

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Deb Byler has concluded her Mennonite Mission Network ministry with the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, where she worked since 2018. (Previously, she served with Eastern Mennonite Missions from 1984-1996.) Praise God for Deb’s ministry of walking alongside the women leaders of the church. Ask God to strengthen the Kekchi women, and pray for Deb as she retires at Greencroft Communities, a retirement community in Goshen, Indiana.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for congregations, members and leaders to experience growth in faith and ministry through use of library materials.

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 Singers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church



October 16, 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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Credence Report

Prelude	<i>Foundation</i> (Wilbur Held) <i>Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer</i> (Carlson) [VT 606] Verlene Garber
Christ Candle Lighting	Dave Linscheid
Welcome and Prayer	
Anthem	<i>God be In my Head</i> arr. John Rutter Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist
Children's Conversation	Jill and Adam Robb
Scripture Reading	Matthew 9:14-17
Sermon	Betty Pries, Credence Report

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

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.

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.

LOOK UP EVERYONE!

Our new screen is in place. The projector, monitors, software and switching devices are all in place and working. Only one small problem...we were sent the wrong screen. The screen we ordered will descend much lower than the present one and will be installed when it arrives (in several months). Thanks to everyone for your support and patience.

MCC Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving season, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks (aka an MCC relief kit) for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: mccbuckets.org.

Update from the Church Board:

Worship Commission Task Group:

At the end of the last program year (May 2022), the Church Board agreed to put the Worship Commission on hiatus for one year to offer a time for discussion and reflection concerning its purpose and process. The board has appointed a task group to explore possibilities for the future. They are currently gathering information from pastors, former Worship Commission members, and others. If you'd like to offer input, you may contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Patty Shelly, Dale Schrag, or Adam Robb.

Interim Pastor Possibility:

Western District Conference has contacted the church board with news that there is someone who is interested in exploring an interim pastor position with our church. Within the next few weeks the church board plans to interview this person and then share more information with the congregation.

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 last week the BCMC Reference Group, Church Board, and some of the leadership from various commissions and committees heard an overview of what Credence has found. On Friday October 14, you should have received by email an Initial Report from Credence and Co. **Today 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.

The Intergenerational Sunday School class which meets in 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.

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

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!

Quilter's Corner is gladly accepting donations for the Mennonite Central Committee sale which is April 14 and 15, 2023. Bring your fabric, notions, quilts and quilting supplies to the MCC Center in North Newton clearly labeled for Quilter's Corner. If questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

After two years of not meeting, we are excited to announce plans for the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet. It will be held at the Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Brian Stucky, a 1971 graduate of Moundridge High School and currently living in Goessel.. As a descendant of the family who operated the Alta Mill near Moundridge, he will give a program about "Mennonite Mills in Central Kansas". Knackie's will cater the meal. The cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 24.

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra presents "The Magic Flute in Concert" with Opera Kansas, today, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Newton High School Auditorium. Chris David Westover-Muñoz leads orchestra and vocal soloists on a concert adaptation of Mozart's classic opera. Tickets are Adults \$18 at the door/\$15 advance; Students \$7; twelve and under are free with an adult. Purchase at Faith & Life Bookstore, or online at www.nmkso.org.

Everence will hold a Social Security and retirement income workshop Tues., Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B. The workshop will cover Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. If interested in attending, contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

This Week at BCMC: October 16—October 23, 2022

Sunday, October 16

9:30 am Worship Service with Credence Consultation Report

Monday, October 17

7 pm Task Group for Decolonization meeting in Room 14

Tuesday, October 18

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Women's Fellowship Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 19—Wednesday Night Suppers

5:30-7 pm Faith Formation is hosting a community building event at P and M Pumpkin Ranch. Come for a hot dog meal by at the Willow campfire site located at P and M. Food and drink will be provided!

6 pm Wednesday Supper serving line starts at 6-6:15 pm and a welcome and blessing will be at 6:20 pm—Menu for tonight is Chicken Cor-don Bleu, broccoli; mashed potatoes; and M&M chocolate brownies

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

Thursday, October 20

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bells rehearsal in room B7

6:30 pm Abuse Prevention and Response Committee meeting in Room 14

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

Sunday, October 23

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Todd Schlosser

10:15 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:30 am Faith Formation

BCMC Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. Weldon and Florence Schloneger will present a program of poetry accompanied by photos of nature. The South east door will be open.

