

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anna Alderfer, Bowen Dick-Burkey, Dawson Duerksen, Brooke Nafziger, and Service Adventure unit leaders, Barry and Erika Kreider, who are settling into community living and extending the ministries of host congregation, Albuquerque (New Mexico) Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they work with children and youth, people without homes, Habitat for Humanity, a community art center, and an urban farm.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, to further WDC's mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission

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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Custodian: Michael Crawford—day off Tuesday Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and

Verlane Garber

Chancel Choir Director: William Eash Menno Singers Director: Virginia Mininger

Chancel Bells Director: Suzanne Burch

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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.

## Bethel College Mennonite Church

### October 24, 2021

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* (Johann Gottfried Walther)  
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Christ Candle Lighting Adam Robb  
Welcome and Prayer

Hymn *Together* VT 389

Children's Conversation Jim Robb

Worship Music *Moto perpetuo* (Karl Bohm)  
Lily Schloneger, violin

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32 Lois Brubacher

Sermon *The Found Son(s)* Renee Reimer

Hymn *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* VT 544

Prayers of God's people Adam Robb

Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* VT 840

Benediction Renee Reimer

Postlude *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen Koenig Der Ehren*  
(Johann Gottfried Walther)  
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

VT = Voices Together

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Audio visual: Ben Lichti

Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

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

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

High School - Room 24

Koinonia (college students welcome!) - The Agape House

## The next week at BCMC

### Monday, October 25

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary  
11 am Inurnment for Douglas Schmidt (family only present)  
2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 26

9—11 am Community Playschool

### Wednesday, October 27

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary  
2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

### **7 pm Memorial for Martha Graber in Sanctuary**

7 pm Youth Group

### Thursday, October 28

9-11 am Community Playschool  
2 pm Hospitality Commission Meeting—Fellowship Hall

### Friday, October 29

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary  
2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 31

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:30 am Faith Formation

**Staff schedules:** Custodian Mike Crawford will be on vacation Oct. 25-31

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**INVITATION TO RING!** The BCMC Adult Bell choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday Nov. 4, to prepare for worship music on Nov. 14 and Dec. 21. New or experienced ringers that are interested in being part of this group are invited to join. Ringers will meet in Rm B7 at 6:30 pm. Please, let Monica at the church office know by Wednesday, Oct. 27.

### **Invitation to all 3rd through 8th Graders:**

All are welcome to attend and join the upcoming Wednesday Evening Music-making of the Menno Singers in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45 – 7:30 pm beginning November 3. We will meet for 6 Wednesdays (November 3,10,17 and December 1, 8, 15) and participate in the Sunday morning Advent service on December 12. Come and bring friends! Virginia Mininger, Director.  
Mary Ann Boschmann, Accompanist/Assistant.

**BCMC Budget update:** The church's budget thermometer is pointing to critical. At the end of September, we had an expense over income deficit of \$32,895. That's an increase of \$4,395 from August. We need your help now. Remember, we are in the final quarter and time is short. Also remember that if you have required minimum distribution (RMD), you can direct it to the church, which is a charitable organization for income tax purposes.

**The Deacons Commission is working on a “Thinking of You” campaign for people who are isolated due to COVID and other health concerns.** For the next few Sundays, we will have a table at the back of the sanctuary with pages for your comments to members of our church whom we haven't been able to see for a while. Please stop by and write a short greeting or sign your name to let them know we are thinking about them. For those of you who are unable to attend worship but can stop by the church during the week, these letters will be in the library during the week for anyone to write a note before we send them out. Thank you! — Deacon Commission

**The Staff Congregation Relations Committee** is pleased to report that the role of Music Coordinator at BCMC has been filled. Going forward, Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber will be sharing the role as Music Co-Coordinators at BCMC. We appreciate their willingness to share their gifts with BCMC in this way.

**Mennonite Central Committee** works to meet hunger, sanitation and education needs around the world. One of the ways local people can help is at our yearly meat canning event. This year it will be November 16 and 17 for Newton area churches at the MCC mid states building in North Newton. Please use the link written below to sign up to help. Financial donations are also needed. If you have questions, talk to your church's MCC contact person (Lowell Stucky) or call the MCC office. Thanks. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2021>

**Please come check out the new books** that have been added to our library! We have a combination of nonfiction books, fiction, biography and one new Everybody Book. Something for everyone. Enjoy!

*Tongue Tied* by Sara Wenger Shenk

*What Do You Say to a Dragon?* By Lexi Young Peck

*Taken at Birth* by Jane Blasio

*Paris Dressmaker* by Kristy Cambron

*The Sowing Season* by Katie Powner

*When Thought and Prayers Aren't Enough* by Taylor S. Schumann

*Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

*Transforming the Bible and Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austin Harke

*Twilight of Democracy* by Anne Applebaum

*The World: A Brief Introduction* by Richard Haass

**The exhibit in the Gathering Place is a tribute to John Hiebert.** John worked for 50 years as the artistic designer for publications, first for the General Conference and then Mennonite Church USA. He was involved in numerous design projects beyond the scope of church work. He also designed bulletin covers and booklets for BCMC. We want to recognize his work and pay tribute to his “magical” design skills. —The Visual Arts Committee