

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.

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  
 Notary public service is available in the church office

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- Chancel Choir Director: William Eash Menno Singers Director: Virginia Mininger
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

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.

**BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**March 13, 2022**

**From Fear to Compassion  
Seeking God's Ways**

Prelude *A Suite of Passion* (Wilbur Held) Karen Schlabaugh, organ  
 ■ *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*  
 ■ *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
 ■ *O Darkest Woe*

Introit *What Wondrous Love Is This* (arr. Douglas Wagner)  
 Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director

Christ Candle Lighting Todd Schlosser

Call to Worship  
 Leader: Together we seek the way of God.  
**People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,**  
 Leader: We come to ask: Whom shall we fear?  
**People: We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,  
**All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession  
 Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.  
**People: We call upon you while you are near.**  
 Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.  
**People: Forgive us for living out of fear. Help us to live out of compassion.**  
 Leader: As we walk with Christ on the Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly  
**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

\*Hymn *I Sought the Lord* VT 161

Children's Conversation Glen Ediger

Worship Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (arr. Kastner & McChesney)  
 Chancel Bells

Kin-dom Report Elizabeth Schmidt

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35 Bill Swartley

Sermon *Looking Into Fear, Seeing Compassion* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn	<i>Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth</i>	VT 426
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	VT 437
Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i> (Manz)	Karen Schlabaugh

\* You are invited to stand  
VT = Voices Together

Audio visual—Francis Toews

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

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### This week at BCMC

#### ▪ Sunday, March 13—2nd Sunday of Lent

**9:30 am** Worship Service (in person and live streamed)

**There will be no children and youth Sunday School on March 13 and 20 due to spring break. There will be no sr high youth group on Wednesday, March 16.**

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)

#### ▪ Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**4 pm** Lent Prayers by Zoom

#### ▪ Wednesday, March 16, 2022—No Youth Group today

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

#### ▪ Thursday, March 17, 2022

**2 pm** Hospitality Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

**4 pm** Lent Prayers by Zoom

**6:15 pm** Chancel Bells in Room B7

#### Sunday, March 20, 2022—3rd Sunday of Lent

**9:30 am** Worship Service (in person and live streamed)

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### We encourage you to wear name tags AND sign up for the BCMC Pictorial!

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. There will also be a place to sign up for the pictorial. Thank you! *Hospitality Commission*

#### Staff Absences

- Pastor Nathan Koontz will be gone from March 14-20.
- Pastor Renee Reimer will be gone from March 21-25.

**Pastoral staff at BCMC will be facilitating prayers during lent** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 pm. This is a time to take a break from the day and let evening come. We will pray together via Zoom for about 15-20 minutes using the daily prayer book from the Corrymeela Community, northern Ireland's longest running peace and reconciliation organization: *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community* by Padraig O Tuama. See email for Zoom link.

**Wednesday Night Club (open to 3rd-8th graders) will begin Wednesday, March 23 from 7-8 pm** and continue weekly through the end of April. Look for more information from club leaders in the coming weeks.

#### Save the date for the BCMC all church retreat May 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah!

Everyone is invited to spend the night, join for the day activities, or come up for Sunday morning. More information will be coming soon!

#### Collecting Supplies for our BCMC College Students!

Faith Formation Commission is collecting non-perishable goodies for our BCMC college students. We currently have 10 youth attending colleges in Virginia, Kansas, Minnesota, and Missouri. We would love to share our love and support with them in their final months of the year and are asking for donations of snacks, fast food gift cards, microwavable food (i.e. ramen, mac n cheese, popcorn, etc.), chewing gum, chapstick, hand sanitizer and masks, or cash. We invite people to bring 10 items for each of our students and place them in their Fed Ex boxes that will be located on a table in The Gathering Place foyer on Sunday March 20th and March 27th. We will mail the boxes on March 28th.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS:** There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday through April 3 for persons willing to take the time and energy to help alleviate physical suffering around the world by baking pies, Zwieback, etc., for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Don't pass up this chance to exercise your culinary skills in the service of Christ and his kin-dom.

**MY COINS COUNT:** In addition to the collection jars in the Sunday School rooms, you will note that jars have been placed in the back of the sanctuary by the offering plates. We don't want to deny those of you who aren't attending a Sunday School class the opportunity to lighten both the weight of your pockets and your feelings of guilt for not contributing regularly to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

**The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$3000 in matching funds to support needs in our church last year.** Jim Robb serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.