

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they share Jesus' love in their daily lives — Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC chaplains, pastors and congregational care teams who offer support to church and community members living with mental, emotional, and physical health challenges.

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

February 12, 2023



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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Prelude	<i>Angel Eyes</i> (Brickman) <i>Der Friedensfürst</i> (G. Meyer)	Erich Boschmann, piano
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		Dorothy Nickel Friesen
*Hymn	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	VT 30 Verlene Garber, piano; Suzanne Burch, guitar
Children's Conversation		Crystal Gaeddert
Anthem	<i>Prelude on Holy Manna</i> (arr. Marker)	Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director
Kin_dom Report		Bill Swartley
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-8; Mark 1:9-11, 16-20	Roger Juhnke and Lucy Burch
Sermon	<i>A Culture of Call</i>	Roger Neufeld Smith
*Hymn	<i>Listen, God is Calling</i>	VT 765
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Christ Be in Your Senses</i>	VT 721
*Benediction		Roger Neufeld Smith
Postlude	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> (arr. Smith)	Chancel Bells

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— John Thiesen

Pastor— 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.

Welcome to Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González, joining us in worship today as guests from Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, where they are serving as a couple in a shared transitional pastoral role during the coming year. Rebeca and Fernando are visiting from Mexico, bringing a rich experience in Spanish-speaking Anabaptist education and church-related ministries. Thank you to BCMC members for your support for Casa Betania during this transitional time!

Roger's Whereabouts - Roger is traveling back to Topeka today. He will return to Newton on Friday, February 24, and will preach on Sunday, February 26.

BCMC Offering for February 5, 2023: General Fund \$10,289.33; Sr Hi Youth \$561; Living Stones \$300; Kitchen Fund \$14; Women's Fellowship \$50; Screen Project \$1,245.

December was a wildly successful in terms of giving, January not so much. The income for January was \$9,925 less than expenses. According to the church treasurer's records, this is the sixth slowest start in the last 8 years. Please remember this as you make plans for your February giving. - *Finance Committee*

Please remember in your prayers the members of the BCMC Sunday School class The Sojourners. Sojourners have met in various places in the church over the years and more recently in the Chapel. Due to declining attendance they have found it necessary to disband. They will be having a lunch together at BCMC on Friday, Feb. 17 at 11:30 am.

To our BCMC family, We thank you for the cards and words of sympathy we received both preceding and following the death of Kathy's brother, Jimmy Jackson. We are grateful that we have such a supportive church community. Your love and kindness provide us needed strength during this time of acceptance of God's master plan. With our gratitude, Frank and Kathy

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board will meet Wednesday the 15th in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

- **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is seeking a Donor Relations Associate:** This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at mcc.org/donor-relations-associate. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or amberfalcon@mcc.org.
- **MCC Central States annual meeting, March 4** from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, Kansas. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email tinaschrag@mcc.org for the link.

• **Newton Et Cetera Shop is hosting a Women's Clothing Extravaganza Feb. 16-18!** We have an overflow of clothing donations, thanks to our generous donors, and want to pass along the generosity to our customers. On the week of Valentine's Day, this event is a way for us to show our love for our community by sharing generously what we've been given, to show love for the earth by shopping second-hand and reducing our carbon footprint, and to show love for those in need by raising funds for our Local Giving grants and Mennonite Central Committee. During this special event, all women's clothing items in bins on the sales floor will be \$3 each. This includes women's tops, pants, skirts and dresses. The store is located at 619 N. Main St. in Newton. Special business hours for the event are 10-7 Thursday, Feb. 16, and their usual business hours 10-5:30 Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18. Shoppers should note that because of the volume of clothing, the dressing rooms will not be available for this special sale. They will need to plan to try on items over their own clothing.

• **Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer!** Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thurs., 2/16/23 5-6 p.m. or Thurs. 3/09/23 5-6 p.m.

• **Newton Et Cetera Shop welcomes your donations at our back door Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:00 and Sat. 9:30-3:00.** We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Please call us with any questions if you're wondering what we'll accept: 316-283-9461. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!

