

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, made up of Michaela Esau, Cade Fisher, Jessie Landis and Andrea Troyer. The MVSers help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, by working with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and adult literacy, immigration and refugee rights, and environmental protection programs.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for wisdom and insight for the WDC Executive Board, as it implements action steps growing out of its anti-racism audit completed last year.

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
 Cell phone: 316-212-4593; Email: nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
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- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.**

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude *Together* (Nathan Grieser)
Untitled Hymn (Chris Rice)
Will You Let me Be Your Servant (Richard Gillard)
Meghann Rogers

Christ Candle Lighting

Welcome and Prayer Sondra Koontz

*Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

Children's Conversation Rebecca Schloneger

*Hymn *I Sought the Lord* VT 161

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Brad Born

Sermon *After* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *One is the Body* VT 386

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

People with January birthdays come forward for a blessing,
please bring a hymnal

*Birthday Blessing & Benediction Nathan Koontz

Postlude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (arr. by Chris Rice)
Meghann Rogers

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— Francis Toews

Pastor—Nathan Koontz

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.

Menno Ringers—All students 3rd grade through 8th grade interested in ringing handbells are welcome! Rehearsals are each Wednesday, 6:30 pm in Room B7.

Pastoral Search Committee

The Search Committee has begun their work with an orientation from Western District Conference pastor Kathy Neufeld Dunn. Search Committee members are Heather Zerger (chair), Megan Kohlman, Doug Penner, Lois Preheim, and John Waltner. Thank you to all these members for the important work they will be doing! The Search Committee's work will be informed by and run parallel to the work of the Credence Report Task Group which will oversee decisions and implementation of recommendations from the Credence and Company consultants. Thank you for your support and prayers as these dual processes move forward.

BCMC Offering for January 22: General Fund \$9,360.33; Senior High Youth Group \$100; Living Stones \$48.33; Kitchen Fund \$29; Women's Fellowship \$563.47.

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.

Camp Mennoscah Spring Scrapbook and Craft Retreat registration is open! Croppers and crafters of all skill levels are welcome.

Participants at the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will have lodging in the Retreat Center and work space at the Dining Hall. Grade 3 and above are welcome with an accompanying adult. Further details available on the website or at 620-297-3290. See you in March!

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. 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). No stories are too small or inconsequential. 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 29-February 5, 2023

Sun., Jan. 29, 2023

9:30 am Sermon by Nathan Koontz

11:45 am Fundraiser Soup Lunch served by the Senior High Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall—Everyone is invited!

12:45 pm Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

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

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)

Tues., Jan. 31, 2023

1 pm Staff meeting in Room 14

Wed., Feb. 1, 2023

6 pm BCMC Repair Task Group meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Menno Ringers Rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Youth Group meets

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Feb. 2, 2023

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Church Board meets in Room 14

Sun., Feb. 5, 2023—Senior High Youth Group Leads Worship

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Faith Formation

2:30 pm Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus rehearsal in the sanctuary

The congregational meeting is today at 12:45 in the sanctuary. It can be viewed on YouTube at the time of the meeting only; it will not be recorded for later viewing. Although there will not be a way to participate in discussion, those watching online may vote on an item during the meeting by texting "yes" or "no" to the following number: 620-747-0185. If there are several people in the household, they will be able to send a vote for each person represented by the text. YouTube Link for the congregational meeting is: <https://youtu.be/Ye0dtKEB4n0>

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. Today there are sign up sheets at the back of the church, for being either a host or a guest for a dinner.

Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith will be in North Newton today for worship and the congregational meeting and later this week In order to attend meetings. He will travel back to Topeka Friday morning, February 3. He is available by voice mail or text when necessary at 785-220-1968 or by email: roger@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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.

Life Enrichment for Feb. 2—Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College

9:30 am "Faithful Journeys," A.B. Stokes, Bethel College head football coach

10:35 am "The Impact of Social Media on Youth and the Classroom," Brian Skinner, 2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year

11:30 am "KanCare Expansion-The Movement Too Urgent to Be Ignored," April Holman, executive director, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, Topeka

Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA are partnering in a new webinar series, Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

Bethel College Announcements

- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Farm to Table,"** ceramics by Stacey Stanhope Dundon, through Fri., Feb. 24 (artist lecture and reception Feb. 23). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 4 – 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).
- **Tues., Feb. 7 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents David Pickering,** organ, and Audrey Pickering, cello and organ, 7 p.m., in a program featuring works by J.S. Bach, Lübeck, Alain, Bloch and Gawthrop, Administration Building chapel

New Hope Shelter Announcement: 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

SAVE THE DATE! Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at #316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, "Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz".

As we enter the last month of our fiscal year, Western District Conference invites you to share a gift with WDC to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year. Your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2022 budget goal! You may make an online contribution (WDC website—credit card, PayPal, Google Pay accepted) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. We are grateful for your generosity!