

Children and Youth Sunday School for January

Due to the rise of COVID cases in our area and the increased percent positivity rate (15.3% as of January 11th) **children and youth Sunday School classes will be canceled for the rest of January.** We recommend adult Sunday school classes evaluate the safety of meeting in small classrooms in the church building on their own. As a reminder, the church has 2 zoom accounts available for groups to use and groups can also reserve the fellowship hall or sanctuary with the church office.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for young people, ages 15-22, considering participation in Youth Venture next summer. Experiences include: learning about the Hopi people in Kykotsmobi, Arizona; joining an immigration/borderlands tour in Tucson, Arizona; and engaging with a civil rights learning tour in the southern states. International opportunities may also be available, depending on the COVID-19 situation.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for WDC's relationships with other organizations and institutions, and pray that these partnerships would extend God's healing and hope 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

Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Renee Reimer, Day off: Friday—

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

Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

Jan 23, 2022

Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Prelude	<i>Novelette No. 1</i> (Francis Poulenc)	Karen Schlabaugh, piano
Christ Candle Lighting		Nathan Koontz
Welcome and Prayer		
Hymn	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	VT 797
Children's Conversation		Esther Koontz
Scripture Reading	John 20:19-23	Lotti Boschmann
Sermon	<i>New Breath</i>	Peter Goerzen
Hymn	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	VT 737
Prayers of God's People		
Hymn	<i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i>	VT 52
Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Carillon</i> (Francis Poulenc)	Karen Schlabaugh

VT = Voices Together

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz

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.

Welcome Peter Goerzen

We welcome Peter Goerzen as he delivers the sermon today. Peter graduated from Bethel College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He has served as pastor at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, and as campus pastor and director of church relations at Bethel College. He currently is Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. He lives in North Newton and can be seen regularly taking walks with his family and walking to work. We are very thankful for his insight and leadership at Bethel and that he can share with us in worship.

This week at BCMC

▪ Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary—no in-person attendance—service is live streamed

▪ Monday, January 24, 2022

▪ Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9—11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Abuse Prevention and Response Committee

▪ Wednesday, January 26, 2022—No Youth Group or Chancel Choir in January

7 pm Menno Ringers in B7

▪ Thursday, January 27, 2022

9—11 am Community Playschool

2 pm Hospitality Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:15 pm Chancel Bells in Room B7

▪ Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary—to be announced whether it will be only live-streamed or in person

10:30 am Faith Formation

1 pm Congregational Meeting via Zoom

Pastor Renee Reimer will be on vacation from January 14-29.

Pastor Nathan Koontz is increasing his hours up to 3/4 time for the month of January to help cover pastoral staffing until Interim Pastor Todd Schlosser begins on February 1, 2022. Pastor Nathan will be working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with flexible work days on Friday and Saturday as needed.

Save the date for the next Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, February 6th from 10:30am-11:30am. This training will take place in the fellowship hall but will be available over zoom too. Please email Renee for a link if you'd like to join via zoom. Please plan to attend if you are a mentor, youth/child Sunday School teacher, sponsor, or Wednesday night club leader and did not attend a training this past fall.

Congregational Meeting will be January 30 The Jan. 30, 2022 congregational meeting will start at 1 p.m. and will be held by Zoom. It will not be a hybrid meeting. The Zoom link for the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81352999266?pwd=NkZQK1gyMFhoMGVDZm1zY1ICOTFWZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 5299 9266

Passcode: 004219

There are copies of the Financial Reports booklet on the ledge by the church mailboxes.

The new Library Theme is focusing on the state of Kansas. Check out the many books that celebrate Kansas. Also, a couple of 2000 piece puzzles in excellent condition have been donated to the library. We are using them as a fundraiser. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$5 for one puzzle. Just place your donation in the basket or give it to the committee person on duty. We look forward to seeing you in the library and let us know of any addition you would like us to add to our collection. *Library Committee*

Bethel College Announcements

TODAY (Sun., Jan. 23) – Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel, featuring freshman, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2021 semester. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Sat., Jan. 29 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, “Famous Kansans,” noon-4 p.m. (with food trucks in the museum parking lot starting at 11:30 a.m.), *museum and grounds.* Along with activities inside and outside the museum, there will be presentations on Gordon Parks (Kirk Sharp, director of the Gordon Parks Museum), Blackbear Bosin (Erin Raux, director of the Mid-America All-Indian Center) and William Allen White (Bev Buller, author and retired educator). For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Sat., Jan. 29 – Guest recital with Gjergji Gaqi, piano, from Tyler (Texas) Junior College, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Save the date: Fri., Feb. 11, guest recital with Bethel College Professor Emeritus of Music Don Kehrberg, oboe.