

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Robin Gingerich serves at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, LCC has 780 students from 58 different countries, with many of the students coming from Ukraine. Pray for Robin and all the students, faculty, and staff as they work for peace on many levels.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for credentialed ministers in WDC, as they provide leadership, guidance and care for congregations, church institutions and community ministries.

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.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave., Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117
Phone: 316-283-3667—Fax: 316-283-2079 Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
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



November 13, 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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Joining Voices Together

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Christ Candle Lighting

Welcome and Prayer Nathan Koontz

Introit *Let All Things Now Living* (Mark Shepperd)
Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* VT 103

Children's Conversation Katie Graber
Song and Artwork: *Mountain of God & Tree of Life*—(VT 11 & 12)

Responsive Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-12 VT 110

Reflection *What is Worship?* Katie Graber
Could It Be That God is Singing—VT 42
Abana Alathi (Abana in Heaven)—VT 675
When Israel Was in Egypt's Land—VT 193

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *God, Be the Love* VT 43

*Benediction VT 1050

Postlude *Celtic Farewell* (Linda R. Lamb) Chancel Bells

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Audio visual—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.

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.

All Mentors/Mentees are invited to a Newton Salvation Army Food Pantry food drive on Nov. 20, 2-4 p.m. Meet at Frank and Kathy Stucky's house at 721 Bobtail Court. If possible, bring a wagon. We will be collecting nonperishable items from the Sand Creek Station neighborhoods.

Thanks and Farewell for Pastor Todd:

We have greatly appreciated Pastor Todd Schlosser for his strong and collaborative leadership, wise counsel, optimistic and calm steadiness during transition, and the warm relationships he has built during his time as our interim pastor. He will be missed, but we wish him well as he moves down the road to Tabor Mennonite Church. We will be able to acknowledge and celebrate his contributions during Todd's last Sunday worship with us on November 20. There will also be an extended coffee time with refreshments in the Gathering Place with a basket for cards or notes. Thank you so much, Todd!

Staffing for 2023: Welcome Roger Neufeld Smith!

We are grateful that Western District Conference has identified a highly qualified half-time interim pastor for our church beginning January 1. Roger Neufeld Smith was a pastor for many years at Southern Hills in Topeka and comes with strong reviews from Beatrice Mennonite in Nebraska where he has been an interim for the last two years. Roger will preach about once per month, work with committees and commissions, and will be available to assist with pastoral care. The board is excited to have him join us. Look for more introductions in the coming weeks.

Wednesday Evening Meals at BCMC! Please RSVP even if you have signed up for all of the meals. Nov. 16, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Serving line starts at 6-6:15 pm and a welcome and blessing will be at 6:20 pm. For reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering or email the office. Cost is \$6/person or \$18/family per meal. Please bring your own table service. Menu for Nov. 16 is Turkey pot pie, peaches, pumpkin cheesecake bars. This is the last Wednesday evening meal of the season.

How many attending? _____

Name: _____

The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers will be Sun., Dec. 4, 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 with Vada Snider, flute; and Karen Loucks, piano. Program includes the prelude; Treble Clef Chorus; Hearts 4 Him—Men's Ensemble; Josue Coy Dick, violin solo; Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors pursuing a music major.

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements

- **Mennonite Central Committee 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.
- **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** Supplies for MCC kits are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.
- **MCC is seeking a Constituency Engagement Manager:** This new role is designed to help the MCC's in the U.S. plan and implement a cohesive engagement strategy for specific priority audiences including alumni, churches, congregations of color, plain communities and young adults. With a focus on convening and strategizing, this person will be part of the Communications and Donor Relations network and will work in close collaboration with other departments and regional MCC's. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, Pa., but location is flexible within any MCC office in the U.S. Apply online by Nov. 18 at mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Everence and MCC to host hygiene kit-making event on Nov. 29

You can help make the world a better place by joining Everence® and MCC to assemble hygiene kits on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The kits will be distributed through worldwide relief organizations to places like crowded refugee camps where unclean conditions can lead to the spread of serious diseases. The event will take place at Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center.

You can also help by donating supplies to MCC or your Everence office in North Newton or by making a financial contribution to MCC. For more details, contact MCC at 316-283-2720 or Everence at 316-283-3800.

This Week at BCMC: November 13—November 20, 2022

Sunday, November 13

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dr. Katie Graber

As part of the **Joining Voices Together** Worship and Arts Symposium on Nov. 12 at Bethel College, BCMC will be hosting one of the lecturers, Dr. Katie Graber for our Sunday morning worship. She will be leading a tour of *Voices Together* through hymn sing and reflections. Please plan to attend this music-filled worship service as we raise our voices together!

