

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for La Casa Grande (The Large House), a Christian community for children in Benin who have nowhere else to go. Pray for the children and teachers as they return to classes at Les Leaders (The Leaders), a school on La Casa Grande’s campus that also welcomes children from the neighboring communities.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for interim and transitional pastors, as they give leadership to congregations in times of change and new vision for the future.

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



September 11, 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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Commissioned by the congregation of Medford United Methodist Church, Medford, New Jersey,
in honor of Carol A. Reilly, celebrating forty years of music ministry

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Prelude	<i>All Depends on our Possessing</i> (Peeters)	Verlene Garber, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		Brad Kohlman
*Hymn	<i>When in Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	VT 83
Children's Conversation & Backpack Blessing		Kathy Stucky
Commissioning for Jill Robb and George Leary		VT 965
Anthem	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> (arr. Mark Patterson)	Chancel Choir; Riley King, director
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:28-34a, 36-40	Dorothy Nickel Friesen
Sermon	<i>People of Blessing</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	VT 540
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Christ Has No Body Here but Ours</i>	VT 568
*Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Holy God we Praise Thy Name</i> (Peeters)	Verlene Garber

Choirs: *I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power, I sing the mighty power of God! I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where e'er I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies! There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

All:

Let ev - 'ry voice now join as one and let the
song be raised. All heav'n a - bove, all earth be - low, re -
joice and sing God's praise. Let tim - brel, flute, and
trum - pet sound, let bells ring out this day. For -
ev - er let our mu - sic live to glo - ri - fy God's name!

Choirs: *We sing the mighty power of God!*

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* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

Announcement regarding the installation of our new screen and projector: McClelland Sound has reported that suppliers have not given them a shipping date for the components of our sanctuary screen and projector. We are hopeful that all of the components required for installation will be received soon.

Join Everence for an informative webinar series: “Managing your finances—faithfully!” Webinar is on four consecutive Wednesdays at 2 and 8 pm Eastern time. Webinar dates are Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5. See the flier on the church bulletin board. Email national@everence.com with questions or simply call the Everence North Newton office at 316-283-3800. If you go to the Everence website, click on “Locations and ATMs” - then under National Office click “National Consultants” - then click on “Webinars and events” - the first webinar is “Women, Wealth, and Well-being.”

Book Reviews invites you to become a volunteer. If you love books and can spare 4 or 8 hours per month, please join us. Book Reviews is a non-profit, used bookstore, started by BCMC members, and all proceeds go to local charities. We welcome you to stop by at 707 N. Main and check out the opportunities or call us at 316. 283. 3442.

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!

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

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: September 11—18, 2022

Sunday, September 11—Backpack Blessing!

The Faith Formation Commission invites the congregation to participate in an intergenerational backpack blessing. Bring your backpack, school bag, work satchel, briefcase, etc., to church for a special blessing. *Kathy Stucky, Faith Formation Commission*

YouTube link for today’s worship service: <https://youtu.be/eidY3qCfb8s>

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Choir

10:15 am Fellowship time with coffee and water in the Gathering Place

10:30 am **Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, September 13

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

9 am Women’s Fellowship Executive Board meeting in Room 14

Wednesday, September 14

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

7:30 pm Senior High Youth Group

Thursday, September 15

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal in room B7

7 pm Bethel College Women’s Association meeting in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 17

3 pm Sara Dick and Eric Buller Wedding in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 18—Peace Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service planned by the Witness Commission; music by Chancel Choir

10:15 am Fellowship time with coffee and water in the Gathering Place

10:30 am Faith Formation—Children’s Sunday school classes start

Congregational Meeting today during the Sunday school hour. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall around the round tables. There will be time during the meeting for an open forum as well as reports and more structured table conversation.

