

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.

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.

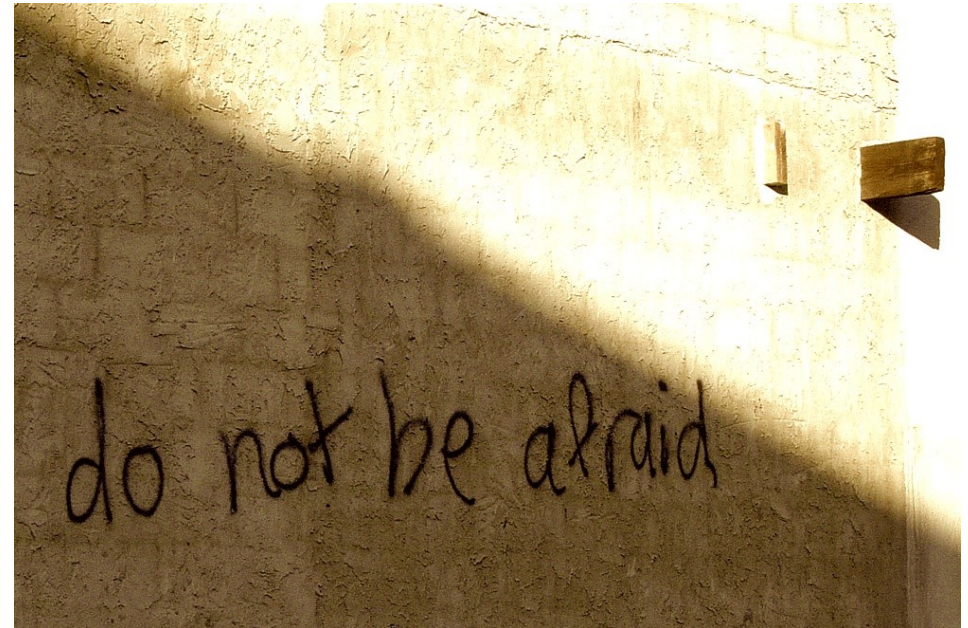
**Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.**

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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

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- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
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- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

## Bethel College Mennonite Church February 19, 2023 Transfiguration Sunday



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**

**February 19, 2023**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

Prelude	Two Settings of Faithfulness: <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> (arr. Douglas Wagner) <i>There is no shadow...</i> (arr. Brenda Portman)	Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		Jonathan Zerger
Welcome and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	VT 42
Kin-dom Report	Heather Zerger, Chair of Pastoral Search Committee	
Children's Conversation		Kevin Neufeld
Anthem	<i>Stay With Us</i> (by Egil Hovland)	
	Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9	Sheryl Goering
Sermon	<i>Coming Down the Mountain</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Beloved, God's Chosen</i>	VT 164
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i>	VT 596
*Benediction		Nathan Koontz
Postlude	<i>Fugue in C Major</i> (J.S. Bach)	Will Wiebe-Friesen

\* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— Ken Lamp

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.**

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**BCMC will begin the Lent Season with an Ash Wednesday service next Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.**

**BCMC Women's Fellowship meets Tues., Feb. 21, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** to hear Carol Peters present, "Using God's Gifts for Quilting". Louise Thieszen will share the history of Mission Quilters at BCMC. You are invited to bring something quilted and share that story. Use the south-east door.

**BCMC Offering for February 12, 2023:** General Fund \$8,287; Sr Hi Youth \$300; Jr Hi Fund \$1,097; Kitchen Fund \$11.

**The Junior High Youth wants to thank the congregation for your generous support of the Super Bowl Snacks fundraiser last Sunday.** \$1,152 was raised for the Junior High Youth fund. Thank you!

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday night suppers beginning March 1, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**We offer sympathy to Hilda Regier** on the death of her sister Elma (Regier) Harms, February 9, at Kidron Bethel Healthcare, North Newton.

**A Family in Gazinatep, Turkey—A Student at Bethel College—How You Can Help!** Dilan Bagci is an exchange student from Wuppertal, Germany. Dilan's mother's family live in Turkey. Her father's siblings have emigrated to Germany. Dilan's grandmother's house, as well as her uncle's were destroyed in the Feb. 6 earthquake. Fortunately, no one was hurt, although her grandmother has been in poor health. Subarna Bhattachan, a '92 BC grad from Nepal, knows what it's like when disaster strikes in a home country far away. Subarna has offered to donate a meal for up to 30 people to raise money for Dilan's family. **When: Friday, March 3, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Prairy Mezzanine—Minimum: \$75 per person. To attend the dinner or to donate, contact Peggy at souderinkansas@yahoo.com or 316-836-6418.** See the poster on the BCMC bulletin board.

- **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](http://mcc.org/donor-relations-associate). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [amberfalcon@mcc.org](mailto: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](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) for the link.

**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".

- **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!

**Roger's Whereabouts - Roger will return to Newton on Friday, February 24, and will preach on Sunday, February 26.**

**Upcoming memorial service planned at BCMC:**

- Memorial service for Grace Schroeder, Saturday, March 25 at 11 am

**This Week at BCMC: February 19-February 26, 2023**

**Sun., Feb. 19, 2023**

**9:30 am** Worship Service — **YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/UJXmAUuLXJQ?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); Cacombs (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. 20, 2023**

**7 pm** Newton Chorale rehearsal in the sanctuary

**Tues., Feb. 21, 2023**

**7 pm** Women's Fellowship meets in Fellowship Hall

**Wed., Feb. 22, 2023**

**6:30 pm** Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

**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. 23, 2023**

**6:30 pm** Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

**7 pm** Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Fri., Feb. 24, 2023**

**10-11 am** Informal conversation about the book, *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews in Fellowship Hall with Justina Neufeld and Dorothy Nickel Friesen hosting the discussion

**Sun., Feb. 26, 2023—Lent 1: Shaped by Testing**

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Menno Ringers; Communion will be served; February birthday recognition

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**There will be an informal conversation about the book, *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews, and the movie based on the book on Friday, February 24, 10 - 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Bethel College Mennonite Church. Justina Neufeld and Dorothy Nickel Friesen will host the discussion with Willmar Harder, Buhler Mennonite Church pastor, who was a MCC worker in Bolivia 2010 - 2014. Willmar was the liaison on behalf of the Mennonite colonies with the Bolivian government. Anyone who has read the book or seen the movie is welcome to attend!**

## 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 this Sunday. Hosts: This Sunday 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. 23—Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College**

**9:30 am** "Moving a House to make a Home," Omar Galle, professor emeritus, University of Texas, and Zona Platt Galle, M.S.W., retired, North Newton

**10:35 am** "Aphasia: Loss of Language, NOT of Intellect?," Harold Regier, NN

**11:30 am** "A Tale of Western Music through Lyrics and Melody," Jeff Davidson, Eureka

## **Bethel College Announcements**

- **TODAY (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 Christopher Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Features music of Vivaldi, Brahms, Dvořák and Saint-Saëns. Livestream will be available at <https://www.youtube.com/@bethelcollegemusicdepartment> (Bethel College Music Department YouTube channel).
- **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.**
- **Sun., Feb. 26 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 p.m.,** Kauffman Museum. Raylene Hinz-Penner, North Newton, will speak on her recently published memoir, with "East of Liberal: Notes on the Land – Exploring the Myths, Contradictions and Resilience."
- **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)