

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is leading a nine-day immigration and borderlands learning tour in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the 15 participants as they come face-to-face with injustice and racism in many forms.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for the gifts shared by elected leaders in WDC as they conclude another year of service on the WDC Executive Board, Commissions and Gifts Discernment Committee at the end of July.

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.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave., Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117
Phone: 316-283-3667—Fax: 316-283-2079 Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
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



July 17, 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>Come, thou fount</i> (arr. R. Lau)	Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		Jim Robb
Welcome and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>God Be the Love</i>	VT 43
Children's Conversation		Deb Gering
Worship Music		Suzy Burch
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:38-42	Sondra Koontz
Sermon		Eric Massanari
*Hymn	<i>O Thou, In Whose Presence</i>	VT 600
Kin-dom Report		Mary Ellen Hodge
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>La paz de la tierra (The peace of the earth be with you)</i> (sung in Spanish and then in English)	VT 838
Benediction		Eric Massanari
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i> (L. Boëllmann)	Will Wiebe-Friesen

* 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.

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>

The 2022 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Daniel Shank Cruz, Chris Dick, June Mears Driedger, Susan Kennel Harrison, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Gordon Houser, Reinhild K. Janzen, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Steve Nolt, Rachel Pannabecker, Karen Reimer, Ben Woodward-Breckbill and Melanie Zuercher.

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall 2022 semester – but It will be on a different day. Life Enrichment resumes Thursday, Aug. 25, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information, and look for a brochure coming soon.

Colorado peaches are back! Place your order for fresh Colorado peaches, just \$27 for 10 lb. box and \$38 for 18 lb. box by calling Mennonite Central Committee at 316-283-2720 or emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org. Peaches must be ordered and paid for by July 25. The peaches are offered as a fundraiser for the Colorado MCC Relief Sale, **please make payment by check to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line.** Generous volunteers Jerry and Leann Toews will bring the peaches from Colorado to MCC in North Newton for you to pick-up around August 22.



Western District Conference Assembly, July 29-31

Looking for a dream vacation this summer while serving the church? Camp Copass near Denton, Texas, might be just the ticket for you. It's the site for the annual WDC Assembly. You'll find registration information at <https://mennowdc.org/2022-wdc-annual-assembly/>. If attending the assembly in person, the

cost for housing and meals is \$168 (there is no registration fee). Transportation is available via vans from North Newton for \$25 per person. There is also a virtual option for attending the assembly, although that does involve a \$50 registration fee. The Gifts Discernment Committee will provide at least \$150 for any delegates attending in person; \$50 dollars for those participating virtually. BCMC qualifies for 16 delegates. Registration deadline is July 15. **Contact the church office or a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee if you plan to attend.**

GDC members: Dale Schrag, Jerry Buller, Elaine Prouty, Jeanette Stucky

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!

MCC School Kit season is right around the corner! MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti.

Things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

-Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center.

-MCC North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so you can skip erasers and they'll be added when the kit is checked at MCC.

-The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.

-You can find the directions for school kits at mcc.org, or contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions.

Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

This Week at BCMC: July 17—24, 2022

Sunday, July 17—Live stream (YouTube) link for this Sunday is:

https://youtu.be/GIblg_XNIm8

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)

Monday, July 18—Pastor Nathan Koontz will be on vacation through July 24

Saturday, July 23

3 pm Memorial Service for Jim Gaeddert—you are invited to attend in person or by live-stream

Sunday, July 24

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Todd Schlosser

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

10:30 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

The letter from the BCMC Church Board expressing affirmation and encouragement to denominational leadership at Mennonite Church USA regarding the recent approval of the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation at the Special Delegate Assembly at the end of May is underneath the balcony at the back of the church. Denomination leadership is hearing from various perspectives in the wake of this resolution. We want them to know that we are filled with hope and gratitude for our denomination moving forward toward healing and repair, and toward equity and justice, despite the hard work ahead.

If you are interested in signing this letter come to the back of the sanctuary today. Thanks from the Inclusion Task Group, Megan Kohlman, Karen Ediger, Karen Penner, John Kliwer, & Nathan Koontz

Adam, Jill, Al, Nadine, Jake, and Gabby would like to invite the BCMC congregation to the Robb house (193 20th Ave., Moundridge - two miles west of the blinking light, then turn south) on Sunday, July 24 at 6 PM for a wiener roast and social time! We'll provide the hotdogs and fixins, along with chips and beverages, and hope that you can join us in fellowship. If you come, and would like to bring a side or dessert, please feel free to - but nothing is required! We will also have a few chairs, but would ask that if you have your own, that you bring those. And, if you'll be able to join us, please let us know (email Adam and Jill at adamandjillrobb@gmail.com or catch us in church) by Thursday, July 21 so that we can plan accordingly to make sure there are enough supplies! We look forward to hopefully seeing you for some fellowship in the Moundridge countryside!

The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee will take the months of July and part of August to read the book, #Church Too. On Sunday August 21 will be spent sharing reactions to the book, and on August 28 guiding questions will be used to help us discuss how we as a congregation can use the information from the book to help us create a healthy culture around sexuality at BCMC that supports survivors, our children/youth and ourselves. The book can be purchased through Amazon, requested through Faith and Life bookstore, or your favorite local independent bookstore of your choice. If demand is high we will pivot and figure out a way to have copies available in the church office for purchase. - Jill Robb, APRC chair

Kidron Bethel Village is looking for a volunteer to go on walks with a Kidron Bethel Village resident (wheelchair) during the late afternoon or evenings once or twice a week. If you are able to help, contact Shelley Lujano at 316-836-4821 or shelleyl@bluestemks.org.

New Hope Shelter be hosting a Volunteer Training Session on Thursday, July 21 at 7 pm. New Hope's volunteer shift hours are 5 pm to 11 pm daily. Anyone who signs up to be a volunteer must be trained by a staff member beforehand. Even if you have volunteered before COVID, you may want to come back in for a refresher course. If anyone who is interested in signing up for volunteer training, please contact Valetta Seymour no later than Tuesday, July 19. seymour2314@gmail.com, 620-217-7536.

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.

The Library Committee has processed almost 20 new books, 10 of them purchased and donated by The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee. The APRC books can be found on the Pastor's Corner shelf which is now located on the west wall with the other recent purchases. Another new purchase is "The Land Is Not Empty" by Sarah Augustine which was recommended by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery group. Please stop by and see what we have to offer and continue to browse and donate from our puzzle collection. The Library Committee

BCMC July 10 Offering: General Fund \$5,262.94; Library Reserve Fund \$20; Living Stones \$655; Kitchen Fund \$13; Women's Fellowship \$50; Screen Project \$50; Orletta Wiebe Memorial \$405.