed on Friday afternoons  
Building is locked on weekdays at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled  
Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.  
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 **Cherub Choir Director:** William Eash

**Apr. 2 at BCMC:** Attendance 229. General Fund 13,905; Living Stones \$1,335; Wed. Supper \$498; Media Supplies \$5; MCC Sale \$75; Plant Fund \$225; Flower Fund \$21; Visual Arts Fund \$200.

Woodcut detail from *The Mennonite Flight from Russia*



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April 9, 2017—Palm Sunday

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Restore us, O God!  
We hope.

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Loucks, piano

Welcome Susan Wheeler

Call to Worship / lighting of Christ candle

L: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Who is this who comes, celebrated by children?

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

Palm processional *Prepare the royal highway* arr. Moklebust  
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director  
Joel Linscheid, saxophone; Keith and Donna Woolery, percussion

\*Hymn of praise *Hosanna, loud hosanna* **HWB 238**  
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Barbara Koontz

From Palms to Passion  
Readers: Dawn Yoder Harms, Laura Tran, John Tyson

Matthew 21:1-11  
It was Sunday  
Hymn *Ride on, ride on in majesty* **HWB 239**  
Silence

Matthew 21:12-17  
It was Monday  
Hymn *Jesus Christ is waiting (verses 1-3)* **STJ 30 (insert)**  
Silence

Matthew 23 excerpts  
It was Tuesday  
Hymn *Kyrie (in unison on melody)* **STS 68**  
Silence

Matthew 26:6-13  
It was Wednesday  
Hymn *Open are the gifts of God* bulletin insert  
Silence

Matthew 26:1-5  
It was Thursday  
Hymn *Lay down your head* **STS 85**  
Silence

Matthew 26:57; 27:1-2, 24, 26, 27-31  
It was Friday  
Instrumental Solo *How long, O Lord?* [STS 82]

Matthew 27:45-46, 50, 57-61  
It was Saturday  
Hymn *Were you there (verses 1-3) a cappella* **HWB 257**  
Silence

Prayer of commitment

L: Lord Jesus, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the  
depth of mystery of your redeeming love,

**ALL: help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to  
listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in  
sorrow when you die, so that when you are raised to life again we  
may share your endless joy. AMEN.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*Hymn *We will follow* **STS 40**  
(congregation join in as indicated)  
Matt Schloneger, Bethany Schrag, Brent Dungan, Maggie Dungan  
Donna and Keith Woolery, percussion

Prayer of God's people

Offering  
Offertory *Were you there?* arr. Dobrinski  
Chancel Bells

\*Dedication hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross* **HWB 259**  
a cappella

\*Dedication prayer

SENDING

\*Sending hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response

\*Postlude

\*All who are able are invited to stand

<b>HWB</b> = <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>	<b>STS</b> = <i>Sing the Story</i>
<b>STJ</b> = <i>Sing the Journey</i> (at the end of the bench)	

**This morning's readings were adapted** from *Stages of the Way*, ©1997 Wild  
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**Bluestem Communities Independent** Living Open House, Apr. 23, 1-3 pm, Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton, begin tour at 15 Lakewood Circle; Schowalter Villa, Hesston, begin tour at Water's Edge Lobby, 701 S. Main. Call 620-327-3425 for more information.

**Western District Women in Mission** is bringing an event to central Kansas, *Sister Care: Level 2 "Going Deeper" week-end retreat* (a program of Mennonite Women USA) led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener May 5-7 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Complete registration form and email it to Darlene Powers. (address on form) Register soon as space is limited. Brochures and registration forms on bulletin board.

**Camp Mennoscah contact info:** 620-297-3290; online campmen- noscah.org or; olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

- **Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is Apr. 24-26
- **Kitchen staff is needed** for summer youth camps for weeks June 11-17, June 25-29, July 9-13, July 30-August 4
- **Apr. 9, around 2:30 pm come help put in the dam on the river.** Meet at the sports shack; dam will go in regardless of the weather.
- **Men and Boys Retreat Apr. 28-30.** The first meal provided is Saturday supper. The bluegrass band, The Flannelbacks, perform Saturday evening. Michael Unruh is the speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary; questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.
- **Early Registration Discount** for Camp Mennoscah ends May 1. Ten dollars cheaper if registered and paid in full by May 1. Registration/contact info above.

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** is planning two trips this spring and summer. The first is a May 6 day trip through parts of Marion, Harvey and McPherson Counties. At this writing there is still room on this tour. The second trip is the "Goodwill Tour to Freeman", a 3 day tour starting July 18. See bulletin board for more details. If you have an interest in either of these trips, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

**Everence Financial will provide information** about Medicare and retirement income at three seminars. The *Medicare* seminars will be Apr. 17 and May 1. The *retirement income* seminar, will be June 5. All seminars are at 7 pm at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve a spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017** in Orlando, *Love is a Verb*, July 4-8; registration remains open. Info: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

## This Week at BCMC: April 9-April 16, 2017

### April 9, 2017

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place; coffee, tea, water available

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

**All children, youth, parents, and teachers are welcome** to a pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall during the second hour. The brunch is sponsored by Faith Formation Commission.

