

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Join Naomi Leary, Mennonite Mission Network’s regional co-administrator for North America, as she praises God for renewed vigor in service programs across eight locations in the United States. After two years of decreased participation, due to the pandemic, the number of participants has doubled since last year. Pray for the 16 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and the 19 Service Adventure participants — 12 youth and seven unit leaders.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: As a new school begins, pray for wisdom for Sunday school coordinators, teachers, youth sponsors and mentors who guide faith formation for children, youth and adults in WDC congregations.

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.

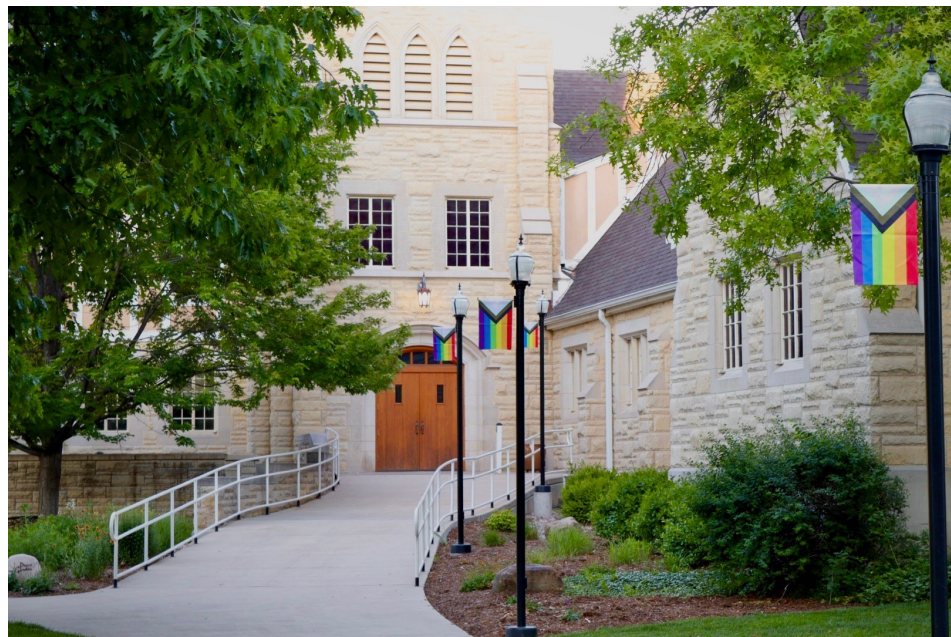
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Church office is closed Friday afternoons
Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled
Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm
Notary public service is available in the church office

- Pastor: Todd Schlosser—cell phone: 620-960-1718
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- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber
- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King Menno Singers Director: Virginia Mininger
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church



Welcome Bethel College Students!



August 14, 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
August 14, 2022

Prelude	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i> (Burkhardt) <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> (Burkhardt)	Karen Unruh, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome		Adam Robb
Prayer		Tobin Wise
*Hymn	<i>Holy Spirit, Come with Power</i>	VT 57
Children's Conversation		Jill Robb
Worship Music		Matt and Rebecca Schloneger
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:22-34	Becca Schlosser
Sermon	<i>Where Your Treasure Is</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	VT 124
Prayers of God's People		Adam Robb
*Hymn	<i>Go, My Friends, in Grace</i>	VT 810
Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>A Rejoicing</i> (Fedak)	Ka-
ren Unruh		

* You are invited to stand
VT = *Voices Together*
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.

Mentor-Mentee Event is today, Sun., Aug. 14, 4 to 6 pm in the BCMC Fellowship Hall.

Thank you very much for a successful month financially. July receipts were \$9000 more than expenses. Yay! However, we are not out of the woods yet with our receipts for the year lagging expenses by \$34,000, but we are moving in the right direction. The Finance Committee sincerely thanks you for your effort and encourages you to keep up the good work. —**Finance Committee**

BCMC Aug. 7 Offering: General Fund \$6,857; Living Stones \$340; Women's Fellowship \$50; Mission Quilters \$132.

The Church Pictorial Directories Have Arrived! If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture for the directory, you can pick up your copy of the pictorial directory in the Gathering Place before or after church Sunday morning during the month of August. Thank you for your participation and patience during the completion of this project. -**The Hospitality Commission**

The Chancel Choir is beginning a new year. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, at 7:30 pm and will begin on August 24th. Riley King will be directing. Anyone, from HS Freshmen to seasoned singers are welcome.

When Harvey County is in red status indicating high risk for COVID, BCMC requires that we wear masks when in the presence of others in the church building. The church staff monitors this on a weekly basis and adjusts masking and other policies accordingly."

New Task Group:

The Church Board has approved the formation of a task group to lead the church in finding ways for our congregation to move beyond land acknowledgement to tangible actions seeking justice for the harms which Indigenous peoples have suffered and continue to suffer today. We will discuss joining the Repair Network of Mennonite congregations for education, solidarity and reparative action alongside Indigenous peoples. The first action of the BCMC task group will be to help support MCC's "Loss of Turtle Island" experience for members of our congregation. If you would like to join the task group, contact Nathan Koontz or Ada Schmidt-Tieszen. Raylene Hinz-Penner will convene the task group.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will host a gathering to share ministry updates on Sunday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st Street, Newton, KS. Co-executive Coordinator John Fumana and his wife Lucie from Democratic Republic of Congo are planning to be present. For more information contact aimm@aimmint.org or 574-535-0077.

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.

