

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Kate Widmer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, has extended her assignment with Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.

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 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  
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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**

**January 9, 2022**

Prelude	<i>The Ninety and Nine</i> <i>Praise Ye the Triune God</i>	arr. N. Johnson arr. N. Johnson Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ
Introit	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	arr. Hopson Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director
Welcome		Jill Robb
*Hymn	<i>Here in This Place</i>	VT 10
Children’s Conversation		Jill Robb
Worship Music	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	Sandra Eithun Chancel Bells
Scripture reading	Luke 2:41-52	Barbara Koontz
Sermon	<i>A Space for Pondering</i>	Renee Reimer
*Hymn	<i>God, Give Me Faith Like a Child</i>	VT 519
Prayers of God’s people		Jill Robb
*Hymn	<i>Go, My Children</i>	VT 830
Benediction		Renee Reimer
Postlude	<i>Nun ist sie erschienen</i>	arr. S. Vincent Will Wiebe-Friesen

VT—*Voices Together*

Audio visual—Francis Toews

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.

## **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

Adult Classes (If meeting): Bible Study (Rm 14); Catacombs (Rm B5);

Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Mosaic (Rm

20); Open Circle (Room 21); Seekers (Rm 28); Sojourners (Chapel)

### **This week at BCMC**

#### ▪ **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

4 pm Service of Remembrance in the Sanctuary— In order to recognize and mourn the loss of our loved ones from 2021, **Bethel College Mennonite Church is hosting a service of Remembrance on January 9 at 4 pm.**

#### ▪ **Monday, January 10, 2022**

7 pm Facilities Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### ▪ **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

9—11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Funeral Committees meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### ▪ **Wednesday, January 12, 2022—No Youth Group or Chancel Choir in January**

6:45 pm Menno Ringers in B7

#### ▪ **Thursday, January 13, 2022**

9—11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee meeting in Room 14

7 pm Finance Committee meeting by Zoom

#### ▪ **Sunday, January 16, 2022**

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

▪ **Monday, January 17, 2022—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Office will be closed and church locked**

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

**Pastor Nathan Koontz** will be at a “Roots of Justice” Training from Jan. 14-16.

**Menno Ringers (bells for youth in grades 3rd-8th)** will take place on Wednesdays from 7-7:45 pm beginning January 5th and going through February 23rd.

## **Dr. Jennifer Koontz COVID Zoom Call, Jan. 19, 7pm**

Dr. Jennifer Scott Koontz has been a leading expert on COVID-19 throughout the pandemic. She received the 2021 Bethel College Outstanding Alumni Award for her consistent and clear communication of COVID-19 research and guidelines to the general public. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Health along with an M.D. from the University of Kansas and has practiced medicine in Newton for 12 years. She is also a member of BCMC. Dr. Koontz will be hosting a Question and Answer Session via Zoom for anyone interested in learning about the current landscape of COVID-19. Please come with your questions and plan to attend this Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 7pm. A Zoom link will be sent out as we approach the 19th.

### **Bethel College Announcements**

▪ **Life Enrichment at Bethel College** has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

▪ **Mon., Jan. 17 and Tues., Jan. 18 – Bethel College hosts two activities for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday that are free and open to the public**, both in Memorial Hall: Jan. 17, 7 p.m., program with Jasmyrn Elise Story as the featured speaker; Jan. 18, 2 p.m., screening of the Kellogg Foundation’s 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event. Sponsors are Bethel College Student Life, the Bethel College Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.

▪ **Save the date: Sat., Jan. 29 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event**, “Famous Kansans,” noon-4 p.m., museum and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org)

### **Covid Creativity**

This era of Covid impacted everyone in different ways. The negative effects are obvious. But for some, it sparked introspection and a new kind of creative energy. The Visual Arts Committee would like to showcase examples of your creativity in The Gathering Place. A small exhibit with artwork or photos and brief text about your motivation for creating during this challenging time.

What might you share? Whatever you were inspired to create! Did you paint something? Build something? Sew something? Write something? Learn new recipes or revisit old ones?

Pastor Nathan will be the primary contact and would love to connect with you. If you’re willing to share a photo or two (or the artwork itself!) and a brief statement about what prompted this expression, please get in touch with him!