

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, are in their final months at their unit houses and volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to relationships in their hosting communities and find ways to implement what they have learned, as they move into their futures.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, that they would experience God’s faithfulness, love and guidance during times of change and uncertainty.

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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- Custodian: Michael Crawford—day off Tuesday
- 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



June 12, 2022

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

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Prelude	<i>When Morning Guilds the Skies</i> (arr. Lind)	Verlene Garber, organ <i>Angel 94</i> Caleb Koontz—piano
Land Acknowledgement		
Christ Candle Lighting		Nathan Koontz
Scripture Reading	John 11: 1-16	Jill Robb
Call to Worship		Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i>	VT 25
Scripture Reading	John 11:17-37	Jill Robb
Children's Conversation		Renee Reimer
Hymn	<i>We Are One in the Spirit</i>	VT 387
Scripture Reading	John 11: 38-44	Jill Robb
Sermon	<i>Slowing Down and Remembering</i>	Renee Reimer
*Hymn	<i>Seeds</i>	VT 777
Litany of Blessing and Release	Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Brad Kohlman, <i>BCMC Church Board</i> ; Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Western District Conference	
Prayers of God's People		Nathan Koontz

*Hymn

The Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

Benediction

Renee Reimer

Postlude

We are one in the Spirit (arr. Nelsen)

Verlene Garber

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual—Francis Toews

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

We light the Christ candle to welcome God's presence among us. Sent out from worship, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. The nursery at the back of the sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Lois and Ron Preheim's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Ron and Lois!

Staff Absence: Pastor Todd Schlosser will be away from the office June 13-14.

Pride Month at BCMC

During June Pride month celebrating LGBTQIA persons, we have pride flags flying all around our church campus. In addition, these flags are in celebration of the recent resolutions passed at the MCUSA Special Delegate Assembly that open up access to the LGBTQIA persons in MCUSA and acknowledge previous harm that has been done to them by the church. Also throughout the month of June, the BCMC Supportive Communities Network banner will be at the front of the sanctuary. Finally, members from our congregation will also be attending a Unity March and potluck on June 25 in Wichita sponsored by Wichita Pride. Go to their website for more details. If you are planning on attending, please contact Nathan Koontz so he can get you a button.

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 Mennonite Camp Scholarship in the memo line) and drop it off on Sunday morning or in the church office.

The Library theme for June and July is Caldecott and John Newbery Award Winners. We have many of these award winning books that would be of interest to both adults and children. Come check them out. **We are also continuing to accept and sell puzzles.** Not only are they on the cart, but also below the new book section on the west wall. Just leave a suggested donation of \$5 in the envelope and enjoy. We have a long list of books that we would like to add to our collection and this is a great way to support our efforts.

To fellow worshipers of Bethel College Mennonite Church: The screen study committee is grateful for the strong support that our fellowship has given to installing a screen in our sanctuary. We continue to believe that it will enhance worship and provide enhanced experiences for conferences, weddings and other events. We have been receiving gifts and commitments to cover the requested 1/4th of the total cost of the project prior to beginning installation. To date, we have received a little less than ½ of the required \$11,250.00. McClellan Sound has advised us that there will be a significant price increase for the projector and screen in the middle of June. So there is some urgency for us to fulfill the balance of the "tithes" very soon so that we can begin the installation. We request and encourage those able to contribute toward the project to do so very soon. These contributions can be in the form of cash donations or pledges to be completed at a later time. Thanks, Bill Swartley, Church Board member

Bethel College's Prison Theater Project is currently in process, with director John McCabe-Juhnke, Bethel students and several men from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility minimum-security East Unit. The public performance at HCF is Fri., July 1, and the project is looking for an audience. If you'd like to go, contact Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton at 316-283-2038 (Mon.-Thurs.) before June 24.

