

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.

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.*

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, the women's leadership conference led by African American women and co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Mennonite Mission Network, concludes with worship in Elkhart, IN. Pray that all participants will receive new tools to work for diversity, equity and inclusion in the church.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for God's wisdom and strength for WDC staff members as they work to sustain ministry leaders, resource congregations and nurture church-planting partnerships.

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
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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

World Communion Sunday



October 2, 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>Holy Manna</i> (arr. Stearns/Cherwien/Held)	Verlene Garber
Christ Candle Lighting/Land Acknowledgement		Elizabeth Schmidt
Welcome and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Here in this Place</i>	VT 10
Children's Conversation	Carolyn Penner and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen	
Kin-dom Report	Credence Consultation Reference Group	Megan Kohlman
Anthem	<i>Do Not Be Afraid</i> (Philip Stopford)	Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist
Scripture Reading	Luke 17:1-10	Readers' Theatre
Sermon	<i>Faith and the Mustard Seed</i>	Todd Schlosser
*Hymn	<i>I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table</i>	VT 801
Service of Communion	Nathan Koontz and Elizabeth Schmidt	
*Hymn	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
Prayers of God's People		Elizabeth Schmidt
Choral Benediction	<i>Amen</i> (John Rutter)	Chancel Choir
Benediction		Todd Schlosser
Postlude	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> (Wold)	Verlene Garber

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

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 Readers' Theatre script by Dorothy Nickel Friesen features two translations: *The Inclusive New Testament* (Todd Schlosser and Karen Ediger) and *First Nations Version - An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament* (Jill Robb and Dale Schrag). The First Nations Version was produced by a Translation Council composed of twelve First Nations individuals with tribal heritages from diverse geographical regions. Over twenty-five tribes contributed to this collaborative effort. This version is not a word-for-word translation but rather it is a thought-for-thought translation. It provides an English Bible that connects, in a culturally relevant way, to traditional heart languages of the over six million English-speaking First Nations people of North America. It was published in 2021 by InterVarsity Press with assistance by Wycliffe Associates. A copy is in the BCMC library.

***Do Not be Afraid* lyrics by Philip Stopford**

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

Faith Formation is hosting a community building event at P and M Pumpkin Ranch, October 19 from 5:30-7 pm. Come for a hot dog meal by at the Willow campfire site located at P and M. Food and drink will be provided! Please RSVP by October 18 to Jill Robb (jill@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)

The Intergenerational Sunday School class (meets in the Fellowship Hall) is in **need of old or unused crayons**. If you have crayons to donate, please put them in the box by the mailboxes. We will be collecting crayons until October 23..

Wednesday night suppers are coming back to BCMC! Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday night supper on October 12. Serving line starts at 6-6:15 pm and a welcome and blessing will be at 6:20 pm.

The Library Theme for October/November is Selected Biographies. The Library Committee chose biographies that we thought you would find interesting in both the adult and children/youth sections. As always, the adult highlighted books are shelved in back of the library desk while the Everybody/Youth books are shelved on the south wall of the children/youth room. Please come in and check these out or to see what new to you puzzles are available for a donation on the west wall of the check out room or on the cart outside of the library. Happy Reading!

The Senior High Youth Group sends a "thank you" to Susie and Bill Swartley for hosting a pool party at their home last Sunday afternoon. We learned a lesson on hospitality as we experienced community with one another and the Swartleys. Thank you for an awesome time!

Abuse Prevention and Response Committee (APRC) is looking for persons to volunteer as a Care Team member. If you would like more information or feel a call to serve in this roll, email Jill Robb at adamandjillrobb@gmail.com

Credence Consultation Process Update...The time of interviews and information gathering has largely come to an end for our consultants and it is time for us to see some of the results and provide some final feedback. Over these last many months, Credence has reviewed the congregational surveys we sent in, completed one-on-one interviews with 35 of our church members, spent time talking with staff and various external individuals, and examined pages and pages of congregational documents. The goal has been to gain a better understanding of who we are as BCMC, what we wish to work on together as a congregation, and the type of pastoral leadership model that fits us best. Credence has shared they have a "meaty" report awaiting us. This upcoming week the BCMC Reference Group, Church Board, and some of the leadership from various commissions and committees will hear an overview of what Credence has found. On October 16th Credence will share with the congregation and ask for our feedback. Following the October 16th time together, Credence will prepare a final report to be delivered to BCMC in November. We ask you to keep BCMC in your prayers as we engage this period of time together and explore God's direction and purpose for us as a congregation.

This Week at BCMC: October 2—October 9, 2022

Sunday, October 2—World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Todd Schlosser; music by Chancel Choir; communion will be served; The church nursery is staffed during worship

10:30 am Faith Formation—Children's Sunday school classes meet in Fellowship Hall

Adult Classes: Agape Class (Church Nursery); 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)

YouTube link for today's worship service: <https://youtu.be/7vAGuchW1b8>

Monday, October 3

12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

7 pm Facilities Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 4—On Oct. 4 and 5, Marlene Faul is hosting an event for a group of which she is a member—they will be meeting at times in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

Wednesday, October 5

12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

6:30—7:30 pm Wednesday Night Club

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group

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

Thursday, October 6

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells rehearsal in room B7

7 pm Church Board meeting in Room 14

Friday, October 7

12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Saturday, October 8—Fall Fest at Bethel College

Sunday, October 9—Fall Fest Sunday

10 am Worship Service planned by Bethel College and the Bethel College Campus Ministries. Everyone is invited! Please note that the worship service begins at 10 am.

