

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Praise God for the new partnership program created by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Meserete Kristos Seminary and Mennonite Mission Network, which offers a master’s level curriculum in theology to Ethiopian students. Pray for the students, as well as for Henok Mekonin and Joe Sawatzky, who are jointly supported by AMBS and Mission Network, as they provide leadership.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-imagine what it means for us to follow Jesus’ call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer.

-Pastor Tim Amor

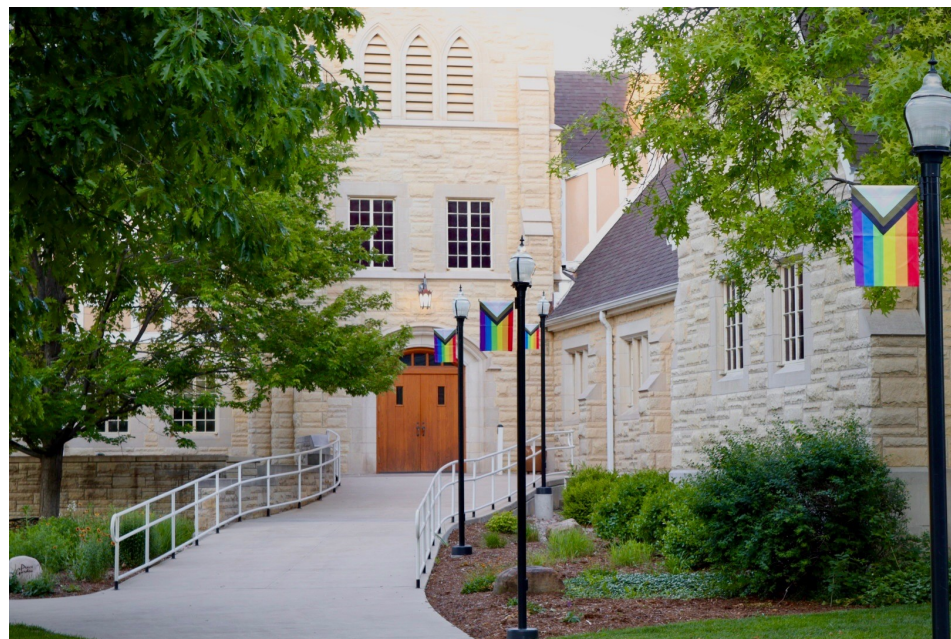
To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This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

Bethel College Mennonite Church



September 25, 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>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> (arr. Moglebust) Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director	
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		Bill Swartley
*Hymn	<i>What Is This Place</i>	VT 22
Children's Conversation		Esther Koontz
Scripture Reading	Luke 16:19-31	Michael Claassen
Sermon	<i>Moses and the Prophets</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	VT 778
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i> People with September birthdays come forward for a blessing, please bring a hymnal	VT 809
*Birthday Blessing & Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> (arr. Wagner) Chancel Bells	

* You are invited to stand
VT = *Voices Together*

Keyboard—Verlene Garber
Audio visual—John Thiesen, Francis Toews
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 Wichita Pride Parade is today, 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 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

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)

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. Next Sunday (October 2nd), the Reference Group will offer a kin-dom report to give more specifics regarding what to look forward to on October 16th. We ask that you mark that special date on your calendar. We also 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.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **Buy your Camp Mennoscah merchandise** at <http://camp-mennoscah-store.square.site/> The Camp Mennoscah online store has been refreshed and is ready for you to fill your need for that newest Camp Mennoscah tee shirt or water bottle. We suggest wearing camp gear to every event and outing! Only water bottles and stickers will be at Bethel College's Fall Fest.
- **Visit the Camp Mennoscah Fall Fest booth on October 8!** Stop by, say hi, and enter a drawing for a tee shirt. We're ready for some good visits and fun times!
- **Let us know if your camper/you have not received the summer youth camp photos and address sheets for your camp week.** The summer is a busy time and sometimes things are missed.
- **There are a great many things for volunteers to do--come be one!** Any of the following are great options for groups of one or more: cleaning after groups, weekend hosting, being a committee member, mowing or other maintenance/grounds tasks, making a meal for a volunteer group, or recruiting people to volunteer at camp. These are just some of the possibilities! Call us at 620-297-3290 for more information.
- **Work and Play Day on October 15!** Share a few hours of your time for the satisfaction of improving camp grounds and some free time wandering the trails, fishing, or whatever your favorite camp activity is. The day starts at 8:30am 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 approx. 2:30pm!** Everyone is welcome to join in 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. Questions: call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.
- Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts--parents, campers, weekend groups. Reply to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

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

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.

This Week at BCMC: September 25—October 2, 2022

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Nathan Koontz
10:15 am Fellowship time with coffee and water in the Gathering Place
10:30 am Faith Formation—Children's Sunday school classes meet in Fellowship Hall
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/2-V8QRFz5jo>

Monday, September 26

10 am Library Committee meeting in Room 14
12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Tuesday, September 27

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

Wednesday, September 28

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, September 29

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 Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Friday, September 30

12 to 1 pm Bethel College Concert Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Saturday, October 1—Leadership Retreat by Zoom—9:30 am to 11:30 am

Leadership Retreat is 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.

Sunday, October 2—World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Todd Schlosser; music by Chancel Choir; communion will be served

Fall Fest Sunday is October 9 at BCMC. The worship service will begin at 10 am and is being planned by Bethel College and the Bethel College Campus Ministries. Everyone is invited!

BCMC Sept. 18 Offering: General Fund \$18,233.67; Living Stones \$188.33; Kitchen Fund \$28; Women's Fellowship \$210.

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.

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. Please consider making a donation to the Caring Fund Sunday morning October 2.

Community Playschool would like to say a huge "Thank You!" to the youth group and their sponsors for helping clean up the playground area before school started several weeks ago! George Leary worked on trimming dead branches from the trees and the youth made quick work of getting them picked up and loaded onto a trailer to be hauled away. We appreciate the efforts they put forth for picking up even the smallest of sticks keeping them out of the hands of our students! What a great bunch of youth we have here at BCMC!
- Kasey Newell and Jeanette Leary co-directors

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.

SAVE THE DATE: On Nov. 4-5, Bethel College will host "Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today." an intercollegiate symposium with a keynote address by Dr. Greta Kroeker, University of Waterloo, Ontario, on Nov. 4. This will also be accessible virtually. The WDC Historical Committee invites you to attend. More details coming soon.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Life Enrichment:** Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **Sept. 29 9:30 am Ukraine: A Personal Perspective on People and Politics**, John McCabe-Juhnke and Karen McCabe-Juhnke
- **10:30 am Coffee Break**
- **10:50 am Where have all the pastors gone, and what can we do about it?**, Michele Hershberger
- **Tues., Sept. 27 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Starting Fri., Sept. 30, "Environmental Exposure," sculpture by Glen Ediger**, is on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 2-4 p.m. Sunday.
- **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 p.m. 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.
- **The Kauffman Museum October bird walk** will be on the second Saturday to coincide with Fall Festival (Sat., Oct. 8, 8 a.m. start time).
- **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 a.m., 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.
- **Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War, a traveling exhibit developed and toured by Kauffman Museum at Bethel College**, is on display at the McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation, 1111 E. Kansas Ave. in McPherson, through Nov. 19. This exhibit lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of peace protesters during World War I and suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in our world today. Museum hours are Mon.- Sat., 1-5 p.m., and admission is free. For more information, visit VoicesOfConscienceExhibit.org