

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Jaden Hostetter, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions, has started a ceramic studio for refugees who have been welcomed by the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador. Pray that, through creating art, participants will find a space of healing and a place to build community.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for the generous financial gifts and prayers of WDC congregations and members to support conference ministries of sustaining ministers, resourcing congregations and encouraging church planting.

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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Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber

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

Chancel Bells Director: Suzanne Burch

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 31, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude *Concerto for Cello in D Minor (Lalo)*
Caleb Garber and Verlene Garber

Lighting the Christ Candle Ben Lichti

Welcome

Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *Could it be that God is Singing* VT 42

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Conversation 3rd Grade Bible Presentation Renee Reimer

Worship Music *I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn),*
duet by Ron Garber and Virginia Mininger

Scripture Reading Psalm 146; Luke 16:19-31 Norma Johnson

Sermon *Faithful Economics* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response *God of the Bible* VT 420

Prayers of God's people

SENDING

*Sending Hymn *Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809

Benediction Dawn Yoder Harms

Postlude (please remain seated) *Lobe den Herren (Micheelsen)*
Verlene Garber, organ

VT = Voices Together

Audio visual: Francis Toews

Flowers at the front of the church: Kathy Stucky

Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

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

This week at BCMC

Monday, November 1

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

7 pm Facilities Committee Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 2

9—11 am Community Playschool

Wednesday, November 3

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

6:45 pm Menno Singers—Fellowship Hall

7 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, November 4

9-11 am Community Playschool

6:30 pm Chancel Bells—Room B7

7 pm Church Board

Friday, November 5

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 6—Senior High School Youth Group Retreat at Camp

Mennoscah through Sunday, November 7

Sunday, November 7—Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

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. 19. 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

Our speaker for peace Sunday was Mel Lehman, who works with Common Humanity. He talked about the Middle East and peace efforts there and he mentioned exchanging Christmas cards. We have that opportunity. We will be sending cards to Bethlehem Bible College in Bethlehem, Israel. Small or medium sized cards are recommended. Sign and then print your name. First name only or first and last initial are also fine. You may print a short message if you wish. There will be cards on a table in the gathering place for you to sign. Address the card to "A friend in Bethlehem". All cards must be back in the church office by Sunday, November 14. Cards for us should be returned by Christmas. Thank you. Witness Commission

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>

Check out the new books added to our library; 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