

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network began a new Enviados (Sent) cohort on Friday. Pray for participants in this Spanish-language, 12-module course for church planters. Pray, also, for the facilitator, Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network’s training and resourcing specialist for church planting.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for God’s strength and joy to be with all those who are serving in WDC leadership roles, as they begin a new year of service following the recent WDC Annual Assembly.

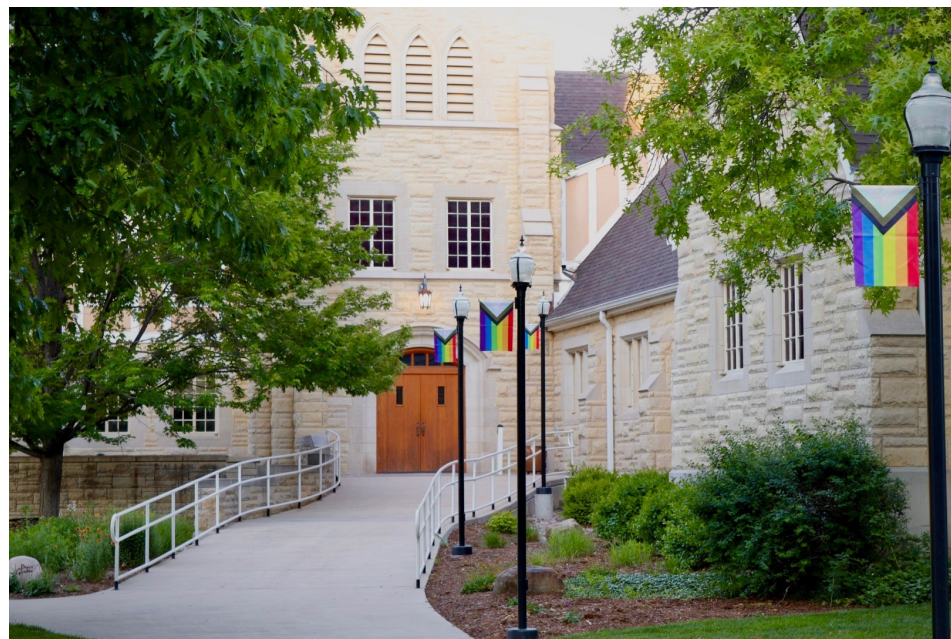
To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This 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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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: Riley King Menno Singers Director:
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church



August 21, 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 *Machs mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Güt* (Johann Gottfried Walther)
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Walther)
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Christ Candle Lighting

Welcome and Prayer Dave Linscheid

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644

Kin-dom Reports Riley King, Raylene Hinz-Penner

Children's Conversation Esther Koontz

Scripture Reading Luke 13:10-17

Sermon *Standing with the Woman* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *There Is a Line of Women* VT 546

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations*—VT 705

*Benediction Nathan Koontz

Postlude *Toccata in F Major* (Buxtehude) Karen Schlabaugh

* 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.

The Chancel Choir is beginning a new year. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, at 7:30 pm and will begin on August 24. 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.

The Chancel Hand Bell Choir will begin ringing with a rehearsal on Thursday, September 8. We meet at 6:30 pm in room B7. We welcome anyone who has musical note reading ability to ring. No prior ringing experience is necessary. A smile and a willingness to learn is required.

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!

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. 14 Offering: General Fund \$5,327; Community Play School \$500; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$290.33

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**

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will share ministry updates today, August 21, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st Street, Newton. Co-executive Coordinator John Fumana and his wife Lucie from Democratic Republic of Congo are the presenters. For info contact aimm@aimmint.org or 574-535-0077.

Bluestem U, a lifelong learning program for people aged 55 and older, is enrolling for the first semester beginning in September which 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.

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!

This Week at BCMC: August 21—28, 2022

Sunday, August 21—Live stream (YouTube) link for this Sunday is:

<https://youtu.be/fj5u-d12SiQ>

10:30 am Faith Formation—Sunday school parent orientation meeting in the sanctuary—will also be live-streamed. The live stream link is:

<https://youtu.be/Ggb58dnO5qU>

Faith Formation will be hosting a Sunday school parent orientation meeting today 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!

10:30 am #Church Too Discussion in Fellowship Hall

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)

Monday, August 22

3 pm Springs Forth meeting in Room 14

Wednesday, August 24

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Chancel area

Thursday, August 25

2 pm Hospitality Commission meeting in Room 14

7 pm Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Sara Dick

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!”

10:30 am Faith Formation

The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee will continue in the month of August to read the book, #Church Too. Today, August 21, will be spent sharing reactions to the book, in Fellowship Hall. 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. - *Jill Robb, APRC chair*

BCMC Youth Group (high schoolers) will begin the year with games and snacks in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 31st from 7:30-8:30!

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!

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.

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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316-283-9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 9/15/22 5-6 PM or Thursday 10/20/22 6-7 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

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*

Address changes for your BCMC Directories:

- Esther Thieszen is in Kidron Bethel healthcare: 3054 Ivy Ct., Room 27W, North Newton, KS 67117
- Nancy Hilty will be moving to Kidron Bethel Assisted Living: 3056 Ivy Court, Apt. 22, North Newton, KS 67117

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: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **This Thursday, August 25**

9:30 am "The Thresher Way" by Jon C. Gering, president, and Megan Kershner, dean of vocational experiences, Bethel College

10:30 am Coffee Break

10:50 am "Learning from the Kansas People" with Larry Hatteberg

Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18! Come for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing!)

Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on Oct. 28-30! Crafters and scrapbookers are all invited to come for a weekend of creativity and friends. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be completed.