

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Gordon McDade, Karen Sethuraman and Patricia Whitestone, community chaplains with Soul Space, an organization that walks alongside peacemakers in Belfast, Northern Ireland, a city fractured by partisan conflict. Pray for Gordon, Karen and Patricia as they offer hospitable spaces where people can process the traumas they have experienced.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** As we celebrate Pentecost this month, join the Church Planting Commission in praying for WDC congregations to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to explore new initiatives energizing and promoting the mission and vision of Jesus' Kingdom of God. May each congregation be alert to their own unique opportunities and assets inviting new possibilities for discipleship, evangelism, mission, and outreach. AMEN – Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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 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 Minerger
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

## Bethel College Mennonite Church



**June 26, 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**

**June 26, 2022**

Prelude		Julianna Schrag
Christ Candle Lighting		Sara Dick
Welcome and Prayer		Sara Dick
*Hymn	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	VT 747
Children's Conversation		Kathy Stucky
Scripture Reading	Luke 9:51-62	Bill Swartley
Sermon	<i>Unswerving Intensity</i>	Todd Schlosser
*Hymn	<i>Jesus Christ is Waiting</i>	VT 287
Prayers of God's People		Sara Dick
*Hymn	<i>Heart With Loving Heart United</i>	VT 813
Benediction		Todd Schlosser
Postlude		Julianna Schrag

\*You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Keyboard—Julianna Schrag and Verlene Garber

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

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 for July 23. More details will come 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.

**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*

**Berlin Exodus Presentation - Sun., June 26—7:00 pm**—Come hear the story of how Mennonite Central Committee worker, Peter Dyck, moved 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin to a waiting ship in West Germany to travel to Paraguay in 1947 (75 years ago). The Berlin Exodus (also known as the Great Escape) is the theme of an evening presentation at Trinity Mennonite Church (211 Elm Street, Hillsboro, KS) led by Calvin Buller.



**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/>

**WDC Annual Assembly Workshops** - Mennonite World Conference Snapshot, Everence financial resources, Healthy Boundaries: What Is Your Pastor Learning?, church planting and revitalization, immigrant ministries of San Antonio Mennonite Church, and more! Both virtual and on-site workshops available! Register at <https://mennowdc.org/2022-annual-assembly-registration/> for WDC Annual Assembly! Registration closes July 15.

**Easy way to give!** Do you want an easy way to donate to help cover WDC Annual Assembly expenses? Simply text 316-320-0787, then click the "Fund" dropdown menu and choose "Assembly Contributions." We are grateful for any gifts toward this important annual gathering. Thank you for your support!

**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](mailto: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 26-July 4, 2022**

### **Sunday, June 26**

10:15 am Fellowship Time with coffee and water served in the Gathering Place

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)

### **Sunday, July 3**

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Todd Schlosser

10:30 am Faith Formation

**Monday, July 4—The church will be locked and the office closed for the Independence Day Holiday**

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**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](mailto:dave.linscheid@gmail.com). Thank you.  
*Dennis and Kathy Campbell, Tom Jackson, Dave Linscheid, Kathryn Simmons and Doris Whillock*

**Faith Formation would like for everyone to fill out a short survey regarding interest in attending an intergenerational Sunday School class this coming school year with our children and youth.** We are looking for adults who are interested in joining the class for one month out of the year. Please take a look at the survey and see if any of the areas of opportunity to help will interest you.  
<https://forms.gle/v5q4uWeY4XE8w6vX7>

**BCMC June 19 Offering:** General Fund \$8,342; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$2,163.33; Screen Project \$1,138; Kenneth Schmidt Memorial \$25.

### **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:

#### **Have you completed the survey? Respond by July 1.**

BCMC has contracted with Credence Company 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 received an emailed letter and survey on June 15. All are encouraged to complete the survey and return it promptly; our consultants are hoping to receive all responses by July 1. 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. Credence staff is now beginning oral interviews through Zoom as well; the Church Board completed a group interview on Monday evening, June 20. Please indicate on the survey if you are willing to be one of the 35 congregants who will be interviewed individually. Thanks for your participation and thoughtful responses!

#### **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!

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**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.