Al, Nadine, Nathan and Esther are excited to host many of you for a BCMC fall party tonight at 5:30. We will provide some seating, but if you'd like, bring a lawn chair. Also consider carpooling or walking to make parking easier.

BCMC Sept. 25 Offering: General Fund \$5,485; Caring Fund \$500; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Living Stones \$55; Kitchen Fund \$26; Women's Fellowship \$377; Orletta Wiebe Memorial \$50.

Caring Fund Contribution Opportunity Sunday October 2. The Caring Fund is an above budget benevolent fund administered by the Deacon Commission for the purpose of assisting our congregation's members and community persons in need. The fund is generated by above budget offerings made payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church and designated "caring fund." Everence also provides some matching funds each year. Besides the financial help that can be provided to our own members, in the past year contributions from the Caring Fund have been made to our local Salvation Army, New Hope Shelter, Safe Hope, Harvest of Love, the Community Playschool, and several individuals to help with housing rent and utilities.

We offer sympathy to Vernabelle Stayrook (Kermit Gingerich) and Mary Ann (Hugo) Boschmann on the death of Vernabelle's sister and Mary Ann's sister-in-law, Marilyn Faye (Siemens) Krehbiel on Sept. 23. The funeral service was Sept. 27 at Journey @South Hutchinson.

We offer sympathy to Carol Flickinger and Roger Juhnke and family on the death of Carol's mother, Anna Grace (Wiens) Flickinger, Sept. 28, at 100 years old, Pleasant View Homes, Inman. The memorial service was Oct. 1 at Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman.

Bethel College Women's Association will appreciate donations of homemade baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and Pie-By-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Zwieback, cinnamon rolls, fruit pies and poppyseed rolls are especially needed. Please bring to Room 141 in Luyken Fine Arts Center 2-5 pm on Friday Oct 7, or 7-9 am on Saturday Oct 8. Pies may be delivered to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center. Email bcwa@bethelks.edu with questions.

Bethel College Announcements

No Life Enrichment on October 6 due to BC Fall Fest week

- **Bethel College's Fall Festival is on campus Oct. 6-9, with most activities on Sat., Oct. 8,** with music, food, class reunions, football, Children's Park, the play *Quiet in the Land* by Anne Chislett and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for the complete schedule.
- **Call for Fall Fest Volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Fest.** Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thurs, Oct. 6, 5-9 pm and Sat., Oct. 8, 9 am -3 pm. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu for more information.

Bethel College announcements continued

- **Fri., Oct. 7 – Artist reception for "Environmental Exposure," sculpture by Glen Ediger, 6-8 pm, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** The exhibit is open through Fri., Oct. 21. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm. (extended hours Sat., Oct. 8, 9 am-4 pm).
- **Sat., Oct. 8 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, starting 8 am** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.
- **Sat., Oct. 8 – As part of Fall Festival, Larry Dunn and Christine Crouse-Dick will present "Grieving, Celebrating and Loving Seth: Exploring Unexpected Paths and Connections on the Mysterious Journey of Remembering," poetry reading and reflections, 10:30 am,** on the lawn south of Luyken Fine Arts Center. Seth Dunn died in an accident in 2011 right before starting his senior year at Bethel College.
- **Sun., Oct. 16 & Mon., Oct. 17 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures with Brad Gregory, Reformation scholar from the University of Notre Dame, 7 pm both evenings, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center;** overall topic is "The Radical Reformation and Religious Freedom: A Historical Retrospective."
- **Thurs., Oct. 20 – The inaugural Senses & Aging Symposium, 6-8:30 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center,** with Karen Kendrick speaking on "Hearing Loss and Fall Prevention" and Angela Loucks Alexander presenting from Australia on "Auditory Processing Disorder in Adults." The symposium is free but registration is requested at www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/senses-aging-symposium
- **Sun., Oct. 23 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with oral historian Ina Navazelskis from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 4 pm., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center** (note change from usual time and location). Followed by the museum's annual Living Endowment Dinner, featuring Justina Neufeld and Janine Wedel, for which reservations are required; e-mail kauffman@bethelks.edu or call 316-283-1612.
- **Registration is now open for "Joining Voices Together," Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, Sat., Nov. 12,** on campus, featuring resource people Bradley Kauffman, Rachel Epp Buller, Katie Graber, SaeJin Lee, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Adam Tice and Isaac Villegas. Register at www.bethelks.edu/worship-arts-registration-2022; discount for 3 or more people from the same congregation. In addition, **the public is invited to a Community Evensong service, Nov. 12 at 7 pm** in Memorial Hall, which will consist entirely of congregational singing from the *Voices Together* hymnal, arranged around the 12 artworks found in the hymnal.