

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Sue and Wally Fahrer's ministries of music, church-planting, pastoring and counseling in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly four decades. Pray for them as they continue to serve God in their retirement in Liverpool, England.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC Pastors' Day Apart on November 13, that the Holy Spirit would guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?

Land Acknowledgement compiled by Florence Schloneger from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

*As we do on the first Sunday of each month,
we acknowledge that we worship
on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.
We thank them for their care and respect for this land
and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.
We ask the Spirit to heal our histories
and find new paths of right relationships with them
and all of creation.*

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 7, 2021

Prelude	<i>Come, Great God of All the Ages God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Paul Manz Shirley King, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		Dawn Yoder Harms
Land Acknowledgment		
Welcome and Prayer		
Hymn	<i>God Whose Giving</i> (stanza 3 sung in unison)	VT 745
Worship Music	<i>Lord God of Abraham from Elijah</i>	Felix Mendelsohn Gene Miller; Shirley King, accompanist
Children's Conversation		Esther Koontz
Scripture Reading	Matthew 13:44-46	Addie Zerger
Sermon	<i>What is your pearl?</i>	Nathan Koontz
Hymn—	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	VT 540
Kingdom Report:	bcmcXpress1	Al Peters
Prayer of Dedication		
	L: Great God, you are the giver of life and all that is good.	
	P: Accept our gifts and multiply them. Accept our hearts and mold them. Accept our lives and transform them, that we might live in the power of the resurrection, willing to risk all for your kingdom.	
	L: In the name of Jesus we offer our gifts, and in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.	

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Prayers of God's people

Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VT 812

Benediction Nathan Koontz

Postlude *We Believe in One True God* J. S. Bach
Shirley King, organ

VT = Voices Together

Audio visual: Ken Lamp

Flowers at the front of the church: Brenda Turner

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 8

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 9

9—11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Reopening Church Task Force Group—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 10

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 11

9-11 am Community Playschool

11:30 am Sojourners Sunday School Class Lunch in Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells—Room B7

7 pm Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom

Friday, November 12

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 13

9 am to 3 pm Western District Conference event in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 14

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary; Music by the Chancel Bells

10:30 am Faith Formation

Please pray for the sr high youth and sponsors attending a fall retreat together at Camp Mennoscah November 6-7.

Pastor's Renee and Nathan will be attending their last Transition into Leadership (a 2 year program through AMBS) weekend November 12-14.

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>

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.