

Bethel College Mennonite Church

September 19, 2021

Peace Sunday

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are in language study in Paris, preparing for a ministry building Muslim-Christian relationships in West Africa. Pray for their children in French public schools and for Christy and Peter in language school. They are jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC elected leaders and staff, as they meet via zoom next Saturday for Reference Council with a focus on one of WDC's mission priorities, "Connect to God's Mission in the World."

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 and Caring Fund sponsored by the 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 am–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –5 pm Mon—Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm

Notary public service is available in the church office

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Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

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Prelude *Sonata #6* (Mendelssohn)
[Chorale, Andante Sostenuto, Andante]— Verlene Garber, organ

Christ Candle Lighting Jake Friesen

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Hymn *What Is This Place* VT 22

Children's Conversation Nathan Koontz

Scripture Reading Luke 10: 25-37 Elaine Schurr

Sermon *The Vastness of God's Love* Mel Lehman

*Hymn *In Christ There is no East or West* VT 390

Prayers of God's people

*Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

Benediction Mel Lehman

Postlude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (J. Bert Carlson)

VT—Voices Together

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Flowers in Church—Kathy Stucky

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

Cover Image: "Blue Vase" by Khalid Alaani

We welcome Mel Lehman as our guest speaker this Peace Sunday. Mel is a long time peace activist and director of Common Humanity which focuses on peacemaking through understanding, respect, and friendship with the Middle East and Muslim world. Mel lives part-time in Hesston and the remainder of the time in New York City where he is a deacon at Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship. There will be a discussion time in the sanctuary at 10:45.

Children and youth Sunday School classes! 10:30-11:30 am.

Preschoolers - Room B4 Middlers (3rd-8th graders) - Room 26

High School - Room 22

Koinonia (college students welcome!) - The Agape House

This week at BCMC

Monday, September 20

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 21

9-11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Worship Commission Meeting by Zoom

Wednesday, September 22

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

7 pm Wednesday Night Club

7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 23

2 pm Hospitality Commission Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 24

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 25

9:30 to 11:30 am Leadership Retreat by Zoom

Sunday, September 26

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

1 pm Wichita Pride Parade

7 pm Safe Sanctuary Training by Zoom

BCMC will be participating in the Wichita Pride Parade hosted by Wichita Pride today at 1 pm. The parade will follow an approximate one-mile route on Main St. from the Historic Sedgwick County Courthouse to Douglas St., right on Douglas to Century II. If interested in participating, meet at the BCMC east parking lot at 12 noon for carpooling options, or meet at the Historic Sedgwick County Courthouse in Wichita at 12:45. If you plan on participating in the parade, an email, text, or phone call to Nathan Koontz would be helpful but not necessary.

Budget update: As of the end of August 2021, expenses exceed contributions by \$28,500.69. Contributions received stand at 57% of the amount expected for the year, and expenses are at 63% of the budget. Please keep this information in mind as we begin the final third of the year.