

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: In this new year, may we be channels of God's love and light to our neighbors and, through Mennonite Mission Network personnel and partners, to our brothers and sisters on six continents.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Father, as this New Year begins, we thank you through your Son Jesus Christ for all that you are doing and all that you are going to do in the communities, and people of WDC, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, using the blessing of Church Planting as an instrument. We thank you in advance for being with us, for being our deliverer and our healer, thank you, Christ Jesus. -WDC Church Planting Commission

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.

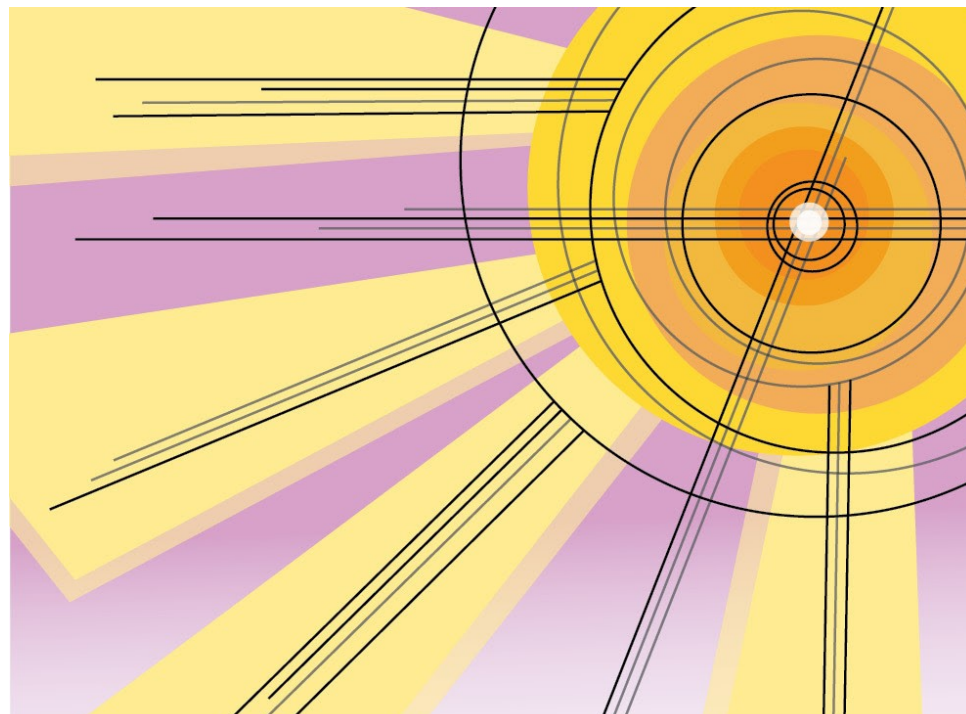
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Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Church office hours: 9 am–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –5 pm Mon–Thur
Church office is closed Friday afternoons
Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled
Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm
Notary public service is available in the church office

- Pastor Nathan Koontz, Day off: Wednesday
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- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber
- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

January 1, 2023

New Year's Day



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
New Year's Day January 1, 2023
Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Prelude Verlene Garber

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Welcome and Prayer Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say* VT 250

Children's Conversation

*Hymn *Joy to the World* VT 240

*Hymn *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT 275

Common Purpose Statement Nathan Koontz

Scripture Reading Micah 6:8 Dwight Platt

Meditation Doug Penner

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

*Benediction Nathan Koontz

Postlude Verlene Garber

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

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.*

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.

Thank you to Verlene Garber who is retiring as accompanist to the Chancel Choir, a position she has filled admirably since 2014!

Welcome to Will Wiebe-Friesen who begins in January as accompanist to the Chancel Choir.

Menno Ringers—All students 4th grade through 8th grade interested in ringing handbells are welcome! Rehearsals begin Jan. 11, 2023, 6:30 pm in Room B7.

In order to recognize and mourn the loss of our loved ones from 2022, Bethel College Mennonite Church is hosting a Service of Remembrance on January 8, 2023 at 4 pm, in the BCMC sanctuary.

Everence Opportunities: Everence makes it easy to find ways to give back and support your favorite charity. My Neighbor Card: Everence donates 1.50% of every purchase you make to the charity of your choice. Donor Advised Funds allows you to grow funds intended for charitable giving at any time.

This Week at BCMC: January 1-8, 2023

I've been asked by The Etcetera Shop to ask for some extra volunteers for the next few weeks. Several volunteers have not returned to the shop, one staff member has left and two are on emergency leave. If you could help out even for a few hours in the next few weeks, it would be very much appreciated. If you have not volunteered before, we could arrange orientation. **If you have questions, call Elaine Schurr, 402-980-1809**

Registration is beginning for the 2023 season of Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC). Those who sang last year will find a registration form in your church mail box. We are working to recover after the pandemic. Numbers were significantly down last year. Please consider joining this year. Please contact Joe Peters for registration forms. We sing that others may live.

