

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network recently appointed Andi Santoso as regional administrator for Asia and the Middle East. Pray for Andi as he immerses himself in building relationships in this region.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for elected leaders and staff of WDC as they meet for Reference Council next Saturday and reflect on what it means to “Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,” one of the themes in the WDC mission statement.

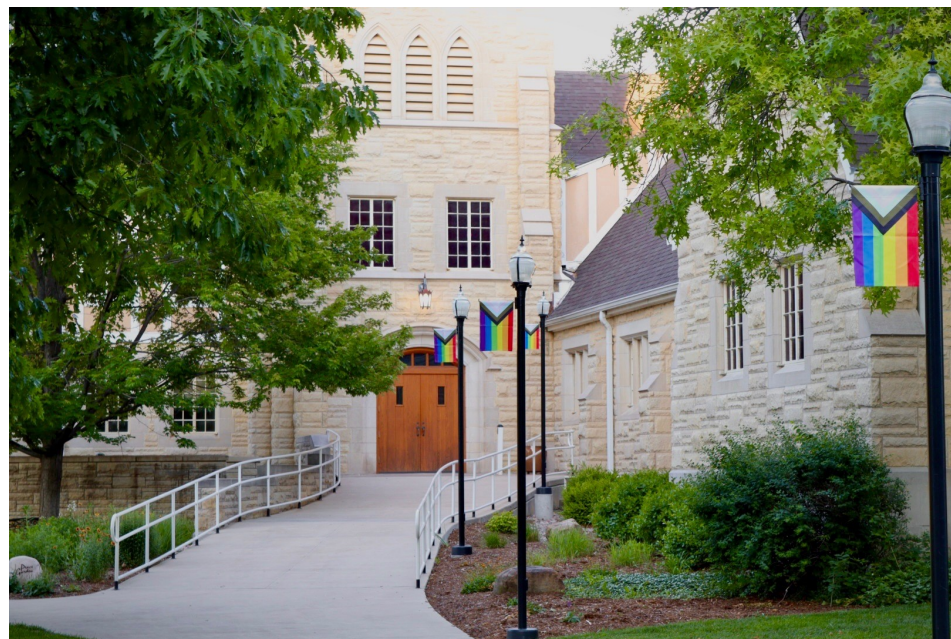
To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This 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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- 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



September 18, 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
September 18, 2022 —Peace Sunday

Prelude	<i>Earth and All Stars</i> (Wold) <i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i> (Moore)	Verlene Garber, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		VT 1040 Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	VT 30
Children's Conversation		Lois Brubacher
Anthem	<i>An Hour of Hallowed Peace</i> (Steve Danyew)	Chancel Choir; Riley King, director
Scripture Reading	Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13	Elaine Schurr
Scripture Reflection		Nathan Koontz
Meditations	Bethel College Community for Justice and Peace Josué Coy Dick, Vanessa Torres, Co-Presidents; John Mark Koontz, Becca Schlosser	
*Hymn	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	VT 454
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues</i>	VT 829
*Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Choral Benediction	<i>Amen</i> (John Rutter)	Chancel Choir
Postlude		Verlene Garber, organ

* 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.

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.

The Celebration of Life service for Marty Warkentine will be Saturday, September 24, 10 am at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, 868 N. Maize Road. Marty was a member of BCMC for her entire life. She died July 28, 2022.

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.

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

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.

Congratulations to Sara Dick and Eric Buller who were married Saturday, September 17, at a ceremony here at BCMC! Their address in Inman is: 608 S. Pine Street, PO Box 625, Inman, KS, 67546.

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will begin its second season Sunday, September 18 with a 3 pm performance at Hesston Mennonite Church. Under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, the chorale will be featuring a concert hymn festival focusing on creation, highlighting the creation of the world, creation of the church and creation of music. Guest organist will be Christopher Shaw, of Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita and Vocal Music director at Goddard High School. In its second year, the Central Kansas Master Chorale is a collection of select vocalists from around the area committed to advancing the art of choral music by performing great works of the past and present, fostering music education, and enriching and inspiring the culture of our broad community. Even though all participants bring special talents and gifts, art is achieved only through continual dedication and hard work. Admission is free to the event but donations will be accepted.

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 the volunteer orientation Thursday 10/20/22 5-6 pm to tell us what interests you. 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

There will be a Food and Supply Drive for New Hope Shelter, Sept. 21. Bethel College students will be assisting with this drive. Locations and times for the drive are:

- Meridian Grocery and Dillon's South—9 am to noon
- Dillon's North and Wal Mart—1-4 pm

Food and Supply Items Needed

Food Items: Mac and Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Goods, Salad Dressings, Miracle Whip, Ketchup, Mustard, Velveeta, Ramen Noodles, Fruit and Granola Bars, Bar B Q Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Jam, Tuna

Supply Items: Laundry Pods and Laundry Soap, Hand Dishwashing Soap, Napkins, Pine-Sol, 13 and 38 Gallon Trash Bags, Sandwich Bags, Bathroom Cleaner, All-Purpose Cleaner, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Masking Tape, and Toilet Bowl Cleaner

For more information Call Brian Bisbee at the New Hope Shelter, 316-283-7711

This Week at BCMC: September 18—25, 2022

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
Adult Classes: 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)

YouTube link for today's worship service: <https://youtu.be/ehA78pPGqm8>

Tuesday, September 20

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Women's Fellowship Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 21

6:15 pm Task Group for Indigenous Justice meeting in Room 14

6:30—7:30 pm Wednesday Night Club Starts Tonight

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

7:30 pm Senior High Youth Group

Thursday, September 22

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

2 pm Hospitality Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells rehearsal in room B7

7 pm Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Bells; September birthday recognition

Peace Sunday is hosted by the Witness Commission. Our guest speakers are 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 (KIPCOR). They hope to present their vision and process for justice and peace in this community and how BCMC can be involved. We invite you to listen and interact with our neighbors who seek the peace of this place.

BCMC Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The topic is on 'transitions'. After a summer break we look forward to reconnecting. Our offering is for ministries as budgeted. Good things are happening.

BCMC Sept. 11 Offering: General Fund \$2,971; Living Stones \$55.

Wow! More money in than we spent two months in a row! The Finance Committee shouts a giant Congratulations and Thank You!! While our progress is remarkable, we still face the glaring reality that income for the year is \$29,000 less than expenses and we have deferred some of our contributions of support to places like MCUSA and WDC due to that shortage. We have used 67% of our year to raise 56% of our budget. That's a big gap and a big challenge but with extra effort we can do it.

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.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Life Enrichment:** Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **Sept. 22 9:30 am *Astronomical Imaging in the Bethel College Mabee Observatory*, Roger Reimer 10:15 am Coffee Break 10:35 am *The Hidden gem: Carriage Factory Art Gallery*, Mary Lee-McDonald and Diana Torline 11:30 am *Songs of the Flint Hills—From Wildflowers to Wild Horses*, Annie Wilson**
- **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
- **Tues., Sept. 27 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert,** directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **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 <https://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.**
- **Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus.** Features include 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 <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.
- **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.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater is this Sunday, September 18, 6:30 pm.** It's an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. It's like a mini-Camp Sing!
- **Camp Mennoscah Work and Play Day is October 15 starting at 8:30 am** at the maintenance shed. If you are coming from a distance, ask about an overnight stay. Let us know you're coming, so we can plan for you and your friends. Call 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org!
- **We're taking out the dam on October 16 at 2:30 pm!** Everyone is welcome to work or to watch. Gather at the shelter. (The actual removal of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, if uncertain.
- **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.