

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Give thanks for the work of the WDC Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

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  
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 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

**BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**March 20, 2022**

**From Earning to Receiving  
Seeking God's Ways**

Prelude *Lonesome Valley* (arr. Francis Jackson)—Verlene Garber, organ  
*Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen* (J.S. Bach)

Introit *Calm Me Lord* [VT 680]  
 Chancel Choir, William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Christ Candle Lighting Dave Linscheid

Call to Worship  
 Leader: Together we seek the way of God,  
**People: whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,  
**People: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God  
**People: without money and without price.**

**All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.**

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 acting as if we must earn your love. Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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 *My Hope is Built* VT 621

Children's Conversation Jim Robb

Worship Music *Do Not Be Afraid* (Philip W. J. Stopford) Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9 Jon and Justin Zerger

Sermon *A Year of Grace* Renee Reimer

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.

*Hymn	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	VT 610
Prayers of God's People		Dave Linscheid
*Hymn	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	VT 847
Benediction		Renee Reimer
Benediction Response	<i>We are Tossed and Driven</i> [VT 311]	Chancel Choir
Postlude	<i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> (arr. Fleischer)	Verlene Garber

VT = *Voices Together*

\* You are invited to stand

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

### Staff Absences

Pastor Nathan Koontz is gone from March 14-20.

Pastor Renee Reimer will be gone from March 21-25.

### Future Event to Place on your Calendars

The Memorial Service for Mary Ann Unruh Gertsen will be Saturday, April 2, 11 am, in the BCMC sanctuary. Mary Ann died October 25, 2021.

**There will be a Mentor and Mentee event on Sunday, April 24th from 4-6pm at the North Newton pickleball court.** Faith Formation will lead some Bible minute to win it games, there will be yard games and snacks available, and hopefully some fun pickleball games for all to enjoy. Reach out to your mentor or mentee and come and spend some quality time together!

**The Land Acknowledgement Sunday School session after worship on March 6th sprouted interest for many individuals to dig a bit deeper into new learnings in this area.** Karin Kaufman Wall put together a "Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Resource" sheet for individuals or small groups to dig in deeper together. We invite you to engage some of these resources as individuals, households, or with your Sunday School classes. The link to the resource sheet is in emails and there are copies of it in the Gathering Place on the ledge between the mailboxes.

**Look for Sign up sheets** today for Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and for the pictorial — at the back of the sanctuary or in the Gathering Place.

### This week at BCMC

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

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

There will be no children and youth Sunday School on March 20 due to spring break. 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 22, 2022

**9-11 am** Community Playschool

**4 pm** Lent Prayers by Zoom

#### ▪ Wednesday, March 23, 2022—BCMC Pictorial Picture Taking—2 pm-9 pm

**7 pm** Youth Group in Gathering Place

**7 pm** Wednesday Night Club for 3rd to 8th Graders

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

#### ▪ Thursday, March 24, 2022—BCMC Pictorial Picture Taking—2 pm-9 pm

**4 pm** Witness Commission in Room 14

**4 pm** Lent Prayers by Zoom

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

#### ▪ Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, 2022—BCMC Pictorial Picture Taking Sunday, March 27—4th Sunday of Lent

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

**10:30 am** Faith Formation

**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.

### 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.