

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins work to prepare nominations of conference leaders for election at WDC annual assembly in 2023.

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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- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church January 15, 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

THE BETHEL COLLEGE
MEMORIAL HALL SERIES
PRESENTS

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.



The poster used to advertise King's appearance at Bethel College on Jan. 21, 1960. *Courtesy Mennonite Library and Archives/Bethel College*

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

January 15, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

Prelude *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*
(Two gospel song settings by Jack Schrader)
Karen Unruh, piano

Christ Candle Lighting

Welcome and Prayer Dave Linscheid

***Hymn** *Guide My Feet* VT 816
Ron Garber, soloist on first phrase of each verse

Children's Conversation Margaret Goering

Anthem *Celebrate With Joy* (Cynthia Dobrinski)
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (arr. Sandra Eithun)
Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director

Scripture Reading Micah 4:1-4 Zona Galle

Sermon *Martin Luther King's Challenge to Peaceful Mennonites*
Roger Neufeld Smith

***Hymn** *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* VT 359

Prayers of God's People

***Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* VT 611

***Benediction** Roger Neufeld Smith

Postlude *Soon and Very Soon* (Andraé Crouch) Karen Unruh

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Audio visual—John Thiesen

Pastors—Nathan Koontz and Roger Neufeld Smith

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.

We welcome Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith, as he brings his first sermon to BCMC.

We offer sympathy to the family of Grace Schroeder. Grace died Jan. 10 at Schowalter Villa, Hesston. Following is a note from Elaine Prouty: " I'm writing to inform you that Hank's dear aunt Grace Schroeder, a long time BCMC member, passed away peacefully this afternoon at Schowalter Villa. She'd been struggling with pneumonia and had been failing; the last two weeks have been difficult. Her daughter Cathy Holdeman (of Wichita) and her son Jeff Schroeder (of Los Alamos, New Mexico) were with her at the time she passed. Her children have requested services at a later time, probably in the spring when her grandchildren (who are scattered across the United States) can be here."

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

Pastor Nathan Koontz will be away January 14-16, 2023.

BCMC Offering for January 8: General Fund \$14,068.27; Living Stones \$1,150; Kitchen Fund \$21; Women's Fellowship \$90.

Thank you to the characters creating a scene on Epiphany Sunday:

Adah Hodge, Glen Ediger, David Kreider, Dale Schrag and last but not least, plus appearing twice, the camel crew stars - Miles Brubacher, Collin and Brett Gaeddert, Justin and Addison Zerger guided by Tim Hodge and Adam Robb.

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.

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*

WANTED — Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

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.

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.

This Week at BCMC: January 15-22, 2023

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023—Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Chancel Bells

YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtu.be/3bSEgO4ci6Y>

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

10:30 am Faith Formation—Intergenerational class meets in Fellowship Hall; High School - Room 24

Adult Classes: Agape Class meets in the 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)

Mon., Jan. 16, 2023—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—office will be closed and church building will be locked

4 pm Pastor Search Committee meet in Room 14

Wed., Jan. 18, 2023

6:30 pm Menno Ringers Rehearsal in Room B7

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Jan. 19, 2023

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal in Room B7

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

Sun., Jan. 22, 2023—Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

9:30 am Sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Choir

February 26 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday! "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is a way for BCMC folks to get acquainted with other BCMC folks that they might not know very well. The Hospitality Commission will match people who sign up as hosts with people who sign up as guests. There will be sign up sheets at the back of the church, for being either a host or a guest for a dinner, for the next two Sundays.

FROM THE NEWTON COMMUNITY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE HARVEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mon., Jan. 16, 2 p.m., Harvey County Historical Museum & Archives, 203 N. Main St., Newton (next door to Petersen's Funeral Home) — The public is invited to an afternoon of storytelling and learning with members of Newton's Black community. Co-sponsored by the Harvey County Historical Society and Newton Community for Racial Justice.

Message from Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator

"Behold, I am doing a new thing!"

I am excited about coordinating new ways of welcoming, caring and connecting in our congregation! I've begun care visits and visiting Faith Formation classes to gather wisdom and get to know you better. I am working with Deacons on visitation and welcoming visitors and new members. Be watching for announcements about new caring opportunities to arise, and be emboldened to share your ideas - in person, by email to elizabeth@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, and by calling the church office. Office hours: I plan to be in the office on Wednesdays, with half days on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Call for gently-used gift bags and baskets!

While you are doing post-holiday clean-up, or New Year's de-cluttering, here is a creation care and caring connection opportunity! Your donations of gently-used gift bags and baskets may be deposited on pews in the back of the sanctuary, for future repurposing as care packages. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver!"

Marvin and Ruthann Dirks have moved to Assisted Living in Ft. Collins, CO.

Their new address is: 1002 Rule Dr., Apt. 205, Fort Collins, CO 80525
Phone: 316-772-0618; Email: dirksrut@gmail.com

The Library Theme for the next couple of months is Black History. The Library Committee pulled part of the books that we have in our collection which are displayed either in back of the library desk or on the shelving in the Children's Room. Please come see what we have to offer! Also, don't forget that we still have puzzles for your puzzling pleasure right outside of the library door and more on the west wall of the library. Please come browse and place a donation in the envelope if you find one that catches your fancy.

Roger will be driving back to Topeka this afternoon but will be checking his BCMC email regularly while in Topeka.

(roger@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). He is also available by voice mail or text when necessary (785-220-1968). Roger will be back in the BCMC office from Wednesday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m., and staying in Newton through the annual meeting on Sunday, January 29. His schedule for his days in Newton beyond January 29 is still a "work in progress". Thanks for your patience and your prayers.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Mon., Jan. 16 – Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**, featuring Dr. Marché Fleming-Randle from Wichita State University, "Together We Can Be THE Dream," 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Sun., Jan. 22 – Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel**, featuring freshman, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2022 semester.
- **Sat., Jan. 28 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Kansans Create!," noon-4 p.m.**, museum parking lot and grounds (corner of Main & 27th Streets, North Newton). Featuring local artists and artisans, a community art project, food trucks and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

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 needed. Contact: seymour2314@gmail.com 620-217-7536

Western District Conference's Hope Fund assists WDC congregations and commissions in response to the impact of the COVID pandemic, natural disasters and other emergencies resulting in added expenses, stress, and loss of income. Thanks to generous contributions from WDC congregations, members and friends, 28 grants were made from 2020 to 2022, totaling over \$62,000. Nearly a third of WDC congregations and the Ministerial Leadership Commission have received grants (some receiving multiple grants) to assist with needs such as rent, utility bills, facility repairs, groceries, medical costs, transportation, children's daycare, mental health counseling and coaching. The Hope Fund is running low and seeks new contributions in 2023! Donations designated "Hope Fund" may be made online at <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=c50eb5b3-a9b7-4431-ba3c-bcb6744f74f1> or sent to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. For more information and application see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>