10:30-11:30 am Faith Formation—Intergenerational class of pre-school through high school meets in Fellowship Hall — Adult Classes: Agape Class (Nursery); 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/kJYEvzrxznl>

Monday, November 14

5 pm Faith Formation Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 15

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Women's Fellowship meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

6 pm Wednesday Supper serving line starts at 6-6:15 pm and a welcome and blessing will be at 6:20 pm.

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group

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

Thursday, November 17

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

6:30 pm Chancel Bells rehearsal in room B7

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

Friday, November 18

9 to 11 am Community Playschool

Sunday, November 20

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Elizabeth Schmidt; music by Chancel Choir; this is Pastor Todd Schlosser's last Sunday at BCMC, there will be a cookie reception in the Gathering Place after the worship service

11:00 am Faith Formation

Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to embrace and release thoughts on gratitude. Please use the south-east door.

BCMC Offering for November 6, 2022 General Fund \$8,210; Wed. Supper \$364; MCC Meat Canning \$450; Caring fund \$100; Living Stones \$440; Kitchen Fund \$7

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS, SLOW BUT SURE. We now have had four months of positive balances and we have whittled the deficit down to \$18,500. One good month and we could have that gone. The finance committee is so happy with your response! While we know that its not easy, but you are responding to the churches call. Thank you very much. Remember Monday the 14th, you should have the bcmcXpress forms in your hands in order to commit your pledge of support for the 2023 year. Please prayerfully consider what your can do to help BCMC meet its budgetary needs. The Finance Committee thanks you in advance for your pledged support

Staffing for 2023: New Position

A new half-time lay position has been developed entitled the Congregational Care Coordinator. The recent Credence report suggested that we need more pastoral care and Todd Schlosser, who has been ably stepping in to do some visitation, is leaving. So this position will give more focus and time to care within our congregation. Please note the separate announcement of this open position.

Staffing for 2023: Continuing Roles

In addition to the continuing roles of George Leary and Jill Robb with Youth and Faith Formation, Nathan Koontz will also continue for 2023 in his expanded $\frac{3}{4}$ time position with the new title of Pastor for Community and Worship. This title better reflects what he is already doing. He will continue to preach twice per month and make arrangements for guest pastors and coordination of worship, work with congregation and community around peace and justice issues, and work with some committees and commissions. Pastor Nathan will also continue to provide pastoral care during times of crisis, end-of-life, and funerals. The expanded time and new title are for the interim until settled pastors have been found. We owe Nathan our profound thanks for being flexible and adapting his work to changing circumstances.

Applications Sought for Congregational Care Coordinator

The half-time Congregational Care Coordinator, a new lay position, will develop ways we can support each other, coordinate visitation for those in need of care, and work at welcoming and integrating those new to our congregation and at all stages of life. The person will work in collaboration with pastors and their visitation plans. The position is set to begin January 1. Please contact the church office for applications.

BCMC Library Announcements

Sixteen books have been recently added to our collection either through our budget or donation. Come find your next new read. As always, Sondra Koontz has written a brief summary of each book to help you make your decision. The book summaries are near the library computer.

Also, the Library Committee will be highlighting books added to our collection though the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery study group. These books, along with the handouts from the Loss of Turtle Island activit, are or will be on the north wall of the library. Come check us out!

Nov. 17 Life Enrichment: Place and time: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 am. **9:30 a.m.** "Athena, Atlas and the Plight of Sisyphus," Lisa Otter and Micki Fryhover, Newton

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:50 a.m. "Stop Watching TV News!," Sierra Scott, TV host, KPTS-TV Channel 8, Wichita

Bethel College Announcements

- **TODAY (Sun., Nov. 13) – KIPCOR Film Series presents John Lewis – Get in the Way,** 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film by Kathleen Dowdey tells the story of the late Congressman and civil rights icon. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series. An audience talkback will follow the film screening.
- **Thurs., Nov. 17 – Artist reception for Julia Olson and "Hidden Conversations through Portraiture,"** 6-8 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Olson will be drawing live portraits in the gallery during the reception. Exhibit closes Fri., Nov. 18. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.
- **Mon., Nov. 21 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert,** directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **This is the last week to see Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War,** a traveling exhibit developed and toured by Kauffman Museum at Bethel College, at the McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation, 1111 E. Kansas Ave. in McPherson, closing Sat., 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

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.