The Faith Formation Commission is excited to announce that Jill Robb has accepted the position of BCMC Faith Formation Coordinator (.2 FTE) and George Leary has accepted the position of BCMC Youth Coordinator (.3 FTE). Both Jill and George bring experience, compassion and dedication to their new roles. We look forward to their immediate involvement in their new positions. Please keep Jill and George in your prayers as they navigate new opportunities and challenges.

BCMC Sept. 4 Offering: General Fund \$8,562; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$490; Kitchen Fund \$16.05; Women's Fellowship \$50.

Peace Sunday hosted by the Witness Commission will be on September

18. This year our guest speakers will be from the Bethel College Community for Justice and Peace. This group is a recently formed group of students at Bethel College, with sponsors from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution. They hope to present their vision and process for justice and peace in this community and how BCMC can be involved. Please mark your calendars to listen to and interact with our neighbors who seek the peace of this place.

Please mark your calendars to participate in the Wichita Pride Parade on Sunday, September 25. We will have pizza at 11:30 and carpool to the event at noon, leaving from the south doors at BCMC. The parade begins at 1 from the Old County Courthouse in Wichita. Contact Pastor Nathan to let us know how much pizza to order and for carpooling.

You are invited to a fall church party hosted by Al and Nadine Peters and Nathan and Esther Koontz in the Koontz backyard (1 Jasper Court, North Newton) Sunday, October 2 at 5:30 pm. We will provide Nuway sandwiches and chips. If you'd like, you can bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Nadine or Al at 316-804-7141 or 38aldene39@gmail.com

Updates on 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. The consultants are currently finishing the process of analyzing survey and interview results and writing the report. The reference group of David Linscheid, Lois Preheim, Megan Kohlman, Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, and Todd Schlosser has been offering feedback to the consultants and will meet with them for a very preliminary hearing of results on September 26. The preliminary report will also be shared at a leadership retreat on October 1 and shared for congregational discernment on Sunday morning, October 16. Both worship and Sunday School time will be taken for this process on October 16. Although this will mean missing adult Sunday School on that day, it appeared to be the best time to have most of the congregation present. We look forward to the final report on November 13.

Commissions, Committees, and Board Retreat:

Please set aside Saturday morning, October 1, for a special annual retreat for those involved with commissions, committees, or the Board. This year, we will hear the report from Credence and Company Consultants and have time to process its meaning for our work together. More information about specific time and other details will be coming soon.

The Board approved moving forward with naming a Search Committee for our new pastors. The Committee's substantive work will be informed by the report from Credence Consultants, committee members, orienting the committee, and completing preliminary work so that the Committee can begin work efficiently when Credence's report is received.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sun., Sept. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series begins, with "Generation 9/11,"** 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium. 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.
- **Life Enrichment:** Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **Sept. 15 9:30 am Moses the Two World Peacemaker,** Josué Coy Dick
10:15 am Coffee Break 10:35 am The Fate of Food—What Will We Eat in a Bigger, Hotter, Smarter World? Compiled by Jim Goering; presented by Mary Goering—continues at 11:30 (double session)
- **Fri., Sept. 16 – Bethel College guest recital, Spencer Myer, piano, 7 pm,** Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Sun., Sept. 18 – "Decommissioned Missile Silo Sites: Reminders of Our Past and Future," a program by Nate Hofer, Overland Park, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum.** Following the museum's brief annual business meeting, Hofer, a "Peace Photo Award" winner, will discuss making photographs of decommissioned nuclear missile silos. The project included finding and traveling to the sites, talking with landowners and considering why he takes the photos and whether he considers himself a legitimate photographer. Hofer's exhibit of photos, "One and a Half Acres: Images from America's Decommissioned Missile Silos," is currently on display in Bethel College's Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm, Sun 2-4 pm, through Sept. 22.
- **Mon., Sept. 19 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 pm,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, Oct. 13, KIPCOR celebrates 50 years of Peace Lectures with Dr. Fania Davis,** a leading national voice on Restorative Justice, speaking in Bethel College's Memorial Hall.

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.