Bluestem U, a lifelong learning program for individuals age 55 and better, is enrolling now for its first semester that will begin in September. The fall 2022 semester will feature three courses hosted by Hesston College and Schowalter Villa – “Prairie Landscaping 101” taught by Brad Guhr, “Happy Habits from Positive Psychology” taught by Kevin Wilder, and “Buggies, Bonnets and Boundaries: A Study of Amish Faith, Life and Culture” taught by John Sharp. Each course is \$50. For more information and registration, go to bluestemu.org or call 316-836-4846. Bluestem U is a partnership between Bluestem Communities, Bethel College and Hesston College.

Fall Book Study on Healing Haunted Histories - Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 2022 - Elaine Enns, co-author of *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*, will be leading an online, intensive book study this fall for the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Two-hour sessions will be every other Thursday, 6-8 pm Central Time, on Sept 8 and 22, Oct 6 and 20, Nov 3 and 17, and Dec 1. This book encourages personal and collective work toward decolonization. It asks those of us who are settlers, immigrants and displaced peoples to do our own pre-work of integrating our ancestral stories, so we can see more clearly and show up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. **See the Western District Conference website for more information.**

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is seeking a graphic designer who has experience with digital and print design, as well as social media, web and IT. Interest or experience in museum exhibition design and fabrication preferred. This is a full-time, benefits-eligible position. To see the complete job description and to apply, go to the <https://www.bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings/graphic-designer-kauffman-museum> For more information, contact Andi Andres at Kauffman Museum: asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

This Week at BCMC: August 14—21, 2022

Sunday, August 14—Live stream (YouTube) link for this Sunday is:
<https://youtu.be/lhetHskGkJ4>

New students at Bethel College will join BCMC worship today— afterwards you are invited to join the students on the BCMC lawn for refreshments

10:30 am Faith Formation—Everyone is 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)

Today from 4 to 6 pm Mentor/Mentee Event in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 16—Pastor Todd Schlosser will be away from the office today.

Sunday, August 21

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Nathan Koontz

10:30 am Faith Formation—**Sunday school parent orientation meeting in the sanctuary—will also be live-streamed**

BCMC Welcome for New Bethel College Students

Today we welcome the new students at Bethel College to our church. It is a large incoming class, numbering over 150 students from many different places. The gathering will start with our normal worship service to be followed by some refreshments outdoors. We invite all who feel comfortable to join the students for refreshments following the service (whether you view on line or in person) to meet and greet and to offer a warm welcome to Bethel and BCMC

We welcome BCMC member and Et Cetera Shop General Manager, Sara Dick, who will bring us the sermon on Sunday, August 28. The title of her sermon will be, “Push/Pull/Welcome!”

If you are willing to help in the nursery during worship this fall please email Margaret Toews at mtoews1@cox.net. One Sunday or several, all help is welcome!

Faith Formation will be hosting a Sunday school parent orientation meeting on August 21st from 10:30-11:30 am. This meeting will be recorded and all documents requiring signatures will be emailed to those who are unable to attend. We encourage attendance for those who are interested in hearing about the new way Sunday school will function this year!

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. A congregational survey has been completed. The consultants are currently in the process of interviewing 35 individual members of the congregation, gathering additional information from outside sources, and analyzing survey results. A preliminary report for congregational feedback will be shared with the congregation on a Sunday morning sometime in September or October. The final report will be completed before Advent. The 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!

It is time to renew the BCMC group subscription to *Anabaptist World*, a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world. If you sign up with the congregation's plan, you receive this publication at the discounted rate of \$39. If interested in joining the group plan, please contact Monica Lichti in the church office by **August 29**. New subscribers can also receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$39. To subscribe: email the church office: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Bring in or mail your \$39.00 payment to the office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Be sure to mark your checks with "Anabaptist World" in the memo line. If you are currently receiving *Anabaptist World* through the BCMC group subscription plan it will expire November 25, 2022. *Anabaptist World* would like us to renew the subscription now so that you will receive the magazine without interruption.

Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee announces the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on Sept. 10 & 11.

ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: *Women's Voices*. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be any separate programming for them. The Retreat Brochure and Registration Form are available on the church bulletin board. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend!

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The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee will continue in the month of August to read the book, #Church Too. Sunday August 21 will be spent sharing reactions to the book. 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 a local independent bookstore. If demand is high we will figure out a way to have copies available in the church office for purchase. - *Jill Robb, APRC chair*

The current BCMC Library theme is "Committee Book Recommendations". Our current members, picked a few of our favorites from our wonderful collection and they are now shelved in back of the library desk. Come in, check one (or two or three) out and see if you agree with us. Carol Flickinger, Rose Haury, Barb Koontz, Sondra Koontz, Kathryn Simmons, Margaret Goering.

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 will be providing volunteers and meals at New Hope Shelter from Aug. 10 to 16. Please remember these faithful volunteers in your prayers. We still need more people willing to serve as evening volunteers at New Hope. We do not have enough volunteers to fill all of our commitments there next week. Please consider helping with this important ministry. If you have questions, contact Valetta Seymour at seymour2314@gmail.com, 620-217-7536. There will be a New Hope volunteer training on Aug. 25 at 7 pm at New Hope. Please let Valetta know if you would like to take the training.

Work & Play Day on August 20! Camp Mennoscah has projects to complete and plenty to do after a busy, fun summer. You are invited to be part of this camping ministry through fellowship and service! Projects for all ages and weather are available. Let us know you're coming so we can be prepared for you! Bring your lunch and a water bottle. The day will start at 8:30 at the maintenance shed. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to sign up.