Staff Absence: Monica Lichti will be on vacation from Oct. 17-21, 2022.

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)

Kathy Stucky is offering 20 free tickets to the special exhibit at Botanica in Wichita, "Washed Ashore—Art to Save the Sea." The exhibit which features "14 oversized amazing sculptures made completely by ocean debris" will be at Botanica until Oct. 23, 2022. The tickets are in Kathy Stucky's mailbox here at the church. Feel free to help yourself. It's an exhibit well worth seeing!

Heartfelt thanks go to all who remembered my mother, Anna Grace (Wiens) Flickinger, both for her 100th birthday celebration, and at the time of her death. It was certainly a rich, full month for our family, and the support and encouragement we received is gratefully acknowledged. A special thank you to the Prayer Network for the prayers on our behalf. Carol Flickinger and Roger Juhnke

BCMC Oct. 9 Offering: General Fund \$9,714.85; Caring Fund \$150; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Living Stones \$940; Screen Project \$1,000

We're still on a roll! For 3 months we have had positive income balances.

Wow! and a great big thank you for all your effort!! The harsh realities are that while we raised \$7,000 more than our expenses last month we are still \$22,000 short for the year plus being several months behind in paying benevolent accounts. While we are so grateful for your efforts and we hate to keep asking for more, we must. Facts are that we have lived 75% of the year but only raised 65% of the budget. That means we are still in a hole but the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. Keep up the good work! - *Finance Committee*

October 23 and October 30: What is Loss of Turtle Island? (Don't miss it! It hasn't been offered for three years!). Many Native People called the North American continent "Turtle Island." In this interactive simulation event created by MCC to be held in Mem Hall at 4 p.m. on Sunday October 23 (no registration! Just show up before 4 p.m.!), you will experience a re-creation of how Native People lost their land. You will feel what it is like to be evicted from your homeland. You will learn about the Doctrine of Discovery, American and Mennonite history. You will be changed by what you learn. . . . And a week later, participants from BCMC have a unique opportunity to share together about what the experience was like on Sunday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at a Sampler of Native foods--wild rice, the Three Sisters (corn, beans, squash) as we talk about what we learned and what we can do today in acts of restorative justice and repair. BCMC Task Group for Decolonization

Bethel College Announcements

- **Life Enrichment:** Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **Oct. 20 9:30 am** "Soils for Life," Isaac Broeckelman
10:15 am Coffee Break **10:35 am** "Mental Health is Health," Eric Litwiller
11:30 am "Playing Piano Duets—A Favorite Way to Create Music at Home in the 1800s," Karen Bauman Schlabaugh and Ben Woodward-Breckbill
- **TODAY (Sun., Oct. 16) & Mon., Oct. 17 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures with Brad Gregory,** Reformation scholar from the University of Notre Dame, 7 p.m. 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** p.m., 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
- **Last week to see "Environmental Exposure,"** sculpture by Glen Ediger, in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, through Fri., Oct. 21. The gallery is closed Oct. 16-18 for Bethel's fall break, and open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- **Sun., Oct. 23 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with oral historian Ina Navazelskis** from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (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 by Oct. 18; e-mail kauffman@bethelks.edu or call 316-283-1612.
- **Fri.-Sat., Nov. 4-5 – "Old Books Made New – The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today,"** an intercollegiate symposium honoring the Mennonite Library & Archives at Bethel College and libraries everywhere. Keynote address by Greta Kroeker, Ph.D., Friday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Saturday events in Krehbiel Auditorium and via technology at Conrad Grebel University College, Eastern Mennonite University and Goshen College. See marpeck-fund.bethelks.edu/events/old-books-made-new/

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 19, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Serving line starts at 6-6:15 pm and a welcome and blessing will be at 6:20 pm. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering or email the office Mon., Oct. 10. Cost is \$6/person or \$18/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Menu for Oct. 12 is Chicken Cordon Bleu, broccoli, mashed potatoes, M&M chocolate brownies

Number attending meal ____ Name: _____