Roots of Justice Anti-Racism training is being held January 13-15, 2023 at the Newton Rec Center. If you would like to help support this event by bringing snacks, or helping with snack setup and clean-up, please sign up at the following link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EYyJPbIlgCitrlp7Rg_8Zwsb0162YPU1NyDrePqdbug/edit?usp=sharing **If you want to help but don't want to use the link,** call Margaret Toews at 316-258-8900, or email at mctoews1@gmail.com

WANTED: Your stories. To share at the "Schweitzers and Friends" 150th celebration of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites coming to the U.S. in 1874, planned for Aug. 23-25, 2024. Everyone loves the stories told about days gone by. This event gives us opportunity to collect ancestor stories. Brian Adams from Massachusetts would like to edit stories for a Swiss Volhynian book with the help of his daughter Casey Adams (cpadams992@gmail.com). Brian says no stories are too small or inconsequential. He has heard stories from his Grandfather Jacob (Red Jake) Krehbiel from Moundridge. Think of a story you could share and send to Brian. Themes could be family, faith, agriculture, language. We would all love to read those stories at the celebration event in 2024. Brian's contacts: smolts123@yahoo.com. Phone: 413-586-3063 and he could interview you by phone. --Kathy Goering for the planners

Sun., Jan. 1, 2023—Happy New Year!

10 am Worship Service in the sanctuary—No Sunday school

Mon, Jan. 2, 2023—Church building and office will be closed

Thurs, Jan. 5, 2023

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal in Room B7

7:00 pm Church Board meeting in Room 14

Sunday, Jan. 8 2023

9:30 am Worship planned by the Deacon Commission; a welcome during the service to Roger Neufeld Smith, interim pastor, and Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator

4 pm Service of Remembrance in the Sanctuary—all are welcome

Audio visual today, January 1, 2023 — Francis Toews
Pastor—Nathan Koontz

New's Year Reflection in Worship

We welcome Doug Penner this morning who will share his reflections on Micah 6:8. As we prepare for a new year, let us be thinking about ways that we seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

The Church office and building will be closed on January 2, 2023. The office and building will reopen on January 3, 2023.

We offer sympathy to the family of Gwen Claassen. Gwen died unexpectedly at home on December 25. Details of the memorial service will follow soon.

BCMC Offering for December 25: General Fund \$7,668.34; Living Stones \$5; Women's Fellowship \$340; Paul Harder Memorial \$395.

Announcements From the Board:

Welcome to Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator!

The BCMC Board is excited to welcome Elizabeth Schmidt as our Congregational Care Coordinator! In addition to being our recent past church moderator, Elizabeth is a Bethel College graduate, has taken coursework for an MA in Theology at Illiff School of Theology, and has completed one unit of Extended Clinical Pastoral Education at Wesley Medical Center. She was also Executive Director of Harvey-Marion County Community Developmental Organization from 2007 to 2019. In this new half-time position, Elizabeth 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. Elizabeth will begin work on January 1.

Preparations Underway for Roger Neufeld Smith, our Interim Pastor

January 1 will mark the beginning of work for Roger Neufeld Smith, our new half-time Interim Pastor. He comes with 30 years of experience as pastor at Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka and has recently been an interim pastor in Beatrice, Nebraska. We will welcome him officially during the worship service on January 8 with his first sermon planned for January 15. In addition to preaching about once per month, he will also work with committees and commissions and be involved with visitation in collaboration with Pastor Nathan and the Congregational Care Coordinator. We are so pleased to begin our work with him!

Credence Report Task Group

The BCMC Board is constituting a small task group to oversee decisions and implementation of recommendations from the Credence and Company consultants. Their work will begin after the first of the year. If you would like to be involved with this group or a specific part of the recommendations, please feel free to contact Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Moderator, or Brad Kohlman, Moderator-Elect. Your input is always welcome.

College scholarships available: Everence offers college scholarships for Everence members and their children. Eligible students receive scholarships up to \$3,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications are accepted Jan. 1 through Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/scholarships for eligibility guidelines and application. Information is also available by contacting Jim Robb.

Bethel College Announcements

Sat., Jan. 7 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

Mon., Jan. 16 – Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, “Together We Can Be the Dream,” 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

New Hope Shelter Announcement

We greatly need to increase our volunteer base as we head into the new year and with the new building only one year away, do as much as we can to provide two volunteers each evening per shift.

If you have anyone who is interested in volunteering, please let me know. My volunteer training sessions are normally planned at the end of each month based on availability and need.

Shonda M Suddeth, Shelter/Volunteer Coordinator
(316) 283-7711, shonda@newhope-shelter.org

Please contact Valetta Seymour if you can consider becoming a New Hope Shelter volunteer. Generally, we have people to provide meals, but evening volunteers are much more difficult to come by.
seymour2314@gmail.com 620-217-7536

New Addresses for your BCMC directory:

- Eric Massanari and Yolanda Kauffman, 4021 York Street, Bellingham, WA, 98229
- Dorothy Stucky Harder Janzen and Keith Janzen, 333 S. Lakeside Dr., Apt. M, McPherson, KS, 67460
- Kevin and Sheryl Goering, 109 Springlake Drive, Newton, KS, 67114; Emails: sherylgoe@sbcglobal.net and kevin@goeringcpa.com
- Coralee Shenk, 213 W. 26th, PO Box 422, North Newton, KS, 67117; phone: 303-350-7230; Email: coralee_shenk@hotmail.com