

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Today, Hope for the Future's three-day conference concludes in Atlanta, Georgia. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Mennonite Black, Indigenous and People of Color leaders, as they return to their congregations and communities, strengthened by worship and fellowship. Pray also for White allies to work toward God's justice.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for God's guidance and blessing for WDC youth and their sponsors, pastors and families, in their journey of growing faith and discipleship.

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.

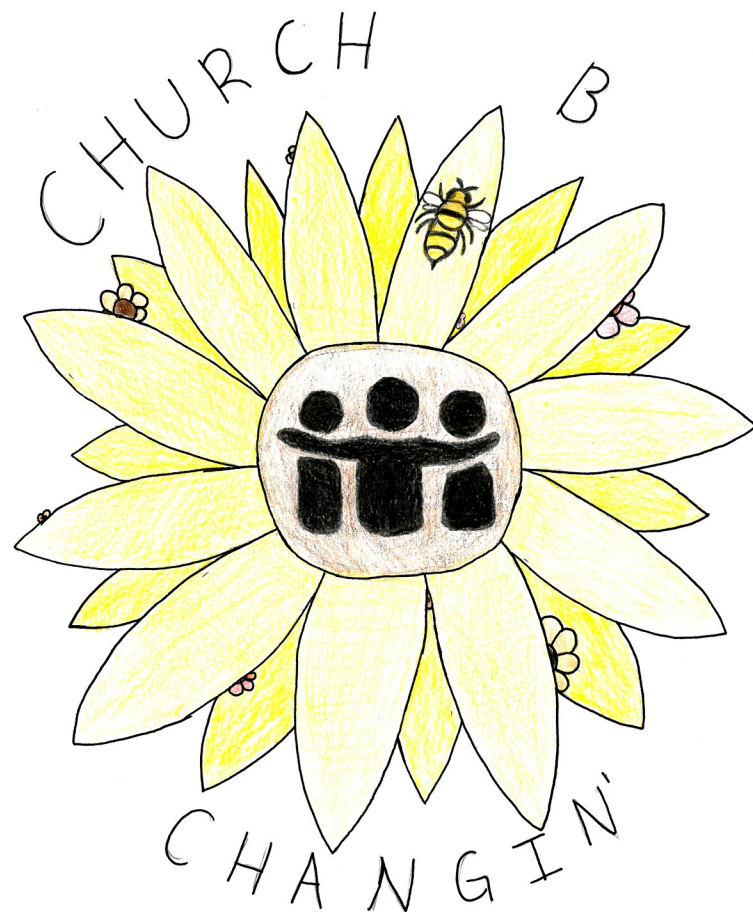
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Church office is closed Friday afternoons
Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled
Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm
Notary public service is available in the church office

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

February 5, 2023

Youth 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 5, 2023

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Prelude Lucy Burch, Will Wiebe-Friesen

Christ Candle Lighting Maisie Brubacher, Payne Claassen

Land Acknowledgement Lily Schloneger

Welcome and Prayer Justin Zerger

*Hys *Here in This Place* VT 10

Children's Conversation Adah Hodge, Abram Wall

*Hys *Guide My Feet* VT 816

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:26-28 Emma Gering

Reflections Ani Koontz, Mara Oswald

*Hys *Rain Down* VT 703

Ani Koontz, solo- verse 1; Lucy Burch, flute;
Chancel Choir- verses 2,3; Congregation-chorus

Prayers of God's People Ani Koontz

*Hys *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VT 847

*Benediction Mara Oswald

Postlude Lily Schloneger

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

Bulletin cover is by Lucy Burch

Chancel Choir director—Riley King; accompanist Will Wiebe-Friesen

Audio visual— Ben Lichti

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.

Thank you to the Senior High Youth Group for leading the worship service this morning!

Thank you for your support on our January 29th soup luncheon fundraiser. We appreciate your generosity and your company. A special thanks to Ben Lichti for his help behind the scenes. We lived through the cold, we laughed in your company, and we loved being with our congregation. The BCMC Senior High Youth Group. #LiveLaughLove

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.

BCMC Offering for January 29: General Fund \$5,717; Sr Hi Youth \$2,892; Living Stones \$50; Kitchen Fund \$21.

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.

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.

There are three upcoming memorial services planned at BCMC:

- Memorial service for Vel Teichroew, Friday, Feb. 10 at 11 am
- Memorial service for Marilyn Loeffler, Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 pm
- Memorial service for Grace Schroeder, Saturday, March 25 at 11 am

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.

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.

Volunteer with MCC Thrift today! You can support the relief development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee AND your local community when you volunteer at your local MCC Thrift shop (Newton Et Cetera Shop)! By volunteering, you'll make friends, gain work experience, and help make a difference in your community and around the world. From sorting to pricing to working the cash register, we've got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer [thrift.mcc.org/volunteer!](https://thrift.mcc.org/volunteer/)

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

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: February 5-February 12, 2023

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

YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/MbpQ2h1bhzM?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); Mosaic (Rm 20); Open Circle (Room 21); Seekers (Rm 28)

Mon., Feb. 6, 2023

7 pm Facilities Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Feb. 8, 2023

6 pm BCMC Decolonization 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. 9, 2023

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal in Room B7

Fri., Feb. 10, 2023

11 am Memorial service for Vel Teichroew in the Sanctuary

Sun., Feb. 12, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; prelude by Erich Boschmann; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 am Faith Formation

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

Roger's Whereabouts – Roger traveled back to Topeka this past Friday, but will return to Newton this coming Thursday, February 9, and will preach on February 12.

After the worship service next Sunday, February 12, 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.

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.

Life Enrichment for Feb. 9—Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College

9:30 am "The HMC Way," Sara Kelly, outreach coordinator, and Re'An Will, outreach assistant, Health Ministries, Newton

10:35 am "The Miracle of Chase Kear," Paul and Paula Kear, Colwich

11:30 am "On Two Wheels at 15,000 Feet (an MCC Learning Tour in Bolivia)," Joe Smucker, Goessel

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!

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2 - Come to Camp Mennoscah for this 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. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515, or see the link below.

Camp Mennoscah Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 24-25! Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come to this retreat focused on worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7 pm with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High program directors, will lead activities. Register in the Summer Youth Camp section by adding a person or session, if you have already registered for camp.

Bethel College Announcements

- **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
- **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. This film looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.
- **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. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sun., Feb. 26 – Bethel College Concert Choir Tour Send-off Concert** (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".

February 6 - Sunflower Performing Arts: Our Song, Our Story: The New Generation of Black Voices

Join Hesston College's Sunflower Performing Arts on February 6 at 7 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church for a great performance, Our Song, Our Story. Performing opera, art song, spirituals and jazz these world class black artists will pay homage to Marian Anderson and Jessye Norman who were at the vanguard of black classical singers. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts/ or by calling 620-327-8158.