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Age 2 through K in B4; 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22—*The Story*
- Agape— Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—Lectionary Texts for Palm Sunday
- Catacombs—Rm B5—*The Biblical Account: The Resurrection*, Harold Thieszen
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24— Book study, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*, J. Spong
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23— *Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—*How should we be witnessing in times like these?* Dwight Platt
- Sojourners—Chapel—*And who is my neighbor?* with Sara Dick

### Monday, April 10

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

**6:00 p.m.** Playschool Board and Annual Meeting—Rm 14

**7:00 p.m.** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 11

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

**6:30 p.m.** Creation Care Committee—Rm B7

**7:00 p.m.** Library Committee—Rm 14      Worship Commission—Rm 23

### Wednesday, April 12

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

**6:00 p.m.** Women's Fellowship Board Meeting—Rm 14

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

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

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

### Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

**7:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday service—Fellowship Hall

### Friday, April 14—Good Friday

Office will be closed and building will be locked

**8:00 a.m.** Catacombs Class Good Friday Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

**7:00 a.m.** Sunrise gathering at the Prouty's, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton

**10:00 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir—No Sunday School this Sunday

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**Vacation Bible School at BCMC will be May 30 - June 2!**

**We light the Christ candle to welcome God's presence among us.** Sent out from worship, we carry into the world.

**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 Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

**The bulletin covers for Lent** include segments from five wood block prints that Bob Regier created in 1962. The prints illustrated a series of articles in *The Mennonite* on the theme of migration. Visit the west wall of the Gathering Place to view the five prints and accompanying artifacts.

**Our Lenten Banners** illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen, lives in Denver, CO with her family.

#### **Holy Week Services:**

- Thurs., Apr. 13, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday service, Fellowship Hall. Includes intergenerational Lord's Supper around tables and Tenebrae ("shadows") readings and music.
- Fri., Apr. 14, 7 pm: Community Good Friday service, Grace Community Church Worship Center
- Sun., Apr. 16, 7 am: Easter Sunrise Service, Prouty's, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton; bring breakfast items to share
- Sun., April 16, 10 am: Easter Worship Service. (No Fellowship Time or Sunday School)

**The Spring Congregational Meeting will be Apr. 23**, in the sanctuary, at 12:45 after a potluck lunch. The Senior High Youth group will provide desserts as a fundraiser. There will be election of church board and commission members.

**Unofficial results for the annual fund** show that expenses are \$21,000 more than income for the first quarter. While we have been short by about \$11,000 at this time for the last several years, this deficit is unusually high. ~ *Richard Friesen, Treasurer*

**Women and Girl's Event, Tues., Apr. 18, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Meal: "Make your own taco salad." Dessert by Brenda Turner. Cost: \$7 for adults; ages 6-12 are \$5 and ages 5 and under free. Reservations are due by Apr. 11 to Nancy Hilty, 316-804-4376 or nhilty@cox.net. Invite your friends too. Program: fashion show of Et Cetera Shop finds. Story for girls by Carol Flickinger.

- **Bethel College's Student Government Association** and Kauffman Museum invite the community for lawn games, sidewalk chalk art (chalk provided), grilled hot dogs and more, Apr. 9, 2:30-4:30 pm outside the museum, as part of Bethel's 2nd Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.
- **Bethel College Women's Chorus** spring concert, Apr. 9, 4 pm, Bethel College Chapel, Administration Building (note the change of venue)
- **Bethel College forensics** nationals showcase (post-tournament this year), Apr. 10, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium; featuring Bethel's nationals team: Heather Chaney, Akiyaa Hagen, Shekhinah Jones, Emily Kondziola, Jacob Miller and Clinton Unruh.
- **The Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace Tour** will be on the Bethel College campus, Apr. 18, 7 pm and Apr. 19, 11 am, BC Chapel in the Administration building, with Jonathan Kuttub, a Palestinian Mennonite and human rights lawyer, and Laura Tillem of Jewish Voice for Peace and the Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas.
- **Mika Patron senior organ recital**, Apr. 22, 3 pm, BC Chapel

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is in the books! Thanks to all who donated in a wide variety of ways to help make the sale a success. Check out the Gathering Place for the final My Coins Count numbers.

**Save the date:** Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 50th Anniversary Sale-a-bration April 13 and 14, 2018.

**Shalom Mennonite Church is hosting a Community Conversation on Immigration** Apr. 22 from 10 am to noon. This will be a moderated panel discussion focusing on the panelists' general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County with a question and answer time to follow. Panel participants are Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative). For more info contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org

**The Annual Corporation Meeting** of the Community Playschool is Apr. 10, 7 pm, Room 14. BCMC is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**The BCMC Church Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah is May 6-7. Information and Registration Forms were in your mailboxes; extra forms are on window sill in Gathering Place along with box to place your completed forms.

#### **Youth Events for your calendar:**

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| <b>April 12</b>       | DOOR Denver payments due                   |
| <b>April 16, 7 am</b> | Easter Sunday sunrise gathering @ Prouty's |
| <b>May 6-7</b>        | Church Retreat                             |
| <b>June 25-30</b>     | DOOR Denver                                |

