

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Severe funding cuts are hampering the functions of Kalonda Bible Institute, where many Mennonite church leaders are trained in Congo. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the professors and their families, who have lost their incomes, and for Bercy Mundedi, the director, who has an ardent desire to see the next generation of church leaders prepared for God's work.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for WDC's online book discussion this Thursday, focusing on *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*, and pray for wisdom as we reckon with the legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe.

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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Chancel Bells Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 14, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude *Now thank we all our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Lighting the Christ Candle Duane Friesen
Welcome and Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Conversation Kathy Stucky

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:33 Gwen Neufeld

Sermon *The Dough is Rising*
Dawn Yoder Harms, Ron Guenther, Mennonite Disaster Service

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response *Jesus Christ is Love Divine* VT 749

Kingdom Report Gifts Discernment Survey Dale Schrag

Prayers of God's people Duane Friesen

SENDING

*Sending Hymn *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

Benediction Dawn Yoder Harms

Postlude *Jubliance* Raymond Haan
(please remain seated) Karen Schlabaugh, organ

VT = Voices Together

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.

AV technician—Ben Lichti
Flowers at the front of the church—Judy Friesen
Thank you Judy Friesen for today's display on the communion table
Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School
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 Agape Class will meet in Room B8

This week at BCMC

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

9—11 am Community Playschool

Wednesday, November 17

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 18

9-11 am Community Playschool
2 pm Hospitality Commission in Fellowship Hall
4 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14
6:30 pm Chancel Bells—Room B7
7 pm Bethel College Women's Association in Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 21

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

Pastor Renee is collecting empty shoe boxes (or similar size boxes) for a church Advent project. If you have any you'd be willing to donate, please leave them on the back pew of the sanctuary (by the nursery).

Sunday, Nov. 21 at 10:45 am the congregation will hold a special hybrid congregational meeting to vote on the proposed "Abuse Prevention and Response Policy". This meeting's sole purpose is to vote on the proposed policy, there will not be a time of discussion during this meeting. If you do have questions regarding this new proposed policy or want to better understand the rationale of how we used your feedback, please send your questions to office@bethelcollege mennonitechurch.org by Nov. 18. An APRC member will do their best to answer any questions directly before the November 21st meeting. Paper ballots will be available for in-person attenders and zoom attenders will be able to vote via the zoom poll option. Please let Monica, in the church office, know if you would like a paper ballot to mail in prior to the meeting. The mail in ballots will need to be returned to the church office by November 18 in order to be included in the vote count.

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>