

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network’s week-long Youth Venture civil rights learning tour begins today. Pray for the 23 participants as they focus on the realities of racial injustice in the United States, both in the past and the present.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC members and others participating on-site or virtually in Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Indonesia this week, and for God’s blessing on this time of worship, fellowship, and witness of the global Anabaptist community.

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



July 3, 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>The Spacious Firmament</i> (arr. DeCou) <i>On Jordan's Stormy Banks</i> (arr. Bish)	Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		
Land Acknowledgement		Raylene Hinz-Penner
Welcome and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Here in This Place</i>	VT 10
Children's Conversation		Tim Hodge
Worship Music	John Mark Koontz, piano; Josh Bergman, trumpet	
Scripture Reading	1 Kings 21:1-19	Heather and Justin Zerger
Sermon	<i>Naboth and Queen Lili'uokalani</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	VT 42
Kin-dom Report		Jill Robb
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</i>	VT 194
Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in C</i> (J.S. Bach)	Will Wiebe-Friesen

* You are invited to stand
VT = *Voices Together*
Audio visual—Francis Toews
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.

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.

We offer sympathy to the family of James 'Jim' Gaeddert. James died June 15, 2022. Please pray for Jim's wife, Leda, and Jim's children 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.

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*

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.



Western District Conference Annual Assembly is for all ages! Remember that this year, there is Assembly fun and faith formation for adults, youth (ages 12-18), children (ages 6-11), and childcare for those 5 and under. Generous scholarships for youth available! Register your whole family or youth group at <https://mennowdc.org/2022-annual-assembly-registration/>.

Registration closes July 15.

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

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!

This Week at BCMC: July 3—10, 2022

Sunday, July 3—Live stream link for this Sunday is:

<https://youtu.be/tgFAeUWJiQM>

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 4—The church will be locked and the office closed for the Independence Day Holiday

Thursday, July 7

7 pm Church Board Meeting in Room 14

Sunday, July 10

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!

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 26 Offering: General Fund \$9,497; Plant Fund \$150; Library Reserve Fund \$35; Living Stones \$655; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$100; Kitchen Fund \$20.21; Women's Fellowship \$50; Screen Project \$2,000.

Change to make to your BCMC Church Directory:

Jerry and Carol Buller have discontinued their phone land line.

Jerry's cell phone number: 316-283-0941 (this is also his shop number)

Carol's cell phone number: 316-772-8404

Jerry's email: jb-bullercycle@att.net

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:

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!

New Hope Shelter be hosting a Volunteer Training Session on Thursday, July 21st at 7pm.

Their volunteer shift hours are as follows: 5pm to 11pm daily. Anyone who signs up to be a volunteer must be trained by a Staff member beforehand. Even if they have volunteered before COVID, they 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