

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens and their sons, Elijah, 8, and Micai-ah, 4, as they adapt to life in Calais, France. Pray for them as the boys prepare to begin school and as Joseph and Rachel immerse themselves in language study before settling into ministry at the Maria Skobtsova House, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Let us join in prayer so that as we proclaim the good news of salvation as Jesus followers, we can also connect with our communities by inviting our neighbors to join the table, being empathetic, and seeing each other as equals. – *Sandra Montes-Martinez, Associate Conference Minister*

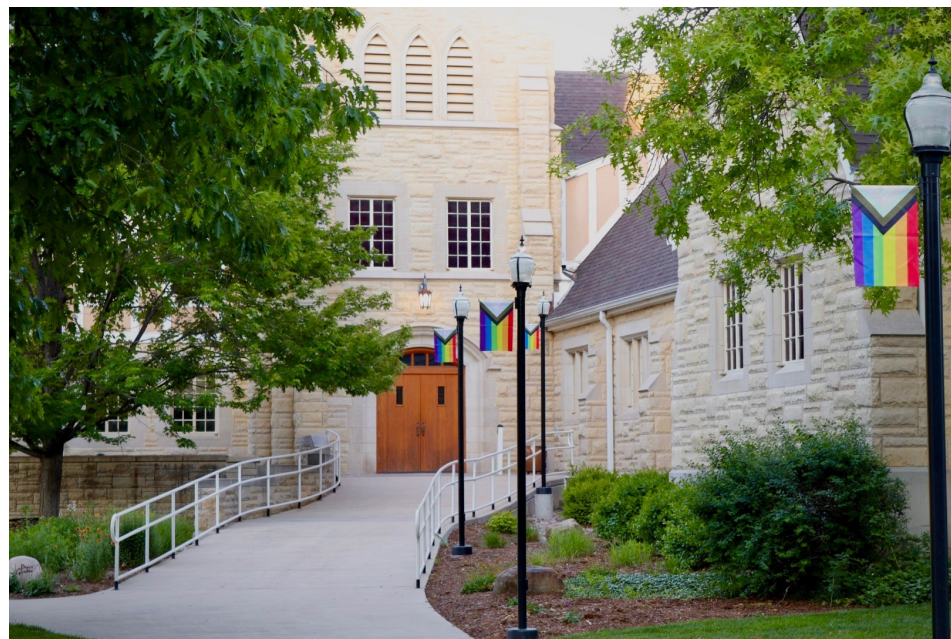
To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This 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—
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- Office/Facilities Manager: Monica Lichti, cell phone 316-249-9652
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- 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 28, 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. R. Lau)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Christ Candle Lighting

Call to Worship/Gathering—Lois Preheim

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way. We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

ALL: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. AMEN

Hymnal A Worship Book #661

*Hymn *For We Are Strangers No More* VT 409

Children's Conversation Carol Flickinger

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:10-20, Mt. 2:13-23 Eric Boschmann

Sermon *Push/Pull/Welcome!* Sara Dick

*Hymn *Jesus Entered Egypt* VT 279

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* VT 194

People with August birthdays please come forward for a blessing (see bulletin announcement for more details)

Birthday Blessing Lois Preheim

Benediction Sara Dick

Postlude *Toccata* (L. Boëllmann) Will Wiebe-Friesen

* 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.

The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee will continue with a discussion of the book, *#Church Too* today in Fellowship Hall. This Sunday 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*

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!

BCMC Aug. 21 Offering: General Fund \$8,682; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$325; Women's Fellowship \$50; Jim Gaeddert Memorial \$50.

Church Pictorial Directories are being distributed! If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture for the directory, and have not picked up your copy of the pictorial directory, you will be contacted about making arrangements to receive your copy. Thanks again for your participation in this project. -The Hospitality Commission

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*

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.

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!

Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton, is seeking an individual to serve as its full-time chaplain. The primary responsibilities of this position include:

- Provide spiritual support for residents, their families, and staff members.
- Provide ongoing opportunities and leadership for residents' spiritual growth
- Support resident, families and staff during times of transition or special need
- Provide services for the bereaved
- Act as a staff liaison and resident advocate
- Contribute to the planning and decision-making process at Kidron Bethel Village and Bluestem Communities, Inc.
- Serve as liaison and resource person in the wider church and local community

Qualifications and Experience: Hold a Bible or Seminary degree; Have a minimum of one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education; Hold ministerial credentials in good standing within a recognized denominational body; Prefer three (3) years of pastoral leadership experience

Interested persons should contact Linda Peters, Executive Director of Kidron Bethel Village at: lindap@bluestemks.org

This Week at BCMC: August 28—September 4, 2022

Sunday, August 28—Live stream (YouTube) link for this Sunday is:

<https://youtu.be/n0gcHPrM1Ks>

We welcome BCMC member and Et Cetera Shop General Manager, Sara Dick, who brings us the sermon today.

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

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)

Wednesday, August 31

8 am-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

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

7:30 pm Senior High Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

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!

Thursday, September 1

7 pm Church Board meeting in Room 14

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Todd Schlosser

10:30 am Faith Formation

Monthly Birthday Blessings at BCMC

BCMC is starting its monthly birthday blessing once again! On the last Sunday of each month all those with a birthday in that month are invited to come forward to the front of the sanctuary during our final hymn. Feel free to bring a hymnal up front to join in the singing. After the hymn, please remain in the front to receive a spoken blessing from the worship leader. After that spoken blessing, you are invited to sit in the front two pews during the benediction and postlude. If walking to the front of the sanctuary is problematic, please feel free to stand in your pew during the birthday blessing. We hope this birthday blessing can inspire joyful connection with one another.

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 become a volunteer! Help us 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 5-6 pm. We hope to hear from you soon!

DO JUSTICE. LOVE MERCY. – What's required to Abolish the Death Penalty

When a murder happens, often someone will say "an eye for an eye". This event will explore another way of responding, a way that BREAKS the cycle of violence. Panelists bring diverse personal perspectives to the question of how society should respond to homicide. They will reflect on justice and mercy even in the face of homicide and what you can do to stop the ongoing cycle of violence which is capital punishment. This event sponsored by the Bethel College Bible & Religion Department, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, & the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, will be held at Bethel College on Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 12 pm. This is also a live "ZOOM" event. Register by email at info@ksabolition.org. The event is free and open to all interested.

Conference Panelists:

Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College

Donna Schneewis, Board Chair, KCADP

Ron Wurtz, Retired Federal Public Defender, First Director of the Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit

Katie Rose Friesen Burkey, Bethel College Student

Steven Becker, Former District Court Judge 27th District/

Former Kansas State Rep. District 104

Wilma Loganbill, Murder Victim Family Member

Life Enrichment: Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **September 1 9:30 am "The Contested Plains: The German Family Story,"** by Ken Spurgeon
10:15 am Coffee Break
10:35 am "A weather career predicting the unpredictable, and occasionally dangerous," by Steve Schurr
11:30 am "The Highs and Lows of Grandparents Raising Grandkids," by Cindy Miles

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.

Sat., Sept. 3 – Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7 am start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

Sun., Sept. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series begins, with "Generation 9/11," 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "One and a Half Acres: Images from America's Decommissioned Missile Silos," photographs by Nate Hofer, through Thurs., Sept. 22 (closing reception Sept. 22). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm.

Western District Conference September Final Thursday Book Discussion -

"Jesus ministered to the poor, Jesus was poor. If both are true of our Savior, both can be true of us too." Explore this idea in Kevin Wiebe's book "Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You're One of Them." Copies available at the WDC Resource Library. Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 7pm. Register by emailing the library at crlib@mennowdc.org