Litany of Release and Blessing

Church moderator: As sisters and brothers in this faith community, today we give thanks for your almost three years of ministry among us, Renee. We say farewell to you and we ask God to bless the journey ahead – yours and this congregation's work to move forward.

Congregation: All praise be to our God. In God there is one Body, one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us all.

Renee: We have shared worship and work--much of it during complex circumstances. I've gotten to know you in the park, over Zoom and text, and in this church building. We've worked hard to creatively craft consistent faith formation ministries in the midst of challenges. We enjoyed bible studies, games, and service projects. I treasure the ways we followed Jesus together.

Church moderator: This is a time of many feelings: sadness, joy, loss, and thankfulness. It's the goodbyes that are hard, but we have accomplished much during these years together, and we give God thanks and praise for you and your fruitful ministry.

Renee: I leave with cherished memories of our times together. You have shaped my faith. You have helped me see and seek God's presence in our lives and in the community. Thank you for your care, your creativity, your encouragement, and your hope along the way.

Church moderator elect: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life and ministry journey.

Conference Minister: As you, the people of Bethel College Mennonite Church, bless Renee as she leaves this congregation, do you now release her from her pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

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Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for Renee's faithful leadership and now acknowledge this transition in the life of our congregation. We will pray for God's continued guidance in her life.

Conference Minister: Renee, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as their pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Renee: With the help of God, I do. When we meet in the future, we will be siblings in Christ, not pastor and church members. I will hold the congregation and its ministries in my prayers.

Conference Minister: Renee, may God bless and guide you on the next steps of your journey. May you ultimately form new, caring relationships in a new and beloved community, wherever that may be. May God bless the rest and renewal that you seek and the work that you will undertake next. May God bless and guide this congregation into a hopeful future as it continues kingdom work and seeks new leadership. May God bless and guide each of us in the new relationship that we now will share. Amen.

Join us for a come-and-go Farewell Reception for Renee Reimer on Monday, June 13, from 5 – 7 pm. We'll be outside on the church lawn, wind and weather permitting.

Brad, Megan, Lincoln, & Lawrence Kohlman would like to invite our BCMC family to an ice cream social in our backyard - 707 Wheat Lane, Hesston, KS! Come & go from 6:30-8 pm **today, June 12.**

We'll have water, ice cream with toppings, and yard games. Bring a lawn chair and another drink if you'd like and join us for a fun evening!
RSVPs appreciated to meganbkohlman@gmail.com.

We offer sympathy to the family of Dean Koppes. Dean died at Kidron Bethel Village on May 30. Dean was a long time member of BCMC. Please remember his wife, Linda, in prayer.

We offer sympathy to the family of Orletta Wiebe. Orletta died June 8 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. Memorial plans are being made and the date will be announced later.

This Week at BCMC: June 12-19, 2022

Sunday, June 12

10:30 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

Adult Classes (If meeting): Agape Class (Rm B8) 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)

An Invitation from the Seekers Sunday School Class

Today Seekers Sunday school will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Kamala Platt will read from her poetry book: "Gravity Prevails: and so does love". [Everyone is welcome](#)

6:30 to 8 pm Come & go ice cream social at Brad, Megan, Lincoln, and Lawrence Kohlman's house, 707 Wheat Lane, Hesston

Monday, June 13

5-7 pm Come and go reception for Pastor Renee Reimer

Tuesday, June 14

12 noon Mid Kansas Investment Club meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 19—Juneteenth

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz

10:30 am Faith Formation

Land Acknowledgement compiled by Florence Schloneger from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

*As we do at the first 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.*

Support the ministry of San Antonio Mennonite Church (SAMC) at Western District Conference Annual Assembly! Bring an extra bag full of toiletries, underwear, and socks (or any of those) to Camp Copass! San Antonio Mennonite Church ministers to so many migrants throughout the year who come with so little. Most of these people need the basics--clean underwear and socks (adult or children's size), travel-size shampoo, toothpaste, or a bar of soap. We're going to help stock SAMC's shelves.