

Bethel College Mennonite Church March 27, 2022

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 Pdraig O Tuama. See email for Zoom link.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we continue to navigate what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. In particular, please pray for our new members/ baptism class that will be starting soon. -Pastor Tim Amor

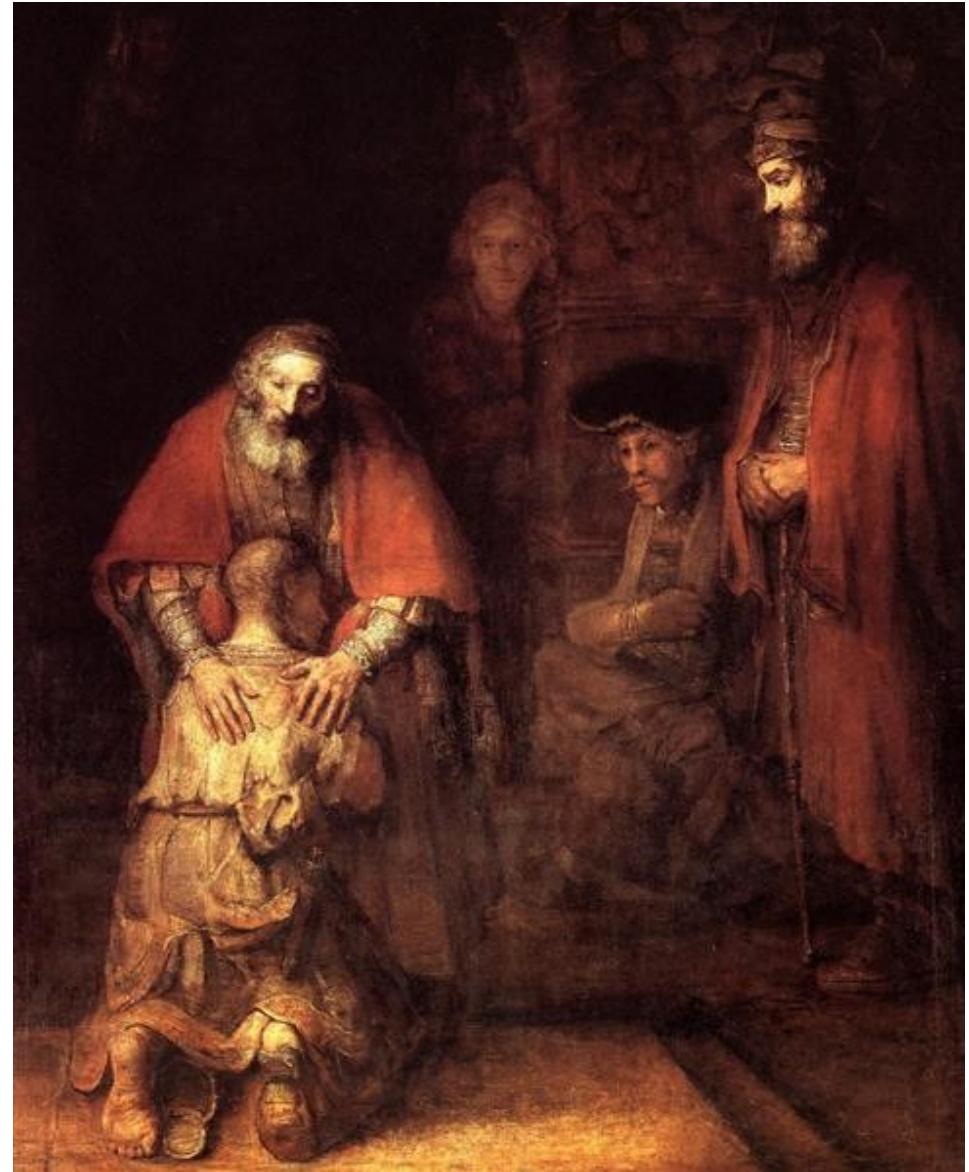
To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This 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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Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
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

- Pastor: Todd Schlosser—cell phone: 620-960-1718
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- Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Renee Reimer, Day off: Friday—
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- Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Nathan Koontz, Days off: Monday and Wednesday—cell
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- Custodian: Michael Crawford—day off Tuesday
- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber

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.



Return of the Prodigal Son—Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH
March 27, 2022—4th Sunday of Lent

Prelude *Adagio in A Minor* (J.S. Bach) Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Lighting the Christ Candle Lois Preheim

Welcome and Prayer

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: rejoicing that we are new creations in Christ.

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what is ours,

People: but through Jesus we learn that all share in God's inheritance.

Leader: Let us join God's feast,

People: where all celebrate together.

ALL: Let us live out God's way of inclusion.

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 thinking we deserve special treatment. Lead us to radical inclusion.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly.

ALL: and follow your way more faithfully.

*Hymn *Far, Far Away/I Will Arise* VT 300

Children's Conversation Megan Kohlman

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Lincoln and Brad Kohlman

Sermon . . . *with open arms* Todd Schlosser

*Hymn *Together* VT 389

Prayers of God's people Lois Preheim

*Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

*Benediction—Todd Schlosser

Postlude *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (Johann Gottfried Walther)
Karen Schlabaugh

VT = *Voices Together*

**You are invited to stand*

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, and Todd Schlosser

This week at BCMC

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!) - Room B8

Adult Classes: The Agape House; The Agape Class will meet in Room B8; Bible Study (Rm 14); Catacombs (Rm B5); Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Open Circle (Room 21); Seekers (Rm 28); Sojourners (Chapel); Mosaic (Rm 20)

▪ **Monday, March 28, 2022**

9 am Women's Fellowship Leadership Meeting in Fellowship Hall

10 am Library Committee in Room 14

▪ **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

9-11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Lent Prayers by Zoom

▪ **Wednesday, March 30, 2022—Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall**

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 31, 2022**

4 pm Witness Commission in Room 14

4 pm Lent Prayers by Zoom

6:15 pm Chancel Bells in Room B7

▪ **Saturday, April 2, 2022**

11 am Memorial for Mary Ann Gertsen in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 3—5th Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 am Faith Formation

You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr.

17. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, email your information to the church office about the donor of the lily and who is to be either honored or remembered. Place payment of \$11.00 per lily in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Apr.3. Make checks payable to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." You can sign up for a lily today at the back of the church or in the Gathering Place—look for the table!

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!