Upcoming memorial services planned at BCMC:

- Memorial service for Marilyn Loeffler, Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 pm
- Memorial service for Grace Schroeder, Saturday, March 25 at 11 am

This Week at BCMC: February 12-February 19, 2023

Sun., Feb. 12, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Pastoral Search Committee meeting in the Agape House

YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/SbMedCfbgpo?feature=share>

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); Open Circle (Room 21)

Seekers (Rm 28) [They will be doing a "Ecclesiastes study" presented by Weldon Schloneger]

Mon., Feb. 13, 2023

6:30 pm Community Playschool Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

7 pm Newton Chorale rehearsal in the sanctuary

Wed., Feb. 15, 2023

9 am Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

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. 16, 2023

4:30 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

Fri., Feb. 17, 2023

11:30 am Sojourners Sunday School Class Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Sat., Feb. 18, 2023

1 pm Memorial Service for Marilyn Loeffler in the Sanctuary

Sun., Feb. 19, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Choir 10:30 am Faith Formation

After the worship service today the members of the Junior High Club will be selling an assortment of Super Bowl snacks. Snacks will be sold by donation. Donations go toward the Junior High Fund which is used to support activities like Snow Camp.

From the Board:

• **Worship Commission:**

At the beginning of the current program year, the Worship Commission took a hiatus for reconsideration of the function and process of their work. The board formed the Worship Commission Task Group to explore the past experiences and future possibilities for the Commission. The BCMC board has now approved the Task Group's recommendation that the Worship Commission be reestablished for the next program year. The Gifts Discernment Committee will seek nominees for the Worship Commission to be approved at our April congregational meeting. Thanks so much to the Task Group (Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Dale Schrag, Patty Shelly, and Adam Robb) for their thoughtful, thorough, and timely work and recommendation!

• **Credentialing for Elizabeth Schmidt:**

Those who have experienced Elizabeth's ministry gifts along with Elizabeth's own sense of calling lead her to seek licensure for specific ministry by the Western District Conference. This licensing grants all the privileges and responsibilities accorded to an ordained person but is focused on a specific role or ministry and does not lead to ordination. Elizabeth has met for discernment with Patty Shelly, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, and Nathan Koontz who offer much affirmation for her skills, characteristics, and motivation for licensing. The board, as representatives of the congregation, unanimously and joyfully affirmed the recommendation that Elizabeth pursue the process of licensing through Western District Conference for specific ministry in the role of Congregational Care Coordinator. Elizabeth Schmidt and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Moderator, are open to questions, comments, or affirmations. Elizabeth requests continued support as she seeks God's guidance.

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. Guests: You will receive your food assignment next Sunday, February 19. Hosts: Next Sunday, February 19, you will receive the number of guests you will host.

Come to Men and Boys Retreat, Mar. 31-Apr. 2 , at Camp Mennoscah, a long-standing, guys-only retreat. Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. More information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

There will be a volunteer training at New Hope Shelter Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

Volunteers are trained for what is expected of them on evenings from 5-11 p.m. Anyone who wishes to be a volunteer must be trained by a New Hope staff member beforehand, and this orientation gives one that preparation. Please consider becoming a New Hope volunteer and let Valetta Seymour know if you have questions. seymour2314@gmail.com, 620-217-7536.

Life Enrichment for Feb. 16—Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College

9:30 am "Let's Hop Over the Gate!", Jennifer Isaacs, assistant director, Wren House, Valley Center

10:50 am "Writing *East of Liberal: Broadening My Perspective of the Land*," Raylene Hinz Penner, North Newton, lecturer emeritus, Department of English, Washburn University

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sun., Feb. 19 – KIPCOR Film Series presents No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** The film's subject will be present via Zoom for the talkback following the film. *No Time to Waste* looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.
- **Tues., Feb. 21 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert,** directed by Kris-topher Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Thurs., Feb. 23 – Greer Lecture with ceramicist Stacey Stanhope Dundon, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel,** followed by a reception for the artist and her exhibit "Farm to Table" at the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Exhibit closes Fri., Feb. 24. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays.
- **Sun., Feb. 26 – Bethel College Concert Choir Tour Send-off Concert,** directed by Dr. Henry Waters, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall (please note the change in date from some previously printed calendars)

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".