

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France, continues to build relationships with children and people fleeing violence in their home countries. Pray that she will receive the documents she needs to live in France long term.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary), and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.

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.

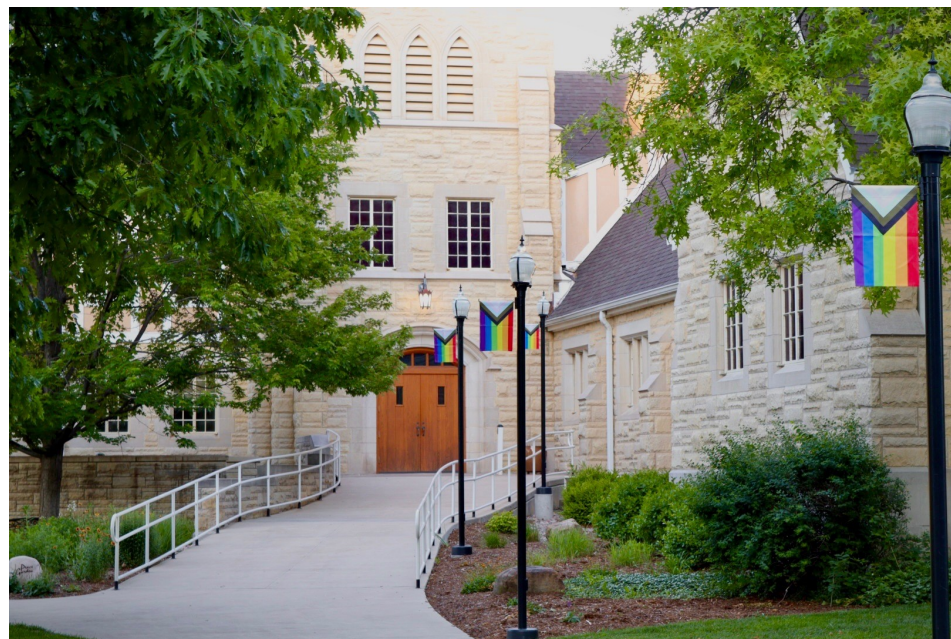
**Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.**

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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 4, 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 4, 2022**

Prelude *All Glory be to God on High* (Bach; Walther) Verlene Garber

Christ Candle Lighting Tim Hodge

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Prayer

\*Hymn *Let's Walk Together* VT #6

Children's Conversation Glen Ediger

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1 Nathan Koontz

Sermon *Choices* Todd Schlosser

\*Hymn *Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT #555

Prayers of God's People Tim Hodge

\*Hymn *Longing for Light* VT 715

Benediction Todd Schlosser

Postlude Verlene Garber

\* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Pastors— Nathan Koontz, Todd Schlosser

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**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.*

**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.

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**For your calendars: Congregational Meeting during the Sunday school hour, September 11. 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.**

**Congratulations to Larry and Karen Penner who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 1!**

**BCMC Aug. 28 Offering:** General Fund \$9,740.99; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$105; Kitchen Fund \$13; Jim Gaeddert Memorial \$1,285.

**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.

**Your cards, notes, and words of sympathy, support, and love are very much appreciated** during this time of the passing of our father, Carl Peters in Henderson NE. May God bless each one here at BCMC. *Lil and Joe Peters*

**We offer sympathy to the family of Verlin Bartel.** Verlin, 85, died in Wichita May 25, and a memorial service will be held September 3 at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Verlin's daughter is Olivia Bartel, director of Camp Mennoscah; his brother is Allan Bartel (and Allan's wife Susan), and sister-in-law Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (and Ada's husband Wes).

**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

**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](http://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](mailto:asa@bethelks.edu) or 316-283-1612.

**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](mailto:lindap@bluestemks.org)

**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](mailto: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."

**This Week at BCMC: September 4—11, 2022**

**Sunday, September 4—Live stream (YouTube) link for this Sunday is:**

<https://youtu.be/qqqGoOCFR18>

**10:30 am**

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)

**Monday, September 5—Labor Day—church building will be locked; church office will be closed**

**Tuesday, September 6**

**5:30 to 6:30 pm Community Playschool Open House** in the Playschool rooms in the basement

**7 pm** Facilities Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 7**

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

**7:30 pm** Senior High Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, September 8—1st day of Community Playschool**

**9 am to 11 am** Community Playschool rooms

**6:30 pm** Chancel Bells Rehearsal 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.

**Friday, September 9—2nd day of Community Playschool**

**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*

**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 the sanctuary**

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**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.

**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!

### **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](mailto:info@ksabolition.org). The event is free and open to all interested. Conference Panelists: Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College; Donna Schneweis, 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

**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.

**Life Enrichment:** Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **September 8 9:30 am** *Little Arkansas Reservoir: The Lake that Never Was*, Brian D. Stucky  
**10:30 am** Coffee Break  
**10:50 am** *Life of Rodolphe Petter, a Swiss Missionary to America*, Weldon Schloneger

**Fri., Sept. 16 – Bethel College guest recital, Spencer Myer, piano, 7 pm,** Administration Building chapel

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for two new positions,** consider applying today or passing these opportunities on to someone you know who has a passion for working in immigration!

**Immigration Program Coordinator -** Got experience with immigration, migration, and borderlands work? Love building multi-cultural relationships? This opportunity with MCC may be the one for you. Click through this link for more information and to apply.

**Borderlands Program Coordinator -** Join MCC and use your coordinating skills and knowledge of borderlands. Teach, connect, and work with MCC partners and asylum seekers in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Click through this link for more information and to apply. Questions about either position? Email [claraswald@mcc.org](mailto:claraswald@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.