

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Dave and Rebekka Stutzman, who are jointly serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions, have requested that people join German Mennonite congregations in praying for church renewal, during the month of February. Pray with them, as they follow a devotional book compiled for this occasion.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: During Black History month (February) and throughout the year, pray for WDC congregations and conference leaders in ongoing work toward racial justice and equity.

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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Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber

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

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

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH
February 6, 2022

Prelude		Verlene Garber, organ
Land Acknowledgement		Florence Schloneger
Lighting the Christ Candle		Renee Reimer
Welcome and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 1
Children’s Conversation		Kathy Stucky
Scripture Reading	Psalm 27	Darlene Dick
Sermon	<i>Thin Places</i>	Kathy Neufeld Dunn
*Hymn	<i>The Lord is My Light</i>	VT 437
Service of Installation for Todd Schlosser, <i>Interim Pastor</i>		Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister
*Hymn	<i>Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God</i>	VT 653
Prayers of God’s people		Renee Reimer
*Hymn	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i>	VT 832
Benediction		Kathy Neufeld Dunn
Postlude		Verlene Garber
VT = Voices Together		

Audio visual: Ben Lichti
 Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, and Todd Schlosser
 Choral Group: William Eash, Esther Eash, Ron Garber, Barbara Thiesen,
 and Carol Flickinger

<p>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.</p>

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.

This week at BCMC

▪ **Sunday, February 6, 2022**

9:30 am Installation of Pastor Todd Schlosser—worship service will be on line only—Please join us via the live stream

10:30 am Safe Sanctuary Training by Zoom

9—11 am Community Playschool

▪ **Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

7 pm Menno Ringers in B7

▪ **Thursday, February 10, 2022**

9—11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee Meeting—Room 14

6:15 pm Chancel Bells in Room B7

7 pm Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom

▪ **Sunday, February 13, 2022**

9:30 am Worship service will be live streamed only—No in person worship

No Sunday school today or February 13.

Safe Sanctuary training will be on Sunday, February 6th from 10:30am-11:30am.

This training will take place only on zoom. Please email Renee at renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.com for a link if you'd like to join. All are welcome but 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.

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*

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – Ernest Vincent Wood III, “Redefining,” through Feb. 24 (closing reception Feb. 24). *Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*

Tues., Feb. 8 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series with Dr. David Pickering of Kansas State University, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Fri., Feb. 11 – Guest recital with Bethel College Professor Emeritus of Music Don Kehrberg, oboe, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Sat., Feb. 19 – Grand opening of Kauffman Museum’s 125th-anniversary exhibit, “The Magic of Things.” Come-and-go, 2:30-4:30 p.m., with remarks by lead curator Reinhold K. Janzen at 3 p.m. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

The Deacon Commission would like to thank all the members of the congregation for their care for each other and others outside the congregation. You have continued to connect to each other in various ways, meeting outside in nice weather, wearing masks and distancing in Fellowship Hall, gathering in smaller groups in neighborhoods and sometimes visiting over Facetime or Zoom. You have stayed connected through your Sunday school groups, quilting groups, community events, common interest groups, volunteer jobs, and church meetings and events. You have emailed your friends, sent cards to people you are thinking about, and called people on the phone just to chat. Thank you for continuing to be a church community together, sometimes in new and creative ways.

--Deacons Commission

N95 Masks Again Available at BCMC

We again have high quality N95 masks available for those who need them. They are available inside the south entrance of BCMC. These masks are particularly useful if you are at high risk of severe COVID 19 and you need or want to participate in a more high risk activity. While no mask creates absolute safety, wearing a well-fitted N95 mask can reduce your risk and make activities safer. This includes activities such as a trip to the grocery store, watching a basketball game, or going to the doctor’s office. Part of the rationale behind these masks offered at BCMC is to provide N95 masks for those who may not be able to navigate online purchasing options. N95 masks are not readily available in our local stores. If you know of someone who would benefit from an N95 mask, please pass this information on to them, or stop by the church and grab one for them.

As we are returning to church in person (we hope by February 20), we would like to encourage you to once again wear name tags. There will be a clipboard on the table at the back of the sanctuary to sign up if you need a name tag or have lost your name tag. Thank you! *Hospitality Commission*

Installation of Interim Minister

Todd Schlosser

Conference Minister: *Introductory words.*

Moderator: We are the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship, nurture faith, care for one another, welcome and serve others, and proclaim God's good news in the world. We call pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus who become the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We are grateful that Todd has heard the call to serve in an interim pastor role during this transitional time.

Conference Minister: Todd, seeing that the grace of God has called you into pastoral leadership in this church, I now ask you: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to carry out your role and responsibilities on the Bethel College Mennonite Church pastoral team?

Todd: I do.

Conference Minister: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the scriptures and in seeking the good of this congregation? And will you seek to live honestly, openly and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation?

Todd: I will.

Conference Minister: Will you exercise the authority that has been entrusted to you in the loving spirit of Christ; and will you build up and equip members and seekers for a deeper walk with Jesus, a stronger relationship with God, a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit and a deeper love for all people?

Todd: I will.

Conference Minister (to Todd): Renee and Nathan, do you welcome Todd as a co-worker in Christ? Will you support him with your prayers and encouragement as you seek to lead this congregation together?

Renee and Nathan: I do and I will.

Conference Minister (to congregation): Christian friends, you have heard the commitments that Todd has made in accepting the call to serve as Interim Pastor here with Bethel College Mennonite Church. Do you receive him as sent by God to provide pastoral leadership in this congregation, and do you offer your support and prayers for his ministry among you? If so, please respond, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Todd: [Brief words of response]

Conference Minister: Now let us join in a spirit of prayer as we ask God's blessing on Todd. Lord of creation and of the church, we bless you for the gifts you give and call forth through your Spirit for the sake of the kingdom. Bless the covenant made this day between these pastors and this congregation. Grant Todd a discerning heart, confidence in your call, strength and joy in the tasks of ministry now set before him. Make us each partners in ministry with Todd, Renee, and Nathan --constant in support, gentle in criticism, prayerful in all things. And now, O God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us complete in everything good, so that we may do your will, working among us that which is pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.