

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the members of Mennonite churches in Venezuela, as they extend the love of Jesus to their neighbors during a time when more than 90% of the population is living in poverty, and more than 75% are experiencing extreme poverty. Pray for the churches as they address both food insecurity and spiritual hunger.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee, and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions as they prepare nominations for elected leadership positions to bring for delegate action at WDC's annual assembly.

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
Email: todd@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
- Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Nathan Koontz, Day off: Wednesday—
cell phone: 316-212-4593; Email: nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
- Office/Facilities Manager: Monica Lichti, cell phone 316-249-9652
Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
- 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 19, 2022
Juneteenth**

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

June 19, 2022

Juneteenth

Prelude	Music with African Roots <i>Poor Mourner's Got A Home</i> Wallace McClain Cheatham <i>At a Certain Church</i> John W. Work III Karen Schlabaugh, piano
Christ Candle Lighting	Todd Schlosser
Welcome and Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>Rain Down</i> VT 703
Children's Conversation	Esther Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> VT 611
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:17-31 Dorothy Nickel Friesen
Sermon	<i>Point of Reference</i> Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Praise with Joy the World's Creator</i> VT 428
Prayers of God's People	
*Hymn	<i>Sing a New World Into Being</i> VT 809
Benediction	Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child</i> arr. Eugenia R. Rocherolle

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—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.

We offer sympathy to the family of James 'Jim' Gaeddert. James died June 15, 2022. Jim's children are Douglas (Lisa), Gregory (Terri), Bradley (Tracy Kruse), and Janelle Benninghoff (Dan). BCMC member Joel Gaeddert is a grandchild (Crystal, Collin, and Brett). A memorial service is being planned and the date will be announced later.

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.

Good-bye to Pastor Renee Reimer:

The Church Board and congregation bid farewell to Renee during her last Sunday with us (June 12) and during a reception on Monday, June 13. Her final day of work with the church is June 17. We are so grateful for her work with the church and for her conversations and suggestions during this time of leaving. Although we'll miss you, we wish you well, Renee!

Budget update: For May 2022, income was \$35,452 and expenses were \$38,968. For the year-to-date, income is \$176,381 and expenses are 214,380. - *The Finance Committee*

Bethel College's Prison Theater Project is currently in process, with director John McCabe-Juhnke, Bethel students and seven men from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility minimum-security East Unit. The public performance at HCF is Friday, July 1, 7 p.m., 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.) by June 23.



Start out the morning with God at Western District Conference Assembly! - Tonya Ramer Wenger will be leading morning prayer Saturday and Sunday at 7 am at Camp Copass as part of our Annual Assembly. Camp Copass is on a lovely peninsula, so morning prayer will be by the lake. We hope you'll join us. Register at: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-annual-assembly-registration/>

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.

June Western District Conference Resource Library Final Thursday Book Discussion: "At no other time in history or place in the world have so many people understood themselves to be suffering from mental health problems." In *Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another*, author Carlene Hill Byron calls and equips the church to step up for such a time as this. Join us Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 pm via Zoom to discuss the book. Register by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org

Mennonites Against Militarism - a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. and Mennonite Church USA - is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called **Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN)**. AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

This Week at BCMC: June 19-26, 2022

Sunday, June 19

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)

Monday, June 20—Juneteenth—This is a holiday for church staff; church will be locked and the office closed today

9 am Women's Fellowship Executive Board will meet at Lois Preheim's home, 3005 S. Kansas Road, Newton

Tuesday, June 21

9 am KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) will be using the Fellowship Hall and some classrooms in the basement for meetings Tuesday through Friday morning

Thursday, June 23

2 pm Hospitality Commission meeting in Room 14

7 pm Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Friday, June 24

3 pm Memorial service for Orletta Wiebe in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Todd Schlosser

10:30 am Faith Formation

The memorial service for Orletta Wiebe will be June 24, 3 pm, at BCMC. You may attend in person or by live stream. Orletta died June 8 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston.

On-call cookie crew. BCMC thanks those who have facilitated meals and receptions after memorial services in the past. Since April, a new Funeral Committee has hosted box lunches for families, with BCMC providing dessert. We may also host receptions after a service. With that in mind, could you provide cookies, bar cookies or brownies, if it suits? To join the on-call cookie crew, email dave.linscheid@gmail.com. Thank you.

- *Dennis and Kathy Campbell, Tom Jackson, Dave Linscheid, Kathryn Simmons and Doris Whillock*

Update from the Church Board:

BCMC is in a time of transition, an “in-between” time of waiting and working in the boundary between what was and what will be. These times are rich with possibility for new understanding of our past and current status and for re-envisioning and planning our future. The following are updates on Church Board work during these transitional times:

Credence and Company Consultants:

BCMC has contracted with Credence to help us assess congregational strengths and challenges and review our current leadership structures as we consider the future with new pastors. As a part of the process, each congregant will receive a survey to begin gathering information. All are encouraged to complete the survey and return it promptly; your perspectives are important! The survey can be completed online but will also be available in paper format for those who request it through the church office. For households with shared email addresses, it is possible for more than one person to complete the survey received through one email address. Names will differentiate surveys from the same household email address. After individual and group interviews as well as preliminary reports and feedback, the consultants plan to submit their final report to the church sometime before Advent. A reference group of David Linscheid, Lois Preheim, Megan Kohlman, Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, and Todd Schlosser has been offering feedback to the consultants. Thank you for taking on this important work!

Screen Project:

It is with gratitude and excitement that we announce that we achieved the requested \$12,200 commitment by the congregation to move ahead with the new screen for the front of the sanctuary. The church will also make a tithing donation to the International Rescue Committee as a part of this project. Thanks to the screen study task group for all their fine work over the last two years! And thanks to so many in our congregation who made an early donation to the project! Additional donations will be needed in the coming months to complete the project.

Expanded Pastoral Time for Nathan Koontz:

The Church Board has approved a proposal to expand Nathan’s time from ½ time to ¾ time beginning June 13. The MOU is through November 27; Nathan and the Church Board will review the arrangement together in October or November to determine continuation. His additional work will focus on preaching (one additional Sunday each month) and performing the role of worship coordinator. Worship coordination includes making arrangements for worship leaders, scripture readers, and children’s storytellers; liaison work with musicians; work with guest pastors; and other planning and tasks as appropriate. Thank you, Nathan!

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.