

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network joins Marlene Wall, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God’s people around the world will contribute to this ministry.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for congregational and conference delegates in WDC preparing to join others for discernment at the Mennonite Church USA special assembly May 27-30 in Kansas City.

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

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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

May 1, 2022

Easter Season

Prelude	<i>God's Love</i>	Will Wiebe-Friesen, piano <i>Were you there</i> (arr. M. Hamm)
Christ Candle Lighting		
Introit	<i>Celebration with Joy</i> (Dobrinski)	Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director
Land Acknowledgement		
Welcome and Prayer		Tim Hodge
*Hymn	<i>Lift Your Glad Voices</i>	VT 340
Children’s Conversation		Esther Koontz
Anthem	<i>Will the Circle Be Unbroken?</i> (arr. Page)	Chancel Bells
Scripture Reading	John 21:1-19	Adah Hodge
Sermon	<i>If the Oceans Were Ink</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing</i>	VT 344
Kin-dom Report		Mary Ellen Hodge
Prayers of God’s People		
*Hymn	<i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	VT 359
Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Benediction Response	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> (Lutkin)	Chancel Bells/Organ
Postlude	<i>Crown him with many crowns</i> (arr. J. Westenkuehler)	Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ

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.

*You are invited to stand
VT = Voices Together

Audio visual—Francis Toews

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

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.*

The memorial service for Keith Sprunger will be Saturday, May 7, 2022, 10:30 am in the BCMC Sanctuary. You are welcome to attend in person; the service will also be live-streamed. Visitation will be 5 pm to 9 pm Friday, May 6, at Petersen Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home.

Last call for Mennoscah Retreat Registrations! Still plenty of space available for overnights, and an unlimited amount of space on both Saturday and Sunday if you're just wanting to come for the day! If you're planning on coming - or even mostly sure you'll be attending - and would like to have meals, it is really helpful to have even a rough head count. Here's where you can register: <https://forms.gle/p3HXhWXFik11C9N89>

It should be a great opportunity to fellowship at Camp, and we would love to see you there! Any questions - reach out to Adam Robb (adamandjillrobb@gmail.com). Registration will close on Monday, May 2nd at 9:00 am.

Staff Absences

Renee will be out of town for a wedding April 29th-May 1st.

Calling all Graduates!

Graduation season is upon us and we want to recognize all of you! If you are graduating from kindergarten, high school, college, graduate programs, doctorates, etc. please let us know.

Schedule for BCMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Saturday, May 7

1 – 5:30 PM: Arrive, settle in, optional camp activities

5:30 – 6:30 PM – Supper

6:50 – 8:15 PM – Hayrack Ride

8:30 PM – Popcorn under the Shelter

9:00 PM – Camp Songs under the Shelter

9:30 PM – Campfire @ Campfire Pit

After Campfire: Fellowship Continues!

Sunday, May 8:

8 – 9 AM: Breakfast

9:45 AM – Hymn Sing Prelude

10–11 AM: Worship (*Dress for outdoor conditions*)

12 PM: Lunch

Are you "Unsatisfied"? Particularly with your knowledge of how you can impact change of our church culture? Join us during the Sunday School hour May 22 to read the article "Unsatisfied". Lead by members of the APRC, we will read this short article, "Unsatisfied", together and discuss how purity culture has impacted our current culture at BCMC . Articles will be made available that day. Jill Robb, APRC Chair

You are cordially invited to the annual Masterworks Concert

Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. Memorial Hall featuring Mozart's *Requiem* and Rutter's *Gloria*. Choir and orchestra consisting of collegiate singers, alumni and community members. No tickets required; a freewill offering will be taken . Everyone is welcome!

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concert - May 1

KMMC Concert Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 pm in Presser Hall at Bethany College, Lindsborg KS.

Rejoice Devotional Subscriptions

For those of you who are currently subscribed to the *Rejoice* Devotional Magazine, the last issue for this year (June-July-August) is in your mailboxes here at church. To renew for the coming year (or if you wish to join as a new subscriber) please drop a check in the offering plate for \$33.11 (in the memo line put "Rejoice" subscription), or mail your check to the church at PO Box 364, North Newton, KS, 67117, or bring to the church office by May 31.

line) and drop it off on Sunday morning or in the church office.

Please reach out to Mary Ellen Hodge at hodge_mer@yahoo.com if you are able to help with any of this opportunities.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **Nurses needed for Summer Youth Camps!** Your time and skill give campers a week of growing in Christian fellowship and experiencing God's great creation. Nurses need to be a licensed RN. Nurses are needed for June 12-18, July 3-9, and July 24-29. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org
- **The theme for Summer Youth Camps is "What's in a Name?"** Come to Camp Mennoscah and discover how God knows us beyond any name we are called. Be called to be a child of God! All weeks of camp still have openings. Sign up at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>
- **May 21 Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah!** Projects will start at 8:30am at the maintenance shed. Both indoor and outdoor work available. Bring your water bottle and lunch. Grab a group of friends and make a day of it! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to register.
- **The summer staffers for 2022 are** (alphabetical by first name) Ben Rudeen (music), Beth Balzer (crafts), Charlie Major (lifeguard plus...), Ethan Entz (unassigned), Harley McCormick (office), Jonah Schloneger (unassigned), Maddie Bollinger (lifeguard), and Schlyer Entz (lifeguard).
- **Summer Youth Camp scholarships are available.** Contact us at 620-297-3290 or fill out the request form. Camp is for everyone!
- **Groups are invited to set their own precautions based on the comfort level of their group.** Please note the RV electrical hookups are not available due to safety concerns.
- **Camp staff work hours vary depending on scheduled events for the week.** The office assistant also works part-time from home. (Whenever a group is at camp, a staff person/host will be on duty.) Thank you for understanding! We will be in touch as soon as possible.

This week at BCMC

▪ Sunday, May 1, 2022

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

10:30 am Faith Formation

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)

▪ Monday, May 2, 2022

9 am Women's Fellowship Leadership Meeting in Fellowship Hall

7 pm Facilities Committee Meeting in Room 14

7-9:30 pm Offender Victim Ministries Prison Training Inquiry in Fellowship Hall

▪ Tuesday, May 3, 2022

9-11 am Community Playschool

▪ Wednesday, May 4, 2022

7-8 pm Youth Group in the Gathering Place

▪ Thursday, May 5, 2022

9-11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Church Board Meeting in Fellowship Hall

▪ Saturday, May 7, 2022

10:30 am Memorial service for Keith Sprunger in the Sanctuary (and live streamed)

1 pm BCMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

▪ Sunday, May 8, 2022

10 am Worship service at Camp Mennoscah

12 pm Lunch at Camp Mennoscah

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Bill Eash for his many years of musical service to BCMC. Bill is retiring from his role as Chancel Choir Director. At various times, he has also led different iterations of the children's choirs at BCMC. We appreciate the way he has led our singing, encouraged the musical side of our children, and blended our voices in praise to God. Bill, we wish you many blessings in your next chapter!

Worship during May and June of 2022

Please make note of the many opportunities to worship with us in a different way the next few weeks. The last day of children and youth Sunday school and a staffed nursery will be May 1st.

- May 1** Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
9:30 am Worship, with Chancel Bells; sermon by Nathan Koontz
- May 8** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
10:00 am Worship, with baptisms of Adah Hodge and Lily Schloneger
- May 15** Baccalaureate at Bethel College Memorial Hall
10:00 am Worship, with Concert Choir;
reflections on "Harvest Time: Stories of Growth and Resilience" by Bethel College graduating seniors
- May 22** Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
9:30 am Worship, with sermon by Todd Schlosser; graduating high school senior recognition
- May 29** Vlog with Shalom, New Creation, BCMC (Supportive Community Network churches in Newton)
9:30 am Watch the collaborative vlog on your own or in the fellowship hall with other BCMC folks followed by informal conversation
- June 5** Vacation Bible School Worship and Picnic with all the Newton Mennonite Churches at Athletic Park
10:00 am Worship, with leadership by VBS participants, followed by a potluck lunch in the park. Bring a dish to share at the potluck lunch, table service, and lawn chair.
- June 12** Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
9:30 am Worship, with farewell to Pastor Renee
- June 19** Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
9:30 am Worship, with sermon by Nathan Koontz

June 26
9:30 am

Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
Worship, with sermon by Todd Schlosser

VBS Help Needed

BCMC, along with Casa Betania, First Mennonite, Faith, Shalom, and New Creation Fellowship will be holding a joint Vacation Bible School May 31-June 3 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at First Mennonite Church.

BCMC is in charge of providing a light meal on Thursday, June 2nd. We are looking for a team of 4-5 individuals who would be willing to make and provide the meal, serve the meal, keep an eye on the children who are eating, and clean up afterwards.

We are also looking for one or two people strong enough to lead the Move-it Mountain Games. You will receive a curriculum guide with all that is needed to perform this task.

We also need 2-3 group leaders from our congregation who will move with their student group from location to location. This would be a great opportunity for our youth to get involved, or anyone else at church who enjoys being around children.

Summer Camp Season is approaching!

Faith Formation Commission recognizes that attending summer camps is not cheap, but that it is an extremely valuable part of faith formation for our young people. We have some scholarship funding available to assist families with covering the cost of registering for the 2022 camping season. We also hope to have funds available after the camping season to provide some amount of reimbursement to all families with campers. Please contact Mary Ellen Hodge or Pastor Todd Schlosser if you'd like assistance with camp registration this summer. These funds are only available to campers who camp at Mennonite camps. We encourage you to get registered early for an awesome summer of camping experiences!

If anyone at BCMC would like to support our young people attending camp you can feel free to donate to our Mennonite Camping Scholarship Fund by writing a check made out to BCMC (with Mennointe Camp